



THE 4C'S AND GETTING PREPARED FOR THE FY2026 GRANT CYCLE

As is commonly known, the limited availability of funding within the cyclical federal grant programs is becoming more difficult to acquire when attempting to meet nationwide public safety needs. Please consider the concepts of the following 4C's and remember that there is always power in numbers:

COMMUNICATE with all First Responder partners and neighboring jurisdictions to identify priorities and projects for your jurisdiction/region and the most cost-effective methods in implementing those projects.

COLLABORATE with all partners, whenever possible, regarding all systems and equipment needs that can be shared across intrastate and interstate jurisdictional borders, as is required by the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC).

COOPERATE with other disciplines and partnering jurisdictions in establishing projects and goals that will meet the needs of all partners.

COORDINATE efforts in the development of grant applications that will successfully and best leverage available multi-discipline and single-discipline grant programs in acquiring and implementing projects.

NEXT STEPS:

Identify the federal grant programs that are available to support your project(s). In doing so, confirm and consider the following prior to developing an application:

1. **Eligible Applicants**
2. **Program Intent**
3. **Allowable/Unallowable Costs**
4. **Cost Share Requirement, if applicable**

If you would like assistance with this process or successful tips to writing a grant application, please feel free to contact us.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE GRANTS

Anticipated to open for application in September, 2025

- ReConnect Loan and Grant Program

Anticipated to open for application in January, 2026

- Distance Learning & Telemedicine

Anticipated to open for application again in February, 2026

- Community Connect

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE GRANTS

Anticipated to open for application in August, 2026

- Edward Byrne Memorial, Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program – Local Solicitation
- Edward Byrne Memorial, Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) – State Solicitation

Anticipated to open for application in September, 2025

- Smart Policing Initiative

Anticipated to open for application in September, 2025

- Body-Worn Camera Policy and Implementation Program to Support Law Enforcement Agencies

Anticipated to open for application in April, 2026

- COPS School Violence Prevention Program

Anticipated to open for application in January, 2026

- STOP School Violence Program

Anticipated to open for application in September, 2025

- Body-Worn Camera Funding for Small, Rural, and Tribal Law Enforcement Agencies

Anticipated to open for application in March, 2026

- Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (CTAS)

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Anticipated to open for application again in January, 2026

- Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG)

Anticipated to open for application in January, 2026

- Staffing for Adequate Fire & Emergency Response (SAFER)
- Fire Prevention & Safety (FP&S)

Anticipated to open for application in May, 2026

- Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP)
 - State Homeland Security Program (SHSP)
 - Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI)
 - Operation StoneGarden (OPSG)
- Intercity Bus Security Grant Program (IBSGP)
- Intercity Passenger Rail Security Grant Program (IPR)
- Port Security Grant Program (PSGP)
- Transit Security Grant Program (TSGP)
- Tribal Homeland Security Grant Program (THSGP)

Anticipated to open for application in October, 2025

- Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP)

Anticipated to open for application in September, 2025

- State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program