

Criminal Justice
**Law Enforcement Drug Trafficking Response
2024**

Grant Announcement

**Applications must be submitted through
Egrants on or before November 17, 2023, 11:59
p.m.**



**STATE OF WISCONSIN
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

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The Egrants Application Guide has step-by-step instructions for accessing and using the Egrants online system. The guide is posted [on the Egrants page of our website](#).

Online Help is available throughout the Egrants application process. Once you have started an application, look for the HELP button in the top right corner of the screen. Page-specific instructions can be found there.

Grant Announcement Summary

Program Area: Criminal Justice

Grant Title: Law Enforcement Drug Trafficking Response 2024

Description: Authority for this program comes from [WI Statute 165.984](#), which states that: “The department of justice shall establish policies and procedures for the distribution of grants from the appropriation under s. [20.455 \(2\) \(cm\)](#) to Wisconsin local and tribal law enforcement agencies to fund law enforcement response to drug trafficking. Notwithstanding s. [227.10 \(1\)](#), the department need not promulgate the required policies and procedures as rules under ch. [227](#).”

Opportunity Category: Competitive

Important Dates:

Application Due Date: November 17, 2023

Project Start Date: January 1, 2024

Project End Date: December 31, 2024

Reporting Requirements: If awarded a grant, your agency will be responsible for completing the following reports in order to receive reimbursement.

- Program Reports must be submitted in Egrants quarterly.
- Equipment grants will require an Inventory Report in addition to Program and Financial reports. An Inventory Report must be submitted in Egrants prior to grant closeout and final reimbursement.
- Financial Reports must be submitted in Egrants quarterly.

Anticipated Funding Amount: A total of \$2,000,000 in State funds is available to eligible Wisconsin law enforcement and tribal law enforcement agencies. The Department of Justice will review each application and plan and may provide grants to an eligible Wisconsin law enforcement agency or tribal law enforcement agency of not more than \$50,000 per application.

A grant will be provided only to fund a new program or purpose within the agency and will not be provided to supplement an existing program. A new program or purpose can be equipment, supplies, or training not currently allocated in the agency or task force budget.

Please note that all awards are subject to the availability of appropriated State funds and to any modifications or additional requirements that may be imposed by law.

Match/Cost Sharing Requirement: There is no match required under this program.

Eligibility: Eligibility is limited to Wisconsin local and tribal law enforcement agencies. “Wisconsin law enforcement agency” means a governmental unit of one or more persons

employed full time by this state or a political subdivision of this state for the purpose of preventing and detecting crime and enforcing state laws or local ordinances, employees of which unit are authorized to make arrests for crimes while acting within the scope of their authority and includes a task force administered by the department of justice that exists to respond to drug crimes.

Eligible Expenses:

Funding may be used for Travel/Training, Equipment, Supplies & Operating Expenses, and Consultants/Contractual.

Funding may not be used for Confidential Funds.

All expenses must be new and cannot replace existing state or local government funding. Substitution of existing funds with federal grants (supplanting) will be the subject of monitoring and audit. Violations may result in a range of penalties, including suspension of current and future funds under this program, suspension or debarment from federal grants, repayment of monies provided under a grant, and civil and/or criminal penalties.

Law Enforcement Drug Trafficking Response 2024

The Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ) through its Bureau of Justice Programs (BJP) provides financial and technical assistance to public safety and criminal justice agencies throughout the state. As the state administering agency (SAA) for state and federal juvenile and criminal justice programs DOJ is responsible for establishing funding priorities, developing application criteria, awarding and disseminating grants, and assessing project achievements. This grant announcement provides information about a specific grant opportunity and instructions to help those eligible apply for a share of the available funds.

Program Description and Background

Through this grant announcement, DOJ is seeking applications from Wisconsin local and tribal law enforcement agencies for state funds to support the investigation and response to drug trafficking within the state. A Wisconsin local or tribal law enforcement agency receiving a grant under this section may use the grant to fund extra training for law enforcement officers, or any other purpose, such as necessary equipment or supplies, that is directly related to drug trafficking response and that is not an existing program within the agency at the time the grant is received.

A total of \$2,000,000 in State funds is available for the period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024. A Wisconsin law enforcement agency or tribal law enforcement agency may apply to the department of justice for a grant under this section and shall include a proposed plan of expenditure of the grant money. The proposed plan of expenditure shall specify a new program or purpose for which the funds will be used. If the proposed plan of expenditure will result in the agency incurring an ongoing expense that will continue after all grant funds have been spent, the plan shall include a description of how that expense will be met when there are no remaining grant funds.

Submit Applications Using Egrants

Applications must be submitted through the Egrants online grants management system. If you have never used Egrants before, the Project Director and Financial Officer listed on the grant application will need to register for their unique login credentials to access the system. To register online, go to <http://register.wisconsin.gov/AccountManagement/> and complete the 'self-registration' process. On the account registration site, you will have a choice between the [DOJ Egrants](#) and WEM EGrants. Please take care to select [DOJ Egrants](#) during this process.

Authorization to access Egrants can take several days depending on registration activity.

For questions relating to Egrants registration contact the technical assistance contact listed on this announcement, or the DOJ help desk. The helpdesk hours are Monday-Friday 8am-4:30pm if you need assistance. (Please note: If you register outside of these hours, access may not be approved until the next business day.) Once your Egrants access has been approved, you may begin your online grant application.

An Egrants System User Guide is posted on the [DOJ website](#). If you have any problems using Egrants, please contact our help desk at Egrants@doj.state.wi.us or call us at (608) 267-9068 or toll free at (888) 894-6607 during business hours.

Application Components

Through Egrants, you will provide DOJ with detailed information about your project that will be used to make a funding decision. Questions on what is expected in each section can be directed to Ryan Anderson at (608) 419-3787 or at andersonrl@doj.state.wi.us.

Please note: Attachments should only be included in this grant application where specifically requested in section instructions.

1. Main Summary

This page asks for information about your agency and the individuals responsible for the application and grant award. There are many required fields on this page so if you encounter problems, please check online help by clicking the floating HELP button.

Please note: When identifying individuals involved in this grant, each responsible individual in this grant must be a different person.

- The Signatory is the highest elected official in municipality/government entity/organization. (For example, in a city it is the mayor, for counties it is the county executive or county board chair, and for non-profit agencies it is the executive director.)
- The Financial Officer is the individual at the applicant agency who is responsible for financial activities in your organization.
- The Project Director is an individual at the applicant agency who will oversee project operations.
- An Alternate Contact may be added to the application. This person is one that can and should access the application to complete required tasks such as modifications and reports, in the absence of the Project Director. This person should have knowledge of the project and authority to speak on behalf of the organization in the absence of the Project Director. If possible, we encourage the Project Director to list an alternate on the grant.

In the "Brief Project Description" text box, please describe your project in 150 words or less. A suggested format is included for your convenience:

"Funds will be used by the (your agency name and others involved in the project) to (describe what funds will be used for and who will be involved). The (what - equipment, training, project, pilot, etc.) will (describe the specific goals you hope to achieve – how will the project or equipment improve safety in Wisconsin?) [If appropriate, add which area(s) of the state will benefit.]"

Responses to this section will be used on the DOJ website, cited in DOJ reports and could be mentioned in press releases. Plain language that clearly describes the intent of the project is most effective.

2. Approval Checklist

Answer Yes or No to each question.

3. Performance Measures

Please open this section and change the page status to Complete; then SAVE the page. Performance Measures will be identified and collected during post-award reporting rather than through this funding application process).

4. Budget Detail

Complete a project budget using the following categories. For each category used, enter a justification that describes how the items in that category will be used during the course of the grant period. **It is important that you include specific details in the justification field for each budget line, including cost computation.**

Travel/Training:

Guidelines for travel and/or training costs for an individual with the funded project. Only actual expenses will be reimbursed. All reimbursements will be at current state rates that are subject to change. Current rates for in-state travel at the time of this announcement include:

- Mileage: \$0.51/mile
- Lodging: Maximum \$90/night (\$95/night for Milwaukee, Waukesha or Racine County)
- Meals: \$9/breakfast (leaving at or before 6 a.m.); \$11/lunch (leaving at or before 10:30 a.m. and returning at or after 2:30 p.m.); \$21/dinner (returning at or after 7 p.m.).

Example for computation line: 75 miles x \$0.51 state rate = \$38.25. When entering this into the amount text box please round up to the nearest dollar.

(Please note: Costs will only be reimbursed after submission of an event agenda. Travel and training for contracted employee/contractual services does not go in this section. These expenses should be itemized under (“Contractual”).

The following are guidelines for Lodging & Transportation

- AirBnb, VRVO’s and the like are prohibited.
- Lodging 50 Mile Rule: You must travel 50 miles or more from your home or headquarter city whichever is shorter to qualify for lodging.
- Reasonable charges for ridesharing services (e.g., Uber, Lyft) are reimbursable including tips at a maximum rate of 15%. Uber and Lyft costs are allowable similar to taxi’s, shuttles, buses and trains.

The following are guidelines for any travel and/or training costs associated for hosting an event (conference/convention, training, etc.) with the funded project. Only actual expenses will be reimbursed. All reimbursements will be at current state rates that are subject to change. Current rates for in-state travel at the time of this announcement include:

- Meal cost per attendee: \$9/breakfast (start time at or prior to 6 a.m.); \$11/lunch (starting at or before 10:30 a.m. and concluding at or after 2:30 p.m.); \$21/dinner (event ending at or after 7 p.m.).

(Please note: Costs will only be reimbursed after submission of an event agenda and attendance list. Travel and training for contracted employees/contractual services does not go in this section. These expenses should be itemized under “Contractual”).

Equipment: Tangible non-expendable personal property having a useful life of more than one year and an acquisition cost of **\$5,000 or more per unit**. Example for

computation line: 1 filtration system x \$5,500 per unit = \$5,500. When entering this into the amount text box please round up to the nearest dollar.

Supplies and Operating Expenses: Supplies includes consumables such as paper, postage, software, computer/laptop, monitor, accessories, license and subscriptions. Operating expenses include items such as rent and utilities. All supply and operating expenses have an acquisition cost of less than \$5,000 per unit. Example for computation line: rent \$150/mo. x 12 months = \$1,800. When entering this into the amount text box please round up to the nearest dollar.

(Please note: Costs will only be reimbursed for services occurring within the project period. If the total cost goes beyond the project end date or starts prior to the start date (ex: annual subscription costs), those costs will need to be prorated).

Consultants/Contractual: Provide costs associated with individuals or entities providing services through a contractual arrangement. With the exception of a few justified sole source situations, contracts should be awarded via competitive processes. Attach detailed information to support the total cost of each contract. For each consultant enter the name, if known; service to be provided; hourly or daily fee (8-hour day); and estimated time on the project. Consultant fees in excess of \$650 per 8-hour day require additional justification (contact DOJ). List all expenses to be paid from the grant to the individual consultant in addition to their fees (e.g., travel, lodging, meals, etc.). Show the basis of computation for each service requested. Within 30 days of grant award date, a signed contract must be received by DOJ. No fund reimbursements will be made prior to receipt of the contract.

5. Agency Profile (10 Points)

Please describe your law enforcement agency or multi-jurisdictional task force organizational structure related to drug trafficking enforcement, including the names of participating jurisdictions and their role in the project.

6. Budget Narrative (10 Points)

Please describe how items included in the budget relate to the overall drug enforcement strategy and implementation plan. Funds will be provided only to fund a new program or purpose within the agency and will not be provided to supplement an existing program.

7. Problem Description (35 points)

Clearly and concisely identify and define the drug trafficking problems in your area, and what is currently being done to combat these problems. State the need for the project and include any relevant supporting data. (Including description and outcome of significant past cases, dangerousness of drugs involved, level of offenders arrested, impact on community, emerging trends, etc.)

8. Project Narrative (35 points)

Please describe the proposed plan to respond to the current or emerging drug trafficking trends within the jurisdiction. The proposed plan shall specify a new program or purpose for which the funds will be used. If the proposed plan will result in the agency incurring an ongoing expense that will continue after all grant funds have

been spent, the plan shall include a description of how that expense will be met when there are no remaining grant funds.

9. Other Funding (10 points)

Describe any other grants your agency has received related to law enforcement response to drug trafficking that will be in place during the project period and clearly explain how this requested funding will support a new program or purpose within the agency.

Application Review and Award Criteria

All applications must be submitted on or before 11:59 pm on the deadline and will be screened for completeness and compliance with the instructions provided in this announcement. All compliant applications will be reviewed on a 100-point scale, based on the following point values for the selection criteria:

- Agency Profile (10 points)
- Budget Narrative (10 points)
- Problem Description (35 points)
- Project Narrative (35 points)
- Other Funding (10 points)

Although the point values will be assigned as shown above, applications will only be considered if all of the indicated sections (1 - 9) are submitted.

The review ratings and any resulting rankings or recommendations are advisory. In addition to review ratings, consideration may be given to factors such as: underserved populations, strategic priorities, past performance, underserved geographic areas, and available funding. Once ranked, the applications will be submitted to the Attorney General for further review and comment. Depending on resources, grants will be funded in the final ranked order until grant funds are exhausted. Each grant must satisfy the basic criteria set out above. Grant applicants will be contacted if more information is needed to clarify elements of their proposal, and grant reviewers may suggest amendments to applications. All final grant award decisions will be made by the Attorney General.

Award Information

Upon application approval, the applicant agency's project director will receive signed grant award documents within approximately 30 days via email. The grant award documents will explain the total funding amount, approved budget by category, performance period, and fiscal and program reporting requirements and deadlines. Grant expenditures will be reimbursed when signed award documents have been received by DOJ, spending and grant activity is documented in proper reports and reimbursement requests are submitted to DOJ.

Post-Award Special Conditions/Reporting Requirements

If you are awarded funds under this announcement, you will be required to provide regular progress reports. The schedule for your reports will be included in your grant award materials.

Please review all of your grant award special conditions and Egrants reporting requirements when you receive the Grant Award documents. Your grant award will be

subject to general terms and conditions as well as the following special conditions (and any others noted on your award documents).

1. Grant recipients are advised that DOJ will monitor grants to ensure that funds are expended for appropriate purposes and that recipients are complying with state and federal requirements as described in the grant award contract. This includes timely completion of progress and financial reports, active efforts to achieve and measure stated goals and objectives, appropriate documentation of activities and outcomes, on-going submission of participant data, and adherence to any conditions included in the grant award.
2. All awards are subject to the availability of appropriated funds and to any modifications or additional requirements that may be imposed by law.
3. The DOJ reserves the right to withhold grant payments if the grant recipient is delinquent paying any obligation to DOJ such as background check fees, etc. Refusal to provide information requested by DOJ may impact the payment of current or approval of future grant funds.
4. Please be advised that a hold may also be placed on any current or future application or grant payment if it is deemed that an agency is not in good standing on any DOJ grants or other reporting requirements, has other grants compliance issues (including being out of compliance with special conditions) that would make the applicant agency ineligible to receive future DOJ funding, failure to make progress in obtaining project goals and objectives, and/or is not cooperating with an ongoing DOJ grant review or audit.
5. A hold may also be placed on any application or grant payment if it is deemed that an agency is not in compliance with federal civil rights laws and/or is not cooperating with an ongoing federal civil rights investigation.
6. Program Income: To maintain consistent practices with other similar programs, and as a proven practice, projects funded under this announcement are subject to program income guidelines detailed in the federal Office of Justice Programs Financial Guide. Grant award funds received are **not** program income. Program income is income earned by the recipient, during the funding period, as a direct result of the award. Any fees charged to the participants of your project are considered program income. The amount earned as program income during the length of the grant period must be expended by the end of the grant period and must be used for the purposes and under the condition applicable to the award.
7. All procurement transactions, whether negotiated or competitively bid and without regard to dollar value, shall be conducted in a manner to provide maximum open and free competition.
8. If the grant award budget contains wages, the grantee's records must be maintained in a form that, at any given time, an auditor or DOJ representative would be able to identify the use of Federal and Matching funds. These records should include information such as employee name, rate of pay, hours worked, and amount of time dedicated to the grant project.

9. Award funds will be used to supplement, not supplant, planned or allocated funds.
10. To be allowable under a grant program, all funds (state, federal, and cash match) must be obligated (purchase order issued) or paid for services provided during the grant period. If obligated by the end of the grant period, payment must be made within 30 days of the grant period ending date.
11. All budget changes require prior approval from DOJ and must be requested in a grant modification via Egrants.
12. Subgrantees acknowledge that failure to submit an acceptable Equal Employment Opportunity Plan (if required to submit one pursuant to 28 CFR 42.302) that is approved by the Federal Office of Civil Rights, is a violation of its Certified Assurances and may result in the suspension of the grant.
13. Grant funds will be paid to grantee on a reimbursement basis.
14. Any changes in personnel involved with the grant including the Project Director, Financial Officer, and/or Signatory must be reported to DOJ in a grant modification via Egrants.
15. Fees for independent consultants may not exceed the federal rate of \$650 per eight-hour day unless prior approval is received from DOJ.
16. Reimbursement for travel (i.e., mileage, meals and lodging) is limited to state rates.
17. Recipient fully understands that DOJ has the right to suspend or terminate grant funds to any recipient that fails to conform to the requirements (special/general conditions and general operating policies) or that fails to comply with the terms and conditions of its grant award.
18. All contracts pertaining to this grant must be submitted to DOJ within 30 days of receipt of Grant Award Documents.
19. If the grant award contains equipment, a request for reimbursement should only be submitted once the equipment is installed and testing has been completed.
20. Positions funded by this grant must have a position description. Submit the position description and name of employee in Egrants within the Monitoring Section under Project Document Attachment.
21. The recipient agrees to cooperate with WI DOJ monitoring to ensure compliance of US DOJ Grants guidelines, Financial Guide, and OJP guidelines, protocols and procedures. Recipient agrees to cooperate with WI DOJ (including the Program Contact, Fiscal Contact, Grants Specialist Monitor, Supervisors, and/or Administration) for this award, including requests related to desk reviews and/or onsite/virtual visits. The recipient agrees to provide to WI DOJ all documentation necessary for WI DOJ to complete the monitoring tasks, including documentation related to any subawards made under this award. Further, the recipient agrees to abide by reasonable deadlines set out by WI DOJ for providing the requested documents. Failure to cooperate with WI DOJ monitoring activities may result in actions that affect the recipient's WI DOJ awards, including, but

not limited to withholding and/or other restrictions on the recipient's access to award funds, referral to the WI DOJ designation of High-Risk grantees, or terminate of an award(s).

Additional Resources

Additional information about the Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Programs and resources to assist with Egrants is available as follows:

- Department of Justice Egrants webpage:
<https://egrants.doj.state.wi.us/egmis/login.aspx>
- A helpful [Egrants User Guide](#) is posted on the Egrants page of the DOJ website. It includes registration through grant award instructions.
- The [Grants Administrative Guide](#) provides assistance with grants management and fiscal management rules, such as allowable costs and procurement.
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