

Michigan Justice Training Fund 2026 Competitive Grant Application Workshop

The Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards (MCOLES) announces the 2026 Competitive Grant Application Workshop to be held via a Microsoft Teams meeting at the following dates/times:

- Thursday, March 6, 2025 at 9:00 am
- Monday, March 10, 2025 at 6:00 pm
- Tuesday, March 11, 2025 @ 1:00 pm

The purpose of the competitive grant program is to distribute justice training funds to eligible applicants to provide *in-service criminal justice training* to employees of those agencies. Applications will be accepted from state or local agencies, which include: a) an agency or department, division, bureau, board, commission, council, or authority of the state or of a city, village, township, or county; b) a state supported college or university; c) a community college or; d) any agency or entity of the judicial branch of government. Professional associations are *not* eligible applicants.

Criminal justice training, in this context, is training that is designed and intended to enhance the *direct delivery of criminal justice services*, by employees of eligible applicants, which is not required minimum basic training or initial training, and which is any of the following:

- Criminal justice educational program presented by the eligible applicant or by a contractual training provider hired by the agency,
- Criminal justice course or package of instruction provided to an eligible trainee for the payment of a fee or tuition, or
- Self-education presented through the use of audio-visual materials (e-learning).

Justice training competitive grant funds shall be used to *supplement* existing state and local funds for program activities and shall not replace or *supplant* those funds that have been appropriated for the same purposes. To qualify for grant funding, trainees may be sworn or civilian personnel and shall be employees of an eligible agency.

This workshop will provide instruction for a successful 2026 grant application through the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards (MCOLES). This is not a general grant workshop. Both a program administrator *and* financial officer for the prospective grant application are required to attend this workshop in order to receive the documents necessary to submit an application.

Interested applicants must contact Cristy Dowker at DowkerC1@michigan.gov. Please include your name, agency affiliation, e-mail, phone number, and indicate whether you are attending as the program administrator or the financial officer of the prospective grant application.

Please register no later than Wednesday, March 5, 2025, to receive the Teams meeting invitation.

For planning purposes, please note that the due date for grant applications is Friday, May 16, 2025.