



# **SFY 2026 Missouri Department of Public Safety Missouri Blue Shield Grant Program (MBSGP) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)**

## **Grant Issued By:**

Missouri Department of Public Safety

## **Funding Opportunity Title:**

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## **Introduction:**

The Missouri Department of Public Safety is pleased to announce this funding opportunity. This program is funded by the State of Missouri.

## **Program Description:**

The Missouri Department of Public Safety (DPS) collaborates with local law enforcement agencies to provide a proactive approach for the public safety of Missourians. The purpose of the MBSGP is to provide funding to support the Missouri Blue Shield Program. This program is a collaborative initiative in Missouri that brings communities together to support the law enforcement agencies that serve and protect our cities and towns. This program acknowledges local governments for their commitment to supporting local law enforcement efforts.

**Period of Performance:** 7.5 months

**Projected Period of Performance Start Date:** October 1, 2025

**Projected Period of Performance End Date:** May 15, 2026

**Maximum Award:** Each eligible Missouri Blue Shield Program applicant will receive \$50,000 for the purchase of equipment, training, and/or technology for their law enforcement agency.

## **Eligible Applicants:**

- ☐ Local law enforcement agencies with a Missouri Blue Shield Program designation

## **Ineligible Applicants:**

- ☐ Law enforcement agencies without a Missouri Blue Shield Program designation
- ☐ State law enforcement agencies

## Eligible Cost Items:

The Missouri Department of Public Safety's objective in awarding funding is to support local efforts to enhance public safety, foster law enforcement support, and encourage community partnerships. This opportunity will allow for the purchase of equipment, training, and/or technology for law enforcement agencies. The Missouri Blue Shield Program is a reimbursement grant. Recipients must incur an allowable expense, make payment and seek reimbursement from the Missouri Department of Public Safety.

The Missouri Department of Public Safety understands in certain situations local cash flow makes payment for equipment, supplies and training difficult. To help alleviate this situation, DPS has agreed to accept requests for funds from recipients as soon as a vendor submits their invoice, and the recipient has received goods or services. Consequently, the recipient does not have to pay the vendor before submitting the claim for reimbursement.

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.)
- ☐ Vehicles
- ☐ Personal Protective Equipment
- ☐ Body-Worn Cameras
- ☐ Dash Cameras
- ☐ Security and Surveillance Systems
- ☐ Gunshot Detection Technology
- ☐ Justice Information Sharing Technology
- ☐ Communications Systems
- ☐ Crime Analytics Software
- ☐ Hardware and Software

Some items have additional requirements to be eligible for funding. Allowable items with additional requirements are detailed below:

### ☐ **Mobile Data Terminals (MDT's)/Mobile Data Computers (MDC's)**

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 of funds.

### ☐ **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, DPS Grants [Radio Interoperability Guidelines](#). The Missouri Interoperability Center (MIC) will review all communications equipment applications to ensure they comply with the [Radio Interoperability Guidelines](#). **Interoperability equipment that does 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 (855) 4-MOSWIN or by email at [moswin.sysadmin@dps.mo.gov](mailto:moswin.sysadmin@dps.mo.gov) 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 Missouri Department of Public Safety with a copy of such policy(s) and procedure(s) at the time of claim submission.

☐ **Body Armor**

Funds may be used to purchase body armor at any threat level designation, make, or model from any distributor or manufacturer, as long as the body armor has been tested and found to comply with the latest applicable National Institute of Justice (NIJ) ballistic or stab standards, which can be found online at <https://www.nij.gov/topics/technology/body-armor/Pages/standards.aspx>.

Body armor or armor vests must also be “uniquely fitted vests” which means protective (ballistic or stab-resistant) armor vests that conform to the individual wearer to provide the best possible fit and coverage, through a combination of:

- (1) Correctly sized panels and carrier, determined through appropriate measurement and
- (2) Properly adjusted straps, harnesses, fasteners, flaps, or other adjustable features.

The requirement that body armor be “uniquely fitted” does not require body armor that is individually manufactured based on the measurements of an individual wearer.

In addition, body armor purchased must be made in the United States.

Agencies seeking funding for body armor are required to have a written “mandatory wear” policy in effect. There are no requirements regarding the nature of the policy other than it being a mandatory wear policy for all uniformed officers while on duty. Recipients of funding for body armor must supply the Missouri Department of Public Safety with a copy of such policy at the time of claim submission.

☐ **License Plate Readers (LPR)**

Agencies purchasing license plate reader (LPR) equipment and technology with grant funds administered by the Missouri Department of Public Safety, must adhere to the following requirements:

- a. LPR vendors chosen by an agency must have an MOU on file with the MSHP Central Vendor File as developed and prescribed by the Missouri Department of Public Safety pursuant to 11 CSR 30-17.

b. Prior to purchasing LPR services, the agency should verify the vendor's MOU status with the MSHP CJIS Division by emailing [mshphelpdesk@mshp.dps.mo.gov](mailto:mshphelpdesk@mshp.dps.mo.gov).

c. Share LPR data through the MoDEx process with statewide sharing platforms (i.e., MULES).

d. Enable LPR data sharing with other Missouri law enforcement agencies and enforcement support entities within the selected vendor's software. Examples include, but are not limited to fusion centers, drug task forces, special investigations units, etc.

e. Connect to the Missouri State Highway Patrol's Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) File Transfer Protocol Access Program. This program provides the information necessary to provide a NCIC and/or MULES hit when used in conjunction with a License Plate Reader (LPR) device. An MOU must be on file with the Access Integrity Unit (AIU) for the vendor and the law enforcement agency and a registration process must be completed.

f. Agency shall have a license plate reader policy and operation guideline prior to the implementation of LPRs. Reimbursements will not be made on the project until the policy has been provided to the Missouri Department of Public Safety.

g. If LPR will be installed on Missouri Department of Transportation right-of-way(s) agency must request installation through the Missouri Department of Public Safety. Once approved, agency must adhere to the Missouri Department of Transportation's guidelines regarding installation of LPR's on Missouri Department of Transportation right-of-way(s).

#### **Unallowable Cost Items:**

- ☐ Ammunition
- ☐ Surveillance Systems for Jails
- ☐ Construction or Renovation
- ☐ Firearms
- ☐ Less Lethal Weapons
- ☐ Batons or other items used in an offensive manner
- ☐ Land Acquisition
- ☐ Personnel 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)
- ☐ 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:** July 1, 2025
  - b. **Application Submission Deadline:** September 2, 2025, 4:00 pm CST
- 3. Agreeing to Terms and Conditions of the Award:**

By applying, 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: [Missouri Department of Public Safety | Missouri Blue Shield Grant Program \(MBSGP\)](#).

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

- 1. Contact Information Form**
- 2. Interoperable Communications Form**
- 3. Certified Assurances Form**
- 4. Budget**
- 5. Named Attachments**
  - a. **Quote or Cost Basis**
  - b. **Other Supporting Documentation**

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