

ARREST AND JAIL ALTERNATIVES LAW ENFORCEMENT GRANT PROGRAM

Following the timetable set forth in the solicitation for this program, the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs (WASPC) is posting the following questions and answers as a part of our commitment to a fair and transparent granting process and in compliance with the requirements set forth in law.

Question:

“I would like to know if there are established responsibilities of the lead agency under this solicitation or if it is to be determined in conjunction with the other area stakeholders.”

Answer:

It is expected that the lead agency will:

- Coordinate the reporting of data required under [RCW 36.28A.450\(8\)\(a\)](#). The details of this data collection and methodology will be determined during contract negotiations with successful applicants.
- Act as a primary point of contact for WASPC on program related matters.
- Convene meetings on a not-less-than quarterly basis with all grant program partners to evaluate overall program performance and address the concerns of WASPC, other partners, stakeholders and the public.

These are guidelines for WASPC’s expectations and do not represent a final list. The specific expectations for each lead agency will be negotiated with successful applicants. It is our hope that lead agencies embrace their roles and take a leadership position in negotiating any additional requirements with their supporting agencies, co-applicants and their communities.

Question:

For contextual reasons, we will be responding to both of the questions below in a single response.

“If we are planning to apply for the HCA LEAD grant, are we allowed to apply for the WASPC LEAD grant also? If in fact it is allowed to apply for both, are there restrictions on using the WASPC grant funds as the 25% match that the HCA is requiring for their application?”

Answer:

WASPC has been coordinating with the Healthcare Authority (HCA) on releasing our solicitations and other program related functions together to make it easier for agencies to apply.

WASPC encourages prospective grantees to apply for each grant program and leverage the funding that is made available to achieve better person centered and public safety outcomes.

A portion of the AJA program's funding is from a federal source (Department of Health and Human Services) and is subject to the restrictions set forth in the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards [2 CFR § 200.306\(b\)\(2\)](#), and the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for HHS Awards [45 CFR §75.036\(b\)\(2\)](#) and [45 CFR §75.403\(f\)](#).

Keeping the above in mind, WASPC does have a limited amount of State funds available under this program. At WASPC's sole discretion, we may allow programs in need of matching funds for other grant programs to have a portion of their award allocated exclusively from State funds so they may meet their match requirements of those other awards.

Question:

"Is there a maximum award level?"

Answer:

No. WASPC will grant \$1 million dollars from this grant program during this state fiscal year, but we have not established a minimum or maximum grant amount per agency.

WASPC reserves the right to partially fund those applications that otherwise meet the requirements and are awarded funding, but whose grant request is too large to accommodate within existing resources allocated for this program.

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