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REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS
Arrest and Jail Alternatives Grant Program
WASPC Responses to Written Inquiries

Question 1:	"According to the RFA, applications must include 3 staff positions (direct services, program outreach, project manager). If a program already has this staff in place, and is looking for funding to add other positions, is that an acceptable use of funds?"
Response 1:	Generally speaking, yes. We believe that it represents an acceptable use of Arrest and Jail Alternatives program funds, so long as those positions and the services they are generally expected to provide continue to be made available.
Question 2:	"Can funds be used for things other than staff compensation? Specifically-can we request funds for rent, computer software or a vehicle?"
Response 2:	Yes. Those expenses are allowable under the AJA program. Note that though allowable, WASPC remains able to reject expenses we deem to be "unreasonable or not sufficiently allocable" to this program and its objectives. Requests including these types of expenses should clearly articulate how they support the goals and objectives of the program.
Question 3:	"Is there a suggested range of request amount for an agency?"
Response 3:	Subject to the funds available for award under this solicitation, we encourage applicants to submit budget requests that accurately reflect the efforts described in their application.
Question 4:	"...can programs request different types of funding for the April-June 2024 performance period and the July 2024-2025 performance period?"
Response 4:	Yes.
Question 5:	"We currently have a designated crisis responder embedded directly into our police department. She has been an incredible asset to our community and department. We secured funding through [another funding source] for her that ends in June 2024. Is there any way we could be eligible to apply? Thank you!"
Response 5:	Yes, if there is not an existing Arrest and Jail Alternatives program. AJA programs currently exist in Port Angeles, Walla Walla, Port Townsend, and Olympia.