



Law Enforcement Grants Newsletter

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Dear Hoosier,

I am proud and appreciative of the excellent work done by Indiana's law enforcement agencies. Hoosiers in law enforcement put themselves in harm's way every day to keep our communities safe, and they do so honorably and successfully, without reservation.

I do all I can in Washington to help ensure our officers are as well-equipped as possible to protect our citizens and enforce our laws. Too often, police and sheriff departments are forced to utilize inadequate equipment, communication systems, and vehicles, due to shrinking budgets. Federal grant opportunities are available and may be helpful to law enforcement agencies.

Below is a summary of grant opportunities and resources available to law enforcement agencies. If you have any questions about the information provided, please contact my office at beth_barrett@donnelly.senate.gov. If you would like to request a letter of support from me, please visit [my website](#).

Sincerely,

Senator Joe Donnelly



Federal Grants of Interest to Law Enforcement Agencies

Note: If you are not prepared to apply for funding at this time, many of these grants are offered annually, so you can plan ahead for 2014.

Department of Justice and the Bureau of Justice Assistance COPS

Community policing is a philosophy that promotes organizational strategies, which support the systematic use of partnerships and problem-solving techniques, to proactively address the immediate conditions that give rise to public safety issues such as crime, social disorder, and fear. CHP is a competitive grant program that provides funding to address the full-time sworn officer needs of state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies nationwide to increase their community policing capacity and crime prevention efforts. 2013 CHP grants provide 75 percent funding for approved entry-level salaries and fringe benefits of newly-hired and/or rehired, full-time sworn career law enforcement officers over three years (36 months) up to a maximum of \$125,000 per officer position. All local, state, and tribal law enforcement agencies that have primary law enforcement are eligible to apply. Information can be found [here](#).

Note regarding Veterans and COPS: The COPS Office is committed to hiring military veterans whenever possible. COPS applicants who were committed to hiring or rehiring at least one military veteran received additional consideration for FY 2013 CHP funding.

Deadline: Offered in the spring with a May deadline.

The Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP)

BVP, created by the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Act of 1998, is a unique U.S. Department of Justice initiative designed to provide a critical resource to state and local law enforcement. Find information [here](#).

Deadline: The deadline was in May, but it is offered annually.

Byrne Grants

The JAG Program, administered by BJA, is the leading source of federal justice funding to state and local jurisdictions. The JAG Program provides states, tribes, and local governments with critical funding necessary to support a range of program areas including law enforcement, prosecution and courts, crime prevention and education, corrections and community corrections, drug treatment and enforcement, planning, evaluation, technology improvement, and crime victim and witness initiatives. Most of the funding goes to the state which in turn disperses it to local law enforcement. An allocation for larger communities is made based on share of violent crime and population. The process is complex, but an explanation can be found [here](#).

Deadline: The deadline is July 9, 2013. However, use the next year to research if this funding is for your department so you are prepared in 2014.

Rural Law Enforcement Technical Assistance Enhancement

This BJS program offers free Internet access, for criminal justice purposes only, to rural police departments in cities serving populations of 25,000 or fewer and sheriffs' offices in counties serving populations of 50,000 or fewer. Find details [here](#).

Indiana Criminal Justice Institute

Many Office of Justice Programs formula grants are awarded directly to state governments, which then set priorities and allocate funds within that state. For more information on how Indiana intends to distribute formula grant funds, contact the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute. For contact information, [click here](#).

USDA Rural Development Community Facilities Loans and Grants

Not many grants pay for bricks and mortar, but this funding can be used for police stations in rural areas. Additional information, including state contacts, is available [here](#)

Before you apply for Federal Grants

In order to apply for federal grants, all applicants must have a **DUNS** identification number. The Duns Universal Numbering System allows the government to track where federal money goes and how it is being used. If your agency does not know its DUNS number or needs to register for one, visit Dun & Bradstreet [here](#).

System for Award Management

SAM replaces the Central Contractor Registration (CCR) database as the repository for standard information about federal financial assistance applicants, recipients, and sub-recipients. The Office of Justice Programs requires that all applicants for federal grants maintain current registrations in the SAM database. Applicants must update or renew their SAM registration annually to maintain an active status. Applicants who were not previously registered in the CCR database must register in SAM prior to registering in Grants.gov. Information about SAM registration procedures can be accessed [here](#).

Note: All grant applicants must acquire or renew registration with the SAM database in order to be awarded federal grants

All federal grants applications are submitted through **Grants.gov**. You must have a DUNS number and register with SAM before applying. You can take care of this detail now so you don't have to worry about it as grant deadlines approach.

Private Funding Resources

Not all police funding comes from government sources. There are private and corporate foundations that support law enforcement efforts. For example:

Allstate Foundation

Provides grants for programs that seek to end youth violence, empower domestic violence victims, target hate crimes, and teach tolerance to youth. For more information [click here](#).

State Farm Insurance Company

Provides grant funding for safety, community development, and education. For more information [click here](#).

K9 Working Dogs International, LLC

Offers a K9 LEAP Grant Program that will provide funding toward the purchase of a K9 for law enforcement agencies. Find details [here](#).

Additional Resources for Law Enforcement Agencies

There are many resources available in support of the fine work our law enforcement agencies do every day. Below are some ideas that may be helpful.

Crimesolutions.gov

The Department of Justice features research and reviews of programs from around the globe for everything from crime prevention to effective responses. This is a useful tool for developing strategies of your own. Find some great ideas [here](#).

Find a Partner

Have you considered partnering with a local nonprofit agency for grant funding? For example, a local program such as the Boys and Girls Club or even the local high school may be able to obtain funding for a joint venture with the police department to stop youth violence or drug use. This could lead to funds for personnel or equipment that would be used for the program.

Event Planning 101

Do you have a large event in your jurisdiction? The Bureau of Justice Assistance recently developed a guide entitled, *Managing Large-Scale Security Events: A Planning Primer for Local Law Enforcement Agencies*. Find it [here](#).

Department of Defense Excess Property Program

Initially begun as a program to assist with counterdrug and counterterrorism activities, the Excess Property Program has since expanded to include all general law enforcement activities as well as some prison functions such as riot control and tracking escaped prisoners.

Excess Property is transferred to eligible law enforcement agencies from the Department of Defense at no charge. Participants do incur a minimal service charge to cover the costs of administering the program.

Eligibility: Federal law limits eligible participants to law enforcement activities only, whose primary function is the enforcement of applicable Federal, State, and Local law; and whose compensated law enforcement officers have the powers of arrest and apprehension.

For more information about the program in Indiana, [click here](#).

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