

NORTHERN AND MIDDLE STATES RURAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



Program Overview and Application

Overview of Funding Opportunity

Small, rural, and tribal law enforcement agencies in the northern and middle region of the United States represent a significant portion of this nation's law enforcement. The large geographical area, coupled with the general challenges of limited staffing, equipment, training, and technical assistance, make the need for additional resources critical for the success of these agencies.

The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) Northern and Middle States Rural Law Enforcement Assistance Program is a new initiative designed to provide resources through subawards to small, rural, and tribal law enforcement agencies located in the northern and middle regions of the United States. This initiative will support efforts in addressing precipitous increases in all types of crime unique to this region, to include human trafficking, sexual assault, extortion, gang activity, murder, drug trafficking, and other forms of violent crime.

Program Purposes

The purposes for the subawards under this program are to:

- Improve the agency's investigative, intelligence, and/or interdiction capabilities.
- Enhance information sharing, including investigative and intelligence data sharing with other agencies.
- Enable agencies to participate in projects within the northern and middle region of the United States.
- Assist in projects/initiatives unique to an agency or its region.
- Improve dedicated communications capabilities.
- Provide specific technical assistance, such as hardware/software, specialized equipment, and peer assistance.
- Provide support for real-time crime centers or intelligence centers that are either established or in development.

Available Funding

Funding will be made available to law enforcement agencies within the northern and middle region of the United States through a reimbursed subaward process. Agencies may request up to \$150,000 in funding for equipment and items that support the program purposes outlined above, including, but not limited to, the items listed below:

- K-9-unit support, (e.g., K-9s, K-9 and handler training, K-9 maintenance, and K-9 unit vehicle modifications)
- Computers/laptops and peripherals (communications cards are not covered)
- In-car video camera systems
- Automated license plate readers
- Moving radars
- 3D scanner systems
- Narcotic/explosive detection equipment
- Videoscope inspection systems
- Evidence collection/processing kits
- Driver's license scanners
- Records management systems
- Computer-aided dispatch systems
- Citation, crash, and mapping systems
- Other items, as requested

Agencies should **only request funding for the specific amount needed** to obtain the requested item(s). Requests cannot exceed \$150,000 per agency. Agencies may submit one or more applications. However, the combined requested amount cannot exceed the \$150,000 cap. For example, a group of interdiction teams from one law enforcement agency can only request \$150,000 combined for the entire agency.

What Is Not Funded

Standard-issue items normally provided by a law enforcement agency during its mission are not included in this program, as well as some specialty purpose items. These include:

- Vehicles (including all-terrain vehicles)
- Weapons
- Uniforms
- Riot gear
- Vests
- Radios, as well as radio communications towers
- Unmanned aerial vehicles (also known as UAVs or “drones”)
- Body-worn cameras (BWCs) (funding is available through BJA’s BWC microgrant program)
- Any other standard-issue items

Eligibility and Requirements

To be considered for this program, applicants must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- Be a small, rural, or tribal law enforcement agency located within one of the following states: Alaska, Arkansas, Colorado, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, Wisconsin, or Wyoming.
- Serve a population size of 100,000 or less.
- Have an application that meets one or more of the program purposes listed earlier.
- Only request eligible items (items listed in the “What Is Not Covered” section should not be requested).
- Have permission from the agency’s governing authority to receive this award.
- Be able to provide necessary training to personnel to use and implement the purchased resources, if applicable.
- Be able to comply with post-award reporting requirements.

Applicants must meet the above eligibility requirements; submit a completed application; and provide timely follow-up documentation, if requested.

As previously stated, it is imperative that the agency have the appropriate approvals from their governing body to accept an award under this program. Also, if selected, the agency must comply with post-award reporting requirements.

Post-Award Reporting Requirements: For BJA reporting purposes, award recipients will be contacted by a representative from the National White Collar Crime Center (NW3C) who will gather information regarding the implementation of the award and how it benefits the agency. This communication will help to promote successful implementations to the law enforcement field. Recipient agencies are required to submit responses to NW3C or allow a phone interview to be performed to share details of the implementation and identify any benefit to the entity and the administration of justice and public safety.

Review Process

Applications are pre-screened for eligibility and completeness. Applicants will be contacted to ensure that any missing information is completed prior to BJA consideration. Eligible and completed applications will be forwarded to BJA for review and approval.

As noted earlier, funding is available through a reimbursement process through subawards. Once all applications are received and screened and the application period has been closed, BJA will undergo a competitive review process. With law enforcement agencies from twenty-three states eligible for this program, the competitive review may take several months. Selected subaward recipients will then be contacted for follow-up documentation.

BJA is committed to ensuring a fair and open process for granting awards. Applying does not guarantee selection. BJA will evaluate each application to ensure that it fits within the scope of this program and is congruent with the items covered, applicant eligibility, and the availability of funding. BJA may require additional information from the applicant to make an award decision. Once all awards are selected, BJA will send a notification to the applicant agency of its decision to award or not award the funding.

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Application

Questions may be submitted using an online [Contact Us](#) form, sent by email to normid@nw3c.org, or made by phone at (304) 988-5707 (specify Northern and Middle States Rural Law Enforcement Assistance Program). Applicants may apply using this form (see submission options on the next page) or through an [Online Application](#).

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Applicant Organization Name: _____
Applicant Organization Website, If Applicable: _____
Applicant Jurisdiction: _____
Size of Agency/Department (*number of personnel in the agency or department requesting resources*): _____

PRIMARY CONTACT (for matters related to this application)

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____
Job Title: _____ Department: _____
Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____
Street Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

PURPOSE OF APPLICATION

What issue is your agency or community facing that you hope to resolve through this award? (*Use an additional sheet of paper, if needed.*)

Which program purpose(s) does the agency's application support? (*Check all that apply.*)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Improves agency investigative and/or intelligence capabilities | <input type="checkbox"/> Assists in a project/initiative unique to the agency or region (specify): |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Enhances information sharing, including investigative and intelligence data sharing | <input type="checkbox"/> Agency project/initiative: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Improves dedicated communication capabilities | <input type="checkbox"/> Region project/initiative: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Provides specific technical assistance, such as hardware/software, specialized equipment, or peer assistance | <input type="checkbox"/> Provides support for real-time crime centers or intelligence centers that are either established or in development |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Enables participation in projects across the region | |

DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST

Check the category of equipment the agency is requesting. As a reminder, items normally provided by a law enforcement agency during its mission, as well as some specialty items, are not included in this program. For example, vehicles, weapons, uniforms, riot gear, vests, radios/radio communications, UAVs, BWCs, and other standard-issue or specialty items will not be issued under this request.

