

# 2025 Department of Public Safety Local Violent Crime Prevention Grant (LVCP) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)

# **Grant Issued By:**

Missouri Department of Public Safety, Criminal Justice/Law Enforcement Unit

# **Funding Opportunity Title**

2025 Local Violent Crime Prevention Grant (LVCP)

# Introduction

The Missouri Department of Public Safety is pleased to announce the funding opportunity for the 2025 Local Violent Crime Prevention (LVCP) Grant. This program is funded by the State of Missouri.

# **Program Description**

The Missouri Department of Public Safety (DPS) collaborates with state and local law enforcement agencies to provide a proactive approach for the public safety of Missourians.

The purpose of the LVCP Grant is to provide funding to support the establishment and enhancement of local violent crime prevention programs within local law enforcement, and improve the quality of crime data reporting in compliance with the National Incident-Based Reporting System. The funding will be utilized to advance violent crime reduction efforts by improving trust and cooperation between communities and law enforcement in the state of Missouri. Additionally, it will create accountability for law enforcement agencies in establishing and maintaining positive relationships with the community.

Programs would include, but not be limited to: community crime prevention/crime reduction strategies, gang-related activity prevention, gun violence prevention, and data driven policing.

Allowable items for this grant will include technology and equipment used in violent crime reduction and prevention efforts.

Period of Performance: 8 months

Projected Period of Performance Start Date: October 1, 2024

Projected Period of Performance End Date: May 31, 2025

Final Claim Due: June 10, 2025

Funding Instrument: Grant

## Maximum Award: \$25,000.00

# **Eligible Applicants:**

Missouri Local Law Enforcement Agencies.

The "applicant agency" for an LVCP project must be the agency's respective unit of government.

To be eligible for 2025 LVCP funding, the applicant agency must be compliant with the following statutes at the time of application and if awarded funding must maintain compliance throughout the grant period of performance.

## Section 590.650.3 RSMo – Vehicle Stops Report

Pursuant to <u>Section 590.650.3 RSMo</u>, (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. *Agencies that submitted their report by March* 1<sup>st</sup> will receive priority funding over agencies that met the late submission deadline of March15th. Agencies that did not submit their report by the late submission deadline will not be eligible for funding.

NOTE: It is the responsibility of the applicant to verify the submission of this report with the Attorney General's Office <u>prior</u> to submitting an application. Failure to submit the Vehicle Stops (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, and each applicant shall certify adoption of such policy when applying for any grants administered through the Missouri Department of Public Safety <u>prior</u> to submission of grant application.

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

Pursuant to <u>Section 43.544.1 RSMo</u>, 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 <u>Section 43.503 RSMo</u> 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 <u>prior</u> to submission of a grant application.

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

Pursuant to <u>Section 590.1265 RSMo</u> Use of force incidents reporting standards and procedures, publication of report data, analysis report. Each law enforcement agency shall report data submitted under subsection 3 of this section to 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 past 12 months*. Each law enforcement agency shall certify compliance with <u>Section</u> 590.1265 RSMo when accepting any grants administered by the Department of Public Safety.

NOTE: Show Me Crime Reporting provides a no cost option for agencies to comply with Section 590.1265 RSMo. Agencies that are not currently compliant with Section 590.1265 RSMo will not be eligible to apply until they have registered with Show Me Crime Reporting and have begun submitting Use of Force reports. https://showmecrime.mo.gov/CrimeReporting/ForcePage.html

# □ <u>Section 43.505 RSMo</u> – National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) formerly Uniform Crime reporting (UCR)

Pursuant to <u>Section RSMo 43.505.3</u> Uniform Crime Reporting system – duties of department – violations, penalty: Each law enforcement agency in the state shall: (1) Submit crime incident reports to the department of public safety on forms or in the format prescribed by the department; and (2) Submit any other crime incident information which may be required by the department of public safety.

Agencies that are not compliant at the time of application will only be eligible for grant funds to assist the agency to become compliant. 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 past 12 months. Each law enforcement agency shall certify compliance with <u>Section RSMo 43.505</u> when applying for any grants administered by the Missouri Department of Public Safety.

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 RSMo 590.030, 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.

#### **Ineligible Applicants**

• Agencies that are not a law enforcement agency

- Law enforcement agencies that are not compliant with the above listed statutes
- State law enforcement agencies

## **Eligible Cost Items:**

The Missouri Department of Public Safety's objective in awarding LVCP funding is to partner with local law enforcement agencies to find solutions for the reduction and/or prevention of violent crime, including programs to expand law enforcement engagement activities with youth, churches and/or non-profit organizations. This opportunity will be for *technology and equipment used in violent crime reduction and prevention efforts*.

Examples of allowable items include, but are not limited to, the following:

- License Plate Readers
- Mobile Data Terminals (MDT's)/Mobile Data Computers (MDC's)
- MOSWIN approved Radios (Portable/Handhelds, Mobiles, Repeaters, Base Stations, etc.)
- Body-Worn Cameras
- Dash Cameras
- Gunshot Detection Technology
- Justice Information Sharing Technology
- Communications Systems
- Crime Analytics Software
- Hardware and Software
- Biometric Equipment
- Equipment to assist in youth engagement programs
- Mobile Data Terminals (MDTs) / Mobile Data Computers (MDCs)

Agencies seeking funding for mobile data terminals should research the type of computer being requested. The Missouri Department of Public Safety is aware that non-ruggedized laptops and tablets are typically not durable enough for road patrol purposes and therefore not the best use funds.

Radios (Portables/Handhelds, Mobiles, Repeaters, Base Stations, etc.)

Digital mobile radios compliant with APCO Project 25 (P25) specifications embody certain fundamental advantages, including interoperability. The term interoperability refers to radio equipment in compliance with P25 specifications, regardless of the manufacturer, that allows users to be "interoperable" with each other.

All equipment must meet all mandatory regulatory and/or DPS adopted standards to be eligible for purchase using grant funds. In addition, recipients will be responsible for obtaining and maintaining all necessary certifications and licenses for the requested equipment. Investments in emergency communications systems and equipment must meet applicable SAFECOM guidance. All radios must be P-25 compliant and on the MOSWIN system. The Missouri Interoperability Center will review all communications equipment applications to ensure they comply with the Digital Radio Requirements for Department of Public Safety Grants. <u>Applications that do not meet these guidelines will not be eligible</u> for funding.

Applicant agencies applying for grant funds for MOSWIN radios should be aware that dualband (multi-band or all-band) radios (VHF/700/800 MHz) are the best opportunity for local agencies to harness the coverage and capacity being implemented by the State in the MOSWIN. System users must have a dual-band (VHF/700/800 MHz) mobile radio, installed to the manufacturer's recommended specifications, to obtain optimum benefit from system enhancement. VHF band radios are not compatible with 700 MHz band tower sites, and 700/800 MHz band radios are not compatible with VHF band tower sites. Dual band (VHF/700/800) radios will be able to connect to all MOSWIN sites. As a result, grant funds will only be permitted for models of radios that are dual-band.

Refer to the "Radio Interoperability Guidelines" available at <u>Missouri Department of Public</u> <u>Safety | LVCP Grant Opportunity (mo.gov)</u> for reference to a list of mobile radios certified as meeting the P25 standard by the Department of Homeland Security and certified to operate on the MOSWIN by the manufacturer.

MOSWIN is designed to provide 95% coverage for a properly installed mobile radio. Portable radio coverage varies greatly based on a number of variables. The use of an in-car repeater system is recommended if the requested portable is intended to support mission critical communications.

Regardless of the type of request for radios, agencies requesting funding for radios or radiorelated equipment must articulate in the "Budget – Equipment Justification" section of the application how they would access the MOSWIN via a trunked P25 mobile radio or how they plan on utilizing the equipment requested to access the MOSWIN. In addition, all radios must be Multi-Band Radios that will operate on the MOSWIN network with the ability to access VHF High Band (150 MHz) and 700/800 MHz spectrum within the MOSWIN network.

# NOTE: Agencies seeking any type of radio or radio-related accessory are encouraged to contact the Missouri Interoperability Center by phone at (855) 4-MOSWIN or by email at <u>moswin.sysadmin@dps.mo.gov</u> to ensure the appropriate communication devices are purchased for the department's needs and location to the nearest MOSWIN tower and to ensure the appropriate administrative requirements are met as it relates to the MOSWIN. 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.

#### Body-Worn Cameras

Agencies seeking funding for Body-Worn Cameras (BWCs) must have policies and procedures in place related to equipment usage, data storage and access, privacy considerations, and training. Recipients of funding for Body-Worn cameras must supply the State Administering Agency (Missouri Department of Public Safety) with a copy of such policy(s) and procedure(s) at the time of acceptance of the subaward. Applicants are encouraged to contact a vendor(s) to obtain accurate and competitive pricing for supply items rather than relying on catalog or online pricing. Often, vendors will offer reduced pricing or a discount for sales over a certain dollar amount. Vendors can also provide shipping and/or installation costs associated with the sale, but more importantly, recipients of funding must comply with local and/or state procurement guidelines, where applicable and whichever is more restrictive, as outlined within the "DPS Financial and Administrative Guidelines", which can be found at: https://dps.mo.gov/dir/programs/dpsgrants/lvcp.php

# **Unallowable Cost Items:**

- ➢ Ammunition
- Protective Clothing/Gloves, Reflective Vests/Raincoats
- Ballistic Vests Helmets and Shields
- Road Flares/Cones
- Siren Boxes & Speakers
- Surveillance Systems for Jails
- Vehicle Cages/Partitions/Seats
- Gun Racks/Locks
- Light Bars/Warning Lights/Directional Sticks
- ➢ Firearms
- Less Lethal Weapons
- Batons or other items used in an offensive manner
- Land Acquisition
- Personnel Costs
- Travel and Training Costs
- Bonuses or Commissions
- ➢ Lobbying
- Fundraising
- Corporate Formation
- State and Local Sales Taxes
- Cost Incurred Outside the Project Period
- > Aircraft
- Confidential Funds
- Military-Type Equipment
- Radios and Radio-Related Equipment that is not compliant with the Missouri Statewide Interoperability Network (MOSWIN)
- Vessels/Vehicles
- Unmanned Aircraft (UAV)/Drones

# **Application and Submission Information**

- 1. Applications will only be accepted through the Missouri Department of Public Safety (DPS) online WebGrants System: Department of Public Safety DPS Grants (mo.gov)
- 2. Key Dates and Times

a. Application Start Date: August 7, 2024

# b. Application Submission Deadline: September 5, 2024, 4:00 pm CST

## 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, 2025 Local Violent Crime Prevention Grant: <u>Missouri Department of Public Safety</u> <u>LVCP Grant Opportunity (mo.gov)</u>.

As part of the 2025 LVCP application, each eligible applicant must complete all application forms and provide all required documents:

## 1. Contact Information Form

- 2. Project Form
- 3. Interoperable Communications Form
- 4. Budget
- 5. Named Attachments
  - a. Quote or Cost Basis
  - **b.** Other Supporting Documentation

#### **Contact Information:**

Additional information and resources can be located on the Missouri Department of Public Safety website: <u>Missouri Department of Public Safety | LVCP Grant Opportunity (mo.gov)</u>

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

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