

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION
FOR
Technology Enhancement Projects
AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT OF 2009

PROBLEM STATEMENT

Criminal justice technology has dramatically improved the ability of police, prosecutors, courts and corrections to solve crimes, prosecute criminals and manage criminal sanctions. Increased demands on resources have created shortfalls for agencies to obtain, upgrade and/or maintain the technology needed for effective, efficient and equitable improvement. Failure to implement the use of technology has decreased community and criminal justice security, and added to increased costs for criminal justice.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The intent of this program area is to assist local communities to improve or maintain local criminal justice efforts to effectively address crime. Projects must demonstrate increased efficiency, safety and cost effectiveness. Projects involving communities and multiple criminal justice agencies are encouraged and will receive priority.

Eligible expenses include but are not limited to: digital mapping, interoperability, cyber crime, identity theft, predictive analysis, collection and preservation of evidence, video arraignment, remote testimony, alternatives to incarceration, records management, reporting systems, use of video, safety enhancements and equipment.

Awards under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 will be one-time awards, and accordingly, should propose project activities and deliverables that can be accomplished without additional grant funding. If desired, the award may be amortized over a three-year period.

Applications proposing to purchase American-made products, goods or services are preferred.

All requests for personnel must describe if funding will:

- **create a new position**
- **restore a previously funded position (including positions that were being removed from the budget)**
- **increase the status of a current position (from part time to full time)**
- **add overtime hours not previously funded to a position**

Be sure to include the same information for any subcontractors.

GOAL, OBJECTIVE, ACTIVITY AND PERFORMANCE MEASURE

Goal	Increase safety, productivity, communication and efficiency for the criminal justice system and the service community.
Objective	Time reductions to increase resource allocation. Increase operational efficiency for system users. Increase community safety.
Activity	Develop plan based on time studies, need, cost comparisons, cost savings, increased reliability and longevity.
Performance Measure	Pre- and post-efficiency comparisons.

This is a competitive grant and will be awarded based on merit, demonstrated need, data driven decision making and performance measures.

UNALLOWABLE EXPENSES AND ACTIVITIES

- Construction costs and/or renovation
- Costs in applying for this grant (e.g., consultants, grant writers, etc.)
- Any expenses incurred prior to the date of the contract
- Indirect costs rates or indirect administrative expenses (only direct costs permitted)
- Lobbying or advocacy for particular legislative or administrative reform
- Legal fees
- First class travel
- One-time events, prizes, entertainment (e.g., tours, excursions, amusement parks, sporting events)
- Management or administrative training, conferences (only pre-approved project-related training)
- Management studies or research and development (costs related to evaluation are permitted)
- Honorariums
- Fines and penalties
- Fund raising and any salaries or expenses associated with it
- Purchase of land
- Losses from uncollectible bad debts
- Memberships and agency dues, unless a specific requirement of the project (prior approval required)
- Contributions and donations
- Compensation to federal or state employees for travel or consulting fees
- Military type equipment such as armored vehicles, explosive devices and other items typically associated with the military arsenal
- Informant fees, rewards or buy money
- Animals (including related supplies and materials for animals)