Local Law Enforcement Grant Program

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About this Document:

This guide will provide an overview of questions and answers regarding the: Local Law Enforcement Grant Program funding announcement and application process, which opened on 9/1/2022. Responses will be provided as staff is able to process questions through 10/11/2022.

Questions?

Please contact PCCD staff at RA-PCCD-OCJSI@pa.gov with “Local Law Enforcement Grant Program” in the subject line.

Questions concerning the Egrants System should be made directly to the Egrants Help Desk at either (717) 787-5887 or you may call toll-free at (800) 692-7292 and select option 9 and then option 6 when prompted, or by email at RA-TEGRANTSSUPPORT@pa.gov.
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a) Is a school police department eligible under the local law enforcement grant opportunity? Our department has an ORI; however, does not submit UCR codes to PSP. Our department has arrest powers to charge summary offenses and detains until local law enforcement arrive.

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1. A public agency of a political subdivision having general police powers and charged with making arrests in connection with the enforcement of the criminal or traffic laws.
2. A campus police or university police department, as used in section 2416 of the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, certified by the Office of Attorney General as a criminal justice agency under the definition of "criminal justice agency" in 18 Pa.C.S. § 9102 (relating to definitions).
3. A railroad or street railway police department formed with officers commissioned under 22 Pa.C.S. Ch. 33 (relating to railroad and street railway police) or any prior statute providing for the commissioning.
4. An airport authority police department, including the Harrisburg International Airport Police.
5. A county park police force under section 2511(b) of the act of August 9, 1955 (P.L.323, No.130), known as The County Code.

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b) Is a District Attorney’s Office, through its Criminal Investigation Division (County Detectives), which has general police power and makes arrests for criminal offenses, eligible for funding under the Local Law Enforcement Grant Program?

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c) Would a county sheriff’s office be eligible to apply for local law enforcement funds?

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