



# **SFY 2022 Department of Public Safety Officer Safety Equipment and Technology Grant (OSET) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)**

## **Grant Issued By:**

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

## **Funding Opportunity Title**

Officer Safety Equipment and Technology Grant (OSET)

## **Introduction**

The Missouri Department of Public Safety is pleased to announce the funding opportunity for the SFY 2022 Officer Safety Equipment and Technology (OSET) 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 Missouri Department of Public Safety's strategic priorities encompass several key initiatives including; building relationships with external stakeholders, identifying hazards and threats to public safety, maintaining sufficient capacities to perform statutorily required responsibilities and utilizing Federal and State programs to protect, as well as, provide impactful service to Missouri citizens. We invite our stakeholders and partners to also adopt these priorities and join us in building more prepared, protected and secure Missouri communities. Public safety is a shared responsibility and funding should support priorities that are the most impactful and demonstrate the greatest return on investment. The Missouri Department of Public Safety seeks to forge partnerships with our law enforcement partners by providing them resources. The OSET grant opportunity provides resources to increase officer safety by providing funding for equipment and technology to law enforcement agencies. Priority will be given to departments that demonstrate the greatest need.

**Period of Performance:** 6 months

**Projected Period of Performance Start Date:** November 1, 2021

**Projected Period of Performance End Date:** April 30, 2022

**Funding Instrument:** Grant

**Maximum Award:** \$7,500.00

## Eligible Applicants:

Any Missouri law enforcement agency may apply for OSET funding as long as the agency meets the eligibility requirements.

The “applicant agency” for an OSET project must be the agency’s respective unit of government.

To be eligible for OSET funding, the applicant agency must be compliant with the following statutes:

**Section 590.650 RSMo– Vehicle Stops Report**

Pursuant to 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 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.

**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 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 this statute when accepting any grants administered by the department of public safety.

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

- ❑ **Show Me Crime Reporting** - The Missouri Department of Public Safety strongly encourages agencies requesting equipment through this opportunity to register in the “no cost” crime reporting tool, the Missouri Incident-Based Reporting System (MIBRS).  
<https://showmecrime.mo.gov/CrimeReporting/MIBRSRegistration.html>

### **Ineligible Applicants**

- Agencies that are not a law enforcement agency
- Law enforcement agencies that are not compliant with the above listed statutes

### **Eligible Cost Items:**

The Department of Public Safety’s objective in awarding OSET funding is to partner with local law enforcement agencies to increase officer safety.

Examples of allowable equipment and supplies include, but are not limited to, the following:

- ❑ 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 of federal monies.

- ❑ 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, subrecipients 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. **Applications that do not meet these guidelines will not be eligible for funding.**

Applicant agencies applying for grant funds for MOSWIN radios should be aware that dual-band (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 <https://dps.mo.gov/dir/programs/ohs/documents/radio-interoperability-guidelines.pdf> 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 radio-related 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 [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 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>.

Further body armor or armor vests must also be “uniquely fitted vests”. For these purposes, “uniquely fitted vests” 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.

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. Subrecipients 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.

Gun Racks/Locks

Equipment related to responding to civil unrest (defensive shields, helmets, laser protective eyewear, etc.)

In-Car Cameras

Light Bars/Warning Lights/Directional Sticks

Police Cruisers

For purposes of this grant program, a “police cruiser” is defined as a vehicle used in the ordinary course for routine police patrol. Depending on the jurisdiction, a police cruiser could include sedans, sport utility vehicles (SUVs) etc.

Protective Clothing/Gloves

Reflective Vests/Raincoats

Ballistic Helmets and Shields

Road Flares/Cones

Siren Boxes & Speakers

Surveillance Systems for Jails

Trauma Kits/First Aid Kits

Vehicle Cages/Partitions/Seats

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/cjle/documents/financial-admin-guidelines.pdf>.

### **Unallowable Cost Items:**

- Ammunition
- 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

### **Application and Submission Information**

#### **1. Key Dates and Times**

**a. Application Start Date:** August 19, 2021

**b. Application Submission Deadline:** September 15, 2021 5:00 pm CST

#### **2. 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.

Applications will only be accepted through the Missouri Department of Public Safety (DPS) online WebGrants System. <https://dpsgrants.dps.mo.gov/index.do>

A PowerPoint with instructions on how to apply through the WebGrants System will be available on the DPS website, at the following link under Grant Applications and Forms, SFY 2022 Officer Safety Equipment and Technology Grant <https://dps.mo.gov/dir/programs/cjle/oset.php>.

As part of the SFY 2022 OSET application, each eligible applicant must complete all application forms and provide all required documents:

- 1. Contact Information Form**
- 2. Project Form**
- 3. Budget**
- 4. Named Attachments**
  - a. Audit/Financial Statement (REQUIRED)**
  - b. Federal Fund Schedule (REQUIRED, if not included in Audit)**
  - c. Quote or Cost Basis**
  - d. Other Supporting Documentation**

**Contact Information:**

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

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

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