

# Dept. of Justice: Makes \$850 million available to help public safety agencies address pandemic, over \$14 million available to Wisconsin

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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 State of Wisconsin is eligible to apply for \$9,078,371 to distribute throughout the state. In addition, police and sheriffs' departments in Wisconsin that were eligible for the fiscal year 2019 State and Local Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program are candidates for emergency funding. A complete list of eligible jurisdictions and their allocations can be found at <https://bja.ojp.gov/program/fy20-cesf-allocations>. The amount allocated for these Wisconsin agencies is \$4,935,544.

"We applaud the work of our law enforcement officers and other first responders who are reporting to work each day to ensure public safety in the face of increased risks," said United States Attorney Krueger. "The funds being made available will help our public safety agencies continue to perform their vital missions."

"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 January 20, 2020, subject to federal supplanting rules.

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