

CORONAVIRUS EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

The Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority (ICJIA) seeks information from community-based agencies, operating as lead entities, to utilize the U.S. Bureau of Justice Assistance Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program in areas disproportionately impacted by the coronavirus pandemic to prevent, prepare for, or respond to the coronavirus. Lead entities distribute funds via sub-grants to their provider networks and are responsible for the fiscal oversight and quality assurance of those sub-grants. Lead entities also conduct structured monitoring of all sub-grantees and provide subject matter expertise and technical assistance to sub-grantees.

Preference will be given to lead entities that their provider network as sub-grantees in the proposal narrative and budget. Alternatively, lead entities may submit a plan to conduct a competitive sub-grantee selection process. Lead entities also may propose to provide some services directly however there will be no preference given for this.

All lead entities must comply with all applicable state and federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of this grant.

TOTAL AMOUNT AVAILABLE: A total of \$7,978,038 million is available.

PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE: These funds will be available for a 12-month period that will start upon grant execution. Funds that extend into State Fiscal Year 2022 are subject to appropriation.

GEOGRAPHIC FOCUS AREAS: ICJIA will prioritize funding in geographic areas (ZIP codes) where residents are disproportionately impacted by the coronavirus pandemic. Respondents should propose plans to serve geographic areas that best meet this description. ICJIA will review geographic data on positive COVID-19 cases, unemployment, housing, and reentry and determine which proposals best address the issues.

ICJIA's Research & Analysis Unit staff will determine areas eligible for the CESF opportunity based on high levels of need resulting from and/or exacerbated by the pandemic. Various datasets will be examined to determine eligible areas based on recent and current coronavirus-related impacts. It is anticipated that eligible areas will be designated by zip code, dependent upon the availability of zip code level data sources. The foci of the analysis and the associated datasets examined may include:

1. Coronavirus infection
 - a. Illinois Department of Public Health: Tests completed, positive cases, and deaths
2. Correctional release/re-entry
 - a. Illinois Department of Corrections: Parole admissions
3. Housing

- a. American Community Survey: Rent or housing costs as a percentage of income
4. Unemployment
 - a. Illinois Department of Employment Security: Unemployment claims and/or rates

Data sources and datasets listed are representative of the types of data that may be examined based on availability but are not exhaustive.

PROGRAM AREAS: Respondents must focus on at least one program area. There are five program areas, listed below:

1. Housing
 - Transitional and/or emergency housing for persons involved in the criminal justice system and/or those who have experienced violence. This may also include rent assistance allowing participants to remain in their existing housing.
2. Supportive Services
 - Supportive services for persons involved in the criminal justice system and/or those who have experienced violence. Services include advocacy, case management, legal services, mental and emotional support, clinical behavioral health services (includes substance use treatment) for adults and children.
3. Agency Support
 - Rent and utilities for community-based agencies operations.
 - COVID-19 related supplies and technology.
4. Foodbank
 - Receive and distribute food to community-based agencies for their participants.
5. Other
 - See Unallowable Costs section before selecting this option.

UNALLOWABLE COSTS

The following is a non-exhaustive list of services, activities, goods, and other costs that cannot be supported with these funds:

- Land acquisition
- New construction
- A renovation, lease, or any other proposed use of a building or facility that will either result in a change in its basic prior use or significantly change its size
- Minor renovation or remodeling of a property either listed or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places or located within a 100-year flood plain
- Implementation of a new program involving the use of chemicals
- Capital expenditures
- Fundraising activities
- Lobbying

TIMELINE

Community-based agencies must complete the Request For Information Narrative and ICJIA Budget Template documents and email them to CJA.COVID@illinois.gov by 11:59 p.m., on Friday, July 24, 2020. Submit questions to CJA.COVID@illinois.gov. Questions and answers will be posted at <https://icjia.illinois.gov/gata>.

Other important dates:

July 20 – Last day to submit questions to ICJIA.

July 31 – ICJIA will request clarifying information from respondents.

August 10 – ICJIA will notify respondents of RFI status.

August 20 – ICJIA will present funding recommendations to the ICJIA Budget Committee

September 1 – Grant agreements will be executed no later than this date.