



**SFY 2024 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)
State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF)
First Responder Capital Improvements & Interoperable
Communications Equipment Grant (CIIEG)
Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)**

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American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) – State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) – First Responder Capital Improvements & Interoperable Communications Equipment Grant (CIIEG)

Introduction:

The Missouri Department of Public Safety is pleased to announce the funding opportunity for the ARPA SLFRF First Responder Capital Improvements & Interoperable Communications Grant (CIIEG). This state administered, but federally funded program, is made available through the U.S. Department of the Treasury and appropriated through Missouri House Bill 20 Section 20.150.

Program Description:

The purpose of the ARPA SLFRF CIIEG is to provide grant funding for first responder agency capital improvement projects and interoperability equipment projects. The ARPA SLFRF CIIEG has two priorities that will receive additional points during the application scoring process.

1. Capital improvement projects that involve/incorporate a 24/7 daycare service that is available for first responders and medical personnel
2. Projects that demonstrate a regional and/or statewide impact

First responder agencies include fire protection entities, law enforcement agencies employing peace officers, and emergency medical service providers.

Fire protection entities include fire departments as defined in [section 320.200\(3\) RSMo](#) as an agency or organization that provides fire suppression and related activities, including, but not limited to, fire prevention, rescue, emergency medical services, hazardous material response, or special operation to a population within a fixed and legally recorded geographical area. The term fire department shall include any municipal fire department or any fire protection district as defined in [section 321.010 RSMo](#), or voluntary fire protection association as defined in [section 320.300 RSMo](#), engaging in this type of activity.

For purposes of this Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO), emergency medical service providers include state licensed ambulance services as referenced in [section 190.105 RSMo](#), emergency medical response agencies (EMRA) as referenced in [section 190.133 RSMo](#), and other fire and rescue departments that respond to emergency medical incidents and provide basic emergency medical care.

Peace officer, as defined in [section 590.010\(3\) RSMo](#) is a law enforcement officer of the state or any political subdivision of the state with the power of arrest for a violation of the criminal code or declared or deemed to be a peace officer by state statute.

Priorities:

1. The current child care landscape in Missouri contains a lack of sufficient, quality, and affordable child care options. These conditions have resulted in a child care crisis and some counties across Missouri are now classified as childcare deserts due to the lack of available child care options. Child care deserts have increased dramatically since the pandemic, leaving few options for families and in Missouri, there are over 250,000 first responders or healthcare workers in the workforce. Before the pandemic, over 23,000 within this population needed childcare. During the pandemic, that number skyrocketed to over 64,000. With the current child care crisis, capital improvement projects that involve/incorporate a 24/7 daycare service that is available for first responders and medical personnel are a priority for funding and will receive additional points during the scoring process.
2. Projects that demonstrate a regional and/or statewide impact are also a priority for funding and will receive additional points during the scoring process.

Period of Performance: 29 months

Projected Period of Performance Start Date: 02/01/2024

Projected Period of Performance End Date: 06/30/2026

****Costs obligated or incurred prior to the grant period of performance or receipt and full execution of a grant Subaward Agreement will NOT be eligible to receive funding.****

Funding Instrument: Grant

Maximum Award: There is no maximum award for the SFY 2024 ARPA SLFRF CIIEG.

Match Requirement: 50% match/cost share requirement (Cash [Hard] Match or In-kind [Soft])

Cash Match (Hard): Cash or hard match includes cash spent for project-related costs. Local ARPA funds may be utilized to match ARPA SLFRF CIIEG funds.

In-kind Match (Soft): In-kind or soft match refers to contributions of the reasonable value of property or services in lieu of cash which benefit this federally assisted project or program. In-kind match **MUST** be directly related to the project and may be retroactive to March 2020. For example: Agency X previously purchased land to build a new location for \$200,000 in January 2023. Agency X also previously contributed \$50,000 towards clearing the land to prepare for the building of the new location once funding has been secured. The estimated costs for building the new location are \$250,000. Agency X can utilize the costs incurred from purchasing and clearing the land in the amount of \$250,000 to meet the match requirement. **The same contribution cannot be used if it is already used as match for another Federal grant program or paid from other grant funds, unless specifically authorized.**

Cost share can be calculated using the formula below:

Step 1: Calculating Total Project Costs based on Federal Costs & Federal Share Percentage

$$\frac{\text{Federal Award Amount}}{\text{Federal Share Percentage}} = \text{Total Project Costs}$$

Step 2: Calculating Subrecipient's Share Percentage

$$\text{Subrecipient's Share Percentage} \times \text{Project Costs} = \text{Required Match}$$

Example 1:
$$\frac{\$100,000}{50\%} = \$200,000 \text{ Total Project Costs}$$

$$50\% \times \$200,000 = \$100,000 \text{ Subrecipient Cost Share}$$

Example 2:
$$\frac{\$200,000}{50\%} = \$400,000 \text{ Total Project Costs}$$

$$50\% \times \$400,000 = \$200,000 \text{ Subrecipient Cost Share}$$

Eligible Applicants:

Missouri local first responder agencies as previously defined in the Program Description.

To be eligible for ARPA SLFRF CIIEG funding, the applicant agency must be compliant with the following statutes, as applicable:

- [Section 320.271 RSMo](#)– Fire Department Registration**
Pursuant to [section 320.271 RSMo](#), All fire protection districts, fire departments, and all volunteer fire protection associations as defined in section 320.300 shall complete and file with the state fire marshal within sixty days after January 1, 2008, and annually thereafter, a fire department registration form provided by the state fire marshal.
- [Section 190.105 RSMo](#) – Ambulance License**
Pursuant to [section 190.105 RSMo](#), No person, either as owner, agency or otherwise, shall furnish, operate, conduct, maintain, advertise, or otherwise be engaged in or profess to be engaged in the business or service of the transportation of patients by ambulance in the air, upon the streets, alleys, or any public way or place of the state of Missouri unless such person holds a currently valid license from the department for an ambulance service pursuant to the provisions of sections 190.001 RSMo to 190.245 RSMo. **If the applicant agency is an ambulance service, a copy of the license certificate as required by section [190.105 RSMo](#) MUST be submitted in the Named Attachments component of the application.**
- [Section 190.133 RSMo](#) – Emergency Medical Response Agency License**
Pursuant to [section 190.133\(4\) RSMo](#), No person or entity shall hold itself out as an emergency medical response agency that provides advanced life support or provide the services of an emergency medical response agency that provides advanced life support unless such person or entity is licensed by the state of Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services. **If the applicant agency is an emergency medical response agency, a copy of the license certificate as required by section [190.133\(4\) RSMo](#) MUST be submitted in the Named Attachments component of the application.**
- [Section 590.650 RSMo](#)– Vehicle Stops Report**
Pursuant to [section 590.650.3 RSMo](#), (1) every law enforcement agency shall compile the data described in subsection 2 for the calendar year into a report to the attorney general and (2) each law enforcement agency shall submit the report to the attorney general no later than March first of the following calendar year.

NOTE: It is the responsibility of the applicant to verify the submission of this report with the Attorney General’s Office prior to submitting an application. Failure to submit the Racial Profiling Report will result in the automatic denial of the application. A copy of such report need not be submitted with the application.
- [Section 590.700 RSMo](#) – Written Policy on Recording of Custodial Interrogations**
Pursuant to [section 590.700.4 RSMo](#), each law enforcement agency shall adopt a written policy to record custodial interrogations of persons suspected of committing or attempting to commit felony crimes as outlined in subsection 2 of this section and shall certify adoption of such policy when applying for any grants administered by the Department of Public Safety.

NOTE: It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure the prescribed written policy is in place prior to submitting an application.

☐ **Section 43.544 RSMo – Written Policy on Forwarding Intoxication-Related Traffic Offenses**

Pursuant to section 43.544.1 RSMo, each law enforcement agency shall adopt a policy requiring arrest information for all intoxication-related traffic offenses be forwarded to the central repository as required by section 43.503 RSMo and shall certify adoption of such policy when applying for any grants administered by the Department of Public Safety.

NOTE: It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure the prescribed written policy is in place prior to submitting an application.

☐ **Section 590.1265 RSMo – Police Use of Force Transparency Act of 2021**

Use of force incidents reporting standards and procedures, publication of report data, analysis report. Each law enforcement agency shall certify compliance with section 590.1265 RSMo when applying for any grants administered by the Department of Public Safety. *For purposes of grant eligibility, law enforcement agencies will be considered non-compliant if they have not submitted Use of Force reports for three or more months in the prior twelve month period. If granted an award, the law enforcement agency must remain compliant with section 590.1265 RSMo throughout the grant period of performance.*

☐ **Section 43.505 RSMo – National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) formerly Uniform Crime reporting (UCR)**

Pursuant to section 43.505 RSMo Uniform Crime Reporting system – duties of department – violations, penalty: Each law enforcement agency is required to submit crime incident reports to the department of public safety on forms or in the format prescribed by the department and submit any other crime incident information which may be required by the Department of Public Safety. *For purposes of grant eligibility, law enforcement agencies will be considered non-compliant if they have not submitted MIBRS reports for three or more months in the prior twelve month period. If granted an award, the law enforcement agency must remain compliant with section 43.505 RSMo throughout the grant period of performance.*

NOTE: Show Me Crime Reporting provides a no cost option for agencies to comply with Section 43.505 RSMo. Agencies that are not currently compliant with Section 43.505 RSMo will not be eligible to apply until they have registered with Show Me Crime Reporting and have begun submitting MIBRS reports.
<https://showmecrime.mo.gov/CrimeReporting/MIBRSRegistration.html>

[Section 590.030 RSMo](#) – Rap Back Program Participation

Pursuant to [section 590.030 RSMo](#), all law enforcement agencies shall enroll in the state and federal Rap Back programs on or before January 1, 2022 and continue to remain enrolled. The law enforcement agency shall take all necessary steps to maintain officer enrollment for all officers commissioned with that agency in the Rap Back programs. An officer shall submit to being fingerprinted at any law enforcement agency upon commissioning and for as long as the officer is commissioned with that agency. Each law enforcement agency shall certify compliance with [section 590.030 RSMo](#) when accepting any grants administered by the Department of Public Safety.

Ineligible Applicants:

- Agencies that are not Missouri local first responder agencies as described above
- Agencies that are not compliant with the above listed statutes, as applicable
- State agencies

Eligible Cost Items:

The Missouri Department of Public Safety’s objective in awarding ARPA SLFRF CIIEG funding for first responders is to support first responder capital improvement projects and interoperability equipment in the state of Missouri. Eligible costs may include personnel, benefits, travel/training, equipment, supplies, and/or contractual expenses that support first responder agency capital improvement and/or interoperability equipment projects. Grant funds **CANNOT** be utilized for costs that have been obligated or incurred prior to the grant period of performance. The project grant period of performance begins **February 1, 2024**. In addition, supplanting is **NOT ALLOWED** for the ARPA SLFRF CIIEG. Supplanting occurs when an entity reduces funds that have been budgeted for an activity/project, specifically because grant funds are available.

Interoperability equipment items have specific requirements to be eligible for funding. These requirements are discussed below.

- Interoperability Equipment (Portables/Handhelds, Mobiles, Repeaters, Base Stations, etc.)

Investments in emergency communications systems and equipment must meet applicable [SAFECOM Guidance](#). All radios must meet the Missouri Department of Public Safety, Office of the Director, Criminal Justice/Law Enforcement (CJ/LE) Unit, Office of Homeland Security (OHS) [Radio Interoperability Guidelines](#). The Missouri Interoperability Center (MIC) will review all communications equipment applications to ensure they comply with the [Radio Interoperability Guidelines](#). Applications that do not meet these guidelines will not be eligible for funding.

NOTE: Agencies seeking any type of radio or radio-related accessory are encouraged to contact the Missouri Interoperability Center by phone at (573) 522-1714, (855) 466-7946 or by email at moswin.sysadmin@dps.mo.gov to ensure

compliance with the Radio Interoperability Guidelines and the appropriate communication devices are purchased for the department's needs. The Missouri Interoperability Center staff can also provide helpful information regarding the department's ability to access the MOSWIN and how to articulate such within the grant application.

Unallowable Cost Items:

- Firearms
- Ammunition
- Less Lethal Weapons
- Lobbying
- Fundraising
- Corporate Formation
- State and Local Sales Taxes
- Aircraft
- Military-Type Equipment
- Interoperability equipment that is not compliant with the Missouri Statewide Interoperability Network (MOSWIN) and Radio Interoperability Guidelines.

Application and Submission Information:

- 1. Applications will only be accepted through the Missouri Department of Public Safety (DPS) online WebGrants System: <https://dpsgrants.dps.mo.gov/index.do>**
- 2. Key Dates and Times**
 - a. Application Start Date:** October 30, 2023
 - b. Application Submission Deadline:** January 5, 2024
- 3. Agreeing to Terms and Conditions of the Award**

By submitting an application, applicants agree to comply with the requirements of this NOFO and the terms and conditions of the award, should they receive an award.

A PowerPoint with instructions on how to apply through the WebGrants System will be available on the Missouri Department of Public Safety website, at the following link under Grant Applications and Forms, ARPA SLFRF CIIEG <https://dps.mo.gov/dir/programs/ohs/grantstraining/>.

As part of the ARPA SLFRF CIIEG application, eligible applicants must complete all application forms and provide all required documentation:

- 1. Contact Information Form**

2. Project Form

3. Interoperable Communications Form

4. Budget

5. Named Attachments

- a. **Audit/Financial Statement (REQUIRED)**
- b. **Quote or Cost Basis**
- c. **Ambulance License Certificate**
- d. **Emergency Medical Response Agency License Certificate**
- e. **Other Supporting Documentation (up to 2 attachments)**

Contact Information:

Additional information and resources can be located on the Missouri Department of Public Safety website: <https://dps.mo.gov/dir/programs/ohs/grantstraining/>.

WebGrants System, application submission site: <https://dpsgrants.dps.mo.gov/index.do>

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