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Department Of Justice Makes \$850 Million Available To Help Public Safety Agencies Address COVID-19 Pandemic

\$3.75 Million Available for Kentucky

LEXINGTON, Ky—The Department of Justice today announced that it is making \$850 million available to help public safety agencies respond to the challenges posed by the outbreak of COVID-19. The Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding program, authorized by the recent stimulus legislation signed by President Trump, will allow eligible state, local and tribal governments to apply immediately for these critical funds. The department is moving quickly to make awards, with the goal of having funds available for drawdown within days of the award.

“The Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding program provides law enforcement an opportunity to obtain additional funding to use during our current national emergency,” said U.S. Attorney Robert M. Duncan, Jr., for the Eastern District of Kentucky. “These funds provide law enforcement with new resources, which they may be able to use as strategic tools during this time of uncertainty. State and local law enforcement agencies can leverage these funds to purchase much needed equipment and hire more personnel, ultimately helping Departments prepare for and respond to the coronavirus in Kentucky.”

“This is an unprecedented moment in our nation’s history and an especially dangerous one for our front-line law enforcement officers, corrections officials, and public safety professionals,” said Office of Justice Programs Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General Katharine T. Sullivan. “We are grateful to the Congress for making these resources available and for the show of support this program represents.”

The [solicitation](#), posted by the Bureau of Justice Assistance in the Justice Department’s Office of Justice Programs (OJP), will remain open for at least 60 days and be extended as necessary. OJP will fund successful applicants as a top priority on a rolling basis as applications are received. Funds may be used to hire personnel, pay overtime costs, cover protective equipment and supplies, address correctional inmates’ medical needs and defray expenses related

to the distribution of resources to hard-hit areas, among other activities. Grant funds may be applied retroactively to Jan. 20, 2020, subject to federal supplanting rules.

Agencies that were eligible for the fiscal year 2019 State and Local Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program are candidates for this emergency funding. A complete list of eligible jurisdictions and their allocations can be found at <https://bja.ojp.gov/program/fy20-cesf-allocations>.

For more information about the Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding program, please visit <https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/bja-2020-18553>. For more information about the Office of Justice Programs, please visit <https://www.ojp.gov/>.

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