

Agency-specific Content for the Notice of Funding Opportunity

Law Enforcement Camera Grant Program

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A. Program Description

Notice of Funding Opportunity Intent

The Illinois Law Enforcement Training & Standards Board (“ILETSB” or “Board”) is issuing this Notice of Funding Opportunity (“NOFO”) to promote civil rights and equity, increase access to justice, support crime victims and individuals impacted by the justice system, strengthen community safety, protect the public from crime and evolving threats, and build trust between law enforcement and the community.

Program Description

The purpose of this program is to provide grants to Illinois police agencies of municipalities, counties, park districts, public universities, and all units of Illinois local governmental for the purchase or lease of in-car video cameras for use in law enforcement vehicles; officer-worn body cameras for law enforcement officers and data storage related to officer-worn cameras; and training for law enforcement officers in the operation of the cameras. (20 Ill. Adm. Code 1705.100-199)

The General Assembly recognizes that trust and mutual respect between law enforcement agencies and the communities they protect and serve are essential to effective policing and the integrity of our criminal justice system. The General Assembly recognizes that officer-worn body cameras have developed as a technology that has been used and experimented with by police departments. Officer-worn body cameras will provide state-of-the-art evidence collection and additional opportunities for training and instruction. Further, officer-worn body cameras may provide impartial evidence and documentation to settle disputes and allegations of officer misconduct. Ultimately, the uses of officer-worn body cameras will help collect evidence while improving transparency and accountability and strengthening public trust. The General Assembly creates these standardized protocols and procedures for the use of officer-worn body cameras to ensure that this technology is used in furtherance of these goals while protecting individual privacy and providing consistency in its use across this State. (50 ILCS 706 and 50 ILCS 707)

Program History

The use of recorded footage in the protection of public safety has proven to be tremendously valuable. The ILETSB camera grant program began with the issuance in-car recording devices 20 years ago. Now body worn camera programs have evolved to become indispensable tools that, when strategically implemented, can be integrated as part of a jurisdiction’s holistic problem-solving and community-engagement strategy, helping to increase both trust and communication between the police and the communities they serve. Properly implemented body worn camera programs also can be highly effective in providing an objective audio and visual record of interactions, capturing empirical evidence at crime scenes, during police–citizen interaction, and in use-of-force incidents. The effective management of data generated from body worn cameras has become vital to modern criminal and juvenile justice system practices. Law enforcement agencies’ sharing of digital evidence generated from body worn cameras with other agencies, prosecutors’ offices, defense counsel, and the judiciary is becoming more common, increasing the need for innovation and training around best practices.

Performance Goals and Measures

The goal of these grants is to provide funding for local law enforcement agencies to acquire in-car and officer body-worn cameras and train officers on the proper use and operation of these recording devices. This enhances the accountability and transparency within law enforcement by documenting interactions between officers and the public.

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Grantees must submit the following:

1. Quarterly Periodic Performance Reports (PPR) (or as otherwise stated in the Grant Agreement)
2. Quarterly Periodic Financial Reports (PFR) (or as otherwise stated in the Grant Agreement)
3. Annual reporting requirements per Camera Grant Act

Annual Reporting requirements as required under Section F.3.

For officer-worn body cameras, a list of:

1. a brief overview of the makeup of the agency, including the number of officers utilizing officer-worn body cameras;
2. the number of officer-worn body cameras utilized by the law enforcement agency;
3. any technical issues with the equipment and how those issues were remedied;
4. a brief description of the review process used by supervisors within the law enforcement agency;
5. for each recording used in prosecutions of conservation, criminal, or traffic offenses or municipal ordinance violations: (A) the time, date, and location of the incident; and (B) the offenses charged and the date charges were filed;
6. for a recording used in a civil proceeding or internal affairs investigation: (A) the number of pending civil proceedings and internal investigations; (B) in resolved civil proceedings and pending investigations: (i) the nature of the complaint or allegations; (ii) the disposition, if known; and (iii) the date, time and location of the incident; and
7. any other information relevant to the administration of the program.

Agencies utilizing service agreements are expected to operate the cameras funded under this program and report on them for the same number of years as specified in the service agreement. Any agency that removes a camera from service prior to the third year of the camera's purchase shall submit a report to the Board identifying the make, model, and serial number of the specific camera, as well as a statement explaining the reason for retirement. Financial records, supporting documents, statistical records, and all other awardee records associated with cameras awarded under this program must be retained for a period of at least 3 years. (See 44 Ill. Adm. Code 7000.430.) Any and all reporting requirements are also referenced in 2 CFR 200 Parts 301 and 329, 44 Ill. Adm. Code Part 7000, and 50 ILCS 706/10-25.

B. Funding Information

This grant program is utilizing state appropriated by the General Assembly [0356-56901-4470-0000]. Total amount of funding available through this NOFO is roughly \$55 million. Awards will range from \$1 to \$3,000,000.

Anticipated start date for awards is April 1, 2026. The period of performance is expected to be 7/01/2025 (to include pre-award costs) through 6/30/2030.

The Law Enforcement Camera Grant Fund was created as a special fund in the State treasury. From appropriations to the Board from the Fund, the Board must make grants to units of local government in Illinois and Illinois public universities for the purpose of (1) purchasing or leasing in-car video cameras for use in law enforcement vehicles, (2) purchasing or leasing officer-worn body cameras and associated technology for law enforcement officers, and (3) training for law enforcement officers in the operation of the cameras. Grants under this Section may be used to offset data storage and related licensing costs for officer-worn body cameras. For the purposes of this Section, "purchasing or leasing" includes providing

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funding to units of local government in advance that can be used to obtain this equipment rather than only for reimbursement of purchased equipment.

The acquirer of equipment and the operation of an agency camera program has grown into a significant cost for many police departments. For this reason, Illinois Law Enforcement and Training Board (ILETSB) intends to offer these grants as advance payment, reimbursement, and working capital advance opportunities, when qualified. The following policies and procedures shall govern the implementation of this program.

Pre-award costs are allowed for this opportunity.

Allowed costs for this opportunity as follows:

- 1) purchasing or leasing in-car video cameras for use in law enforcement vehicles,
- 2) purchasing or leasing officer-worn body cameras and associated technology for law enforcement officers,
- 3) training for law enforcement officers in the operation of the cameras, and
- 4) data storage and related licensing costs for officer-worn body cameras.

The release of this NOFO does not obligate the Board to make an award.

C. Eligibility Information

An entity must be registered in the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA) Grantee Portal, <https://grants.illinois.gov/portal/>, at the time of grant application. The portal will verify that the entity:

- Has a valid FEIN number (<https://www.irs.gov/tin/taxpayer-identification-numbers-tin#:~:text=services%20are%20free,-,EIN,and%20Trusts.%20Refer%20to%20Employer%20ID%20Numbers%20for%20more%20information,-ITIN>);
- Has a current SAM.gov registration (<https://sam.gov>), SAM.gov registrations must be marked as “public” to allow the GATA Grantee Portal to expedite the review of the federal information;
- Has a valid UEI number (<https://sam.gov>);
- Is not on the Federal Excluded Parties List (verified at <https://sam.gov>);
- Is in Good Standing with the Illinois Secretary of State, as applicable (https://www.ilsos.gov/departments/business_services/corp.html);
- Is not on the Illinois Stop Payment list (verified once entity is registered in GATA Grantee Portal); and
- Is not on the Department of Healthcare and Family Services Provider Sanctions list (<https://hfs.illinois.gov/oig/sanctionslist.html>).

Entities on the Illinois Stop Payment List and/or the Federal Excluded Parties List at time of application submission will not be considered for an award.

An automated email notification to the entity alerts them of “qualified” status or informs how to remediate a negative verification (e.g., not in good standing with the Secretary of State). A federal Debarred and Suspended status cannot be remediated.

Pursuant to the policy of the Illinois Office of the Comptroller, to receive grant funds from the State of Illinois, a grantee must be considered a regarded entity by the IRS for federal income tax purposes. Disregarded entities will not be eligible to receive grant funds.

1. Eligible Applicants include Law Enforcement agencies meeting the following criteria:

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1. be an Illinois law enforcement agency of a unit of local government or public university that is recognized by the Board,
2. list their active law enforcement officers on a roster on file with the Board,
3. indicate that all active law enforcement officers reflected on the agency roster subject to the mandated training requirements of Section 7 of the Police Training Act are compliant with all Board training requirements at the time of award. Any officer that is not compliant may be listed as inactive upon reporting the date the officer left service, the officer's expected date of return, the reason for leaving service, and an acknowledgement that all outstanding training will be completed within 60 days of return,
4. be compliant with all reporting requirements of Sections 15 and 20 of the Law Enforcement Camera Grant Act [50 ILCS 707] and Section 10-25 of the Law Enforcement Officer-Worn Body Camera Act [50 ILCS 706], and
5. registered in the Grantee Portal and be "qualified" as described by the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act Administrative Rules (see 44 Ill. Adm. Code 7000.70)

All grant recipients must continue to meet the requirements of the Law Enforcement Camera Grant Act, the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act, and all corresponding administrative rules after award.

The Board complies with all applicable provisions of state and federal laws and regulations pertaining to nondiscrimination, sexual harassment and equal employment opportunity including, but not limited to: The Illinois Human Rights Act (775 ILCS 5/1-101 et seq.), The Public Works Employment Discrimination Act (775 ILCS 10/1 et seq.), The United States Civil Rights Act of 1964 (as amended) (42 USC 2000a-and 2000H-6), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 USC 794), The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 USC 12101 et seq.), and The Age Discrimination Act (42 USC 6101 et seq.).

2. Cost Sharing or Matching.

Pre-award requirements include:

- Submission of original detailed quote and a zero-balance invoice with attached proof of payment (EFT or cancelled check). This must match the budget amount submitted in Amplifund.
- In addition, for in-car cameras:
 - proof of installation via a work-order must show the date of completion and serial numbers. These must be installed prior to the application submitted date.

3. Indirect Cost Rate.

Indirect Costs are not allowable for this grant.

4. Freedom of Information Act/Confidential Information.

Applications and accompanying materials are subject to disclosure in response to requests received under provisions of the Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140/1 et seq.). Information that could be proprietary, privileged, or confidential commercial or financial information should be clearly identified as such in the application materials. The Board will maintain the confidentiality of that information only to the extent permitted by law.

5. Other, if applicable.

Applicants may submit only one application for this opportunity.

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D. Application and Submission Information

1. Address to Request Application Package.

Grant application forms are available at the web link provided in the “Grant Application Link” field of this announcement or by contacting the Grant Team:

Illinois Law Enforcement Training & Standards Board
500 S. 9th Street
Springfield, IL 62701
Tel: 217-558-1542
Email: PTB.Grants@illinois.gov

2. Content and Form of Application Submission.

A standard application package must be submitted to Amplifund and reviewed by ILETSB. Each package must contain the following items:

- ☐ Uniform Grant Application
- ☐ Uniform Budget Template
- ☐ Conflict of Interest Disclosure
- ☐ Mandatory Disclosures
- ☐ Public agency with roster on file with LEDI
- ☐ All officers compliant with mandated training-if officer is inactive or on leave, provide documentation that states; name, PTB#, reason they are out, and when they are foreseen to come back
- ☐ ICQs must be completed and approved before an award can be issued
- ☐ Compliant with UCR (Uniform Crime Reporting)

This Notice of Funding Opportunity also requires the **submission of the following other programmatic specific items as part of the program application that can be found on the website where you accessed the application document:**

- ☐ Reimbursement on cameras and/or data storage/server; original detailed invoice dated within the pre-award date range (7/1/2025 to current) and a zero-balance invoice with attached proof of payment (EFT or cancelled check) that must match the pre-award budget amount. For in-car cameras, proof of installation via a work-order must show the date of completion in the squad cars and serial numbers installed prior to application submitted date.
- ☐ Advanced payment for cameras and/or data storage/server; lease agreements/quotes with signatures of commitment of the requested funding amount, listed in a detailed breakdown of per unit costs including all accessories, training, and data storage. This must match the pre-award budget totals. Bundled invoices can be accepted if costs of items are listed to show per line item in the bulk pricing.
- ☐ Agency roster including any officers out on leave or inactive status. Must submit name, PTB#, out-of-service date, reason, and anticipated time of return.
- ☐ Mandated training compliance roster printed from L.E.D.I., including firearm training.

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Grantees will be asked to verify that any awarded advance funding will be held in a segregated, interest-bearing account as required by 44 Ill. Adm. Code 7000.120.

3. Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) and System for Award Management (SAM).

Each applicant (unless the applicant, recipient, or subrecipient is exempt from those requirements under 2 CFR 25.110) is required to:

- (i) Be registered in SAM. To establish a SAM registration, go to www.SAM.gov and/or utilize this instructional link: www.grants.illinois.gov Resource Links tab. SAM.gov registrations must be “public.”
- (ii) Provide a valid UEI number in the GATA Grantee Portal registration.
- (iii) Continue to maintain an active SAM registration with current information at all times during which it has an active Federal, Federal pass-through or State award or an application or plan under consideration by a Federal or State awarding agency. The Board will not make a Federal pass-through or State award to an applicant until the applicant has complied with all applicable UEI and SAM requirements and, if an applicant has not fully complied with the requirements by the time the Board is ready to make a Federal pass-through or State award, the Board may determine that the applicant is not qualified to receive a Federal pass-through or State award and use that determination as a basis for making a Federal pass-through or State award to another applicant.

4. Submission Dates and Times.

Applications for this opportunity must be submitted by 5:00pm CST on Wednesday, December 31st, 2025.

Application materials must be submitted to the Board via Amplifund.

The Board is under no obligation to review applications that do not comply with the above requirements. Failure to meet the application deadline may result in the Board returning application without review or may preclude the Board from making the award.

5. Intergovernmental Review, if applicable.

N/A

6. Funding Restrictions.

This opportunity does allow reimbursement of pre-award costs. Other restrictions can be found in Sections A, B, and C.

7. Other Submission Requirements.

Applicant will receive a confirmation receipt of a successful application submission from Amplifund.

E. Application Review Information

1. Criteria.

The screening and review process for the program is designed to ensure that camera grant funds are awarded to communities that demonstrate the need for financial assistance and have a well-designed proposal. The actual number and types of awards will be subject to funding availability.

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Applicants that meet all criteria in Section C.1 are eligible to receive an award based on funding availability.

2. Review and Selection Process.

Applications will be graded using the Eligibility Criteria Review Process and approved based on the criteria specified in Section E.1.

Awards will be made based on the total amount of funds approved by the Board relative to the amount of available funding. After evaluating the award criteria, the Board may accelerate processing and or reduce an award from the law enforcement agency's requested amount.

The review process is subject to appeal. However, competitive grant appeals are limited to the evaluation process. Only the evaluation process is subject to appeal. The appeal must be submitted in writing to the Board at PTB.Grants@illinois.gov within 14 calendar days after the date that the grant award notice has been published. The written appeal shall include the name and address of the appealing party, the identification of the grant, and a statement of reasons for the appeal.

3. Anticipated Announcement and State Award Dates, if applicable.

After the application period is closed, the Board will conduct a review of eligible applications. Successful applicants will receive a notification from a member of the grant team to initiate their award and grant agreement.

The Board reserves the right to issue a reduced award, or not to issue any award.

F. Award Administration Information

1. State Award Notices.

The award will specify the funding terms and specific conditions resulting from the pre-award risk assessments and the review process. The award must be accepted in Amplifund by an authorized representative of the grantee organization. The award is not an authorization to begin performance or incur costs.

2. Administrative and National Policy Requirements.

Subrecipients and Subcontractors: Agreement(s) and budget(s) with subrecipients and subcontractors must be pre-approved by and on file with ILETSB. Agreements can be submitted to ILETSB when available. Subcontractors and subrecipients are subject to all applicable provisions of the Agreement(s) executed between ILETSB and the grantee. The successful applicant shall retain sole responsibility for the performance of its subrecipient(s) and/or subcontractor(s).

Grant Uniform Requirements: The Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (30 ILCS 708/1 *et seq.*) (and its related administrative rules, 44 Ill. Admin. Code Part 7000), was enacted to increase the accountability and transparency in the use of grant funds from whatever source and to reduce administrative burdens on both State agencies and grantees by adopting federal guidance and regulations applicable to those grant funds; specifically, the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (2 CFR 200).

Procurement: Grantees will be required to adhere to methods of procurement per the Procurement Standards (2 CFR 200.317 – 2 CFR 200.327).

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3. Reporting.

Periodic Performance Report (PPR) and Periodic Financial Report (PFR)

Grantees funded through this NOFO are required to submit in the format required by the Grantor, at least on a quarterly basis, the PPR and PFR electronically to their assigned grant manager. The first of such reports shall cover the first three months after the award begins. Pursuant to 2 CFR 200.328, Periodic Financial Reports shall be submitted no later than 30 calendar days following the period covered by the report. Pursuant to 2 CFR 200.329, Periodic Performance Reports shall be submitted no later than 30 calendar days following the period covered by the report. Any additional reporting requirements will be disclosed in the NOSA. Grantees are required within 45 calendar days following the end of the period of performance to submit a final closeout report in the format required by the Grantor (See 2 CFR 200.344).

Monitoring

Grantees funded through this NOFO are subject to fiscal and programmatic monitoring visits by the Board in accordance with 2 CFR 200.337. They must have an open-door policy allowing periodic visits by Board monitors to evaluate the progress of the project and provide documentation upon request of the monitor. The grant team will also maintain contact with participants and monitor progress and performance of the contracts. The Board may modify grants based on performance.

Audit

Grantees shall be subject to Illinois' statewide Audit Report Review requirements. Terms of the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 (31 USC 7501-7507), Subpart F of 2 CFR Part 200, and the audit rules set forth under the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act Admin Rules shall apply (See 44 IL Admin Code 7000.90).

Annual Reporting

Each law enforcement agency receiving a grant for in-car video cameras under Section 10 of the Law Enforcement Camera Grant Act must provide an annual report to the Board, the Governor, and the General Assembly (see below for email address) on or before May 1 of the year following the receipt of the grant and by each May 1 thereafter during the period of the grant. The report shall include the following: (1) the number of cameras received by the law enforcement agency; (2) the number of cameras actually installed in law enforcement agency vehicles; (3) a brief description of the review process used by supervisors within the law enforcement agency; (4) a list of any criminal, traffic, ordinance, and civil cases in which in-car video recordings were used, including case numbers, offenses charged, and disposition of the matter; proceedings to which this paragraph (4) applies include, but are not limited to, court proceedings, coroner's inquests, grand jury proceedings, and plea bargains; and (5) any other information relevant to the administration of the program.

The Annual reports shall be sent to:

ILETSB: PTB.CameraReporting@illinois.gov

Governor: gov.reports@illinois.gov

General Assembly: reports@ilga.gov

Each law enforcement agency receiving a grant for officer-worn body cameras - data storage under Section 10 of this Act must provide an annual report to the Board, the Governor, and the General Assembly (see below for email addresses) on or before May 1 of the year following the receipt of the grant and by each May 1 thereafter during the period of the grant. The report shall include: (1) a brief overview of the makeup of the agency, including the number of officers utilizing officer-worn body cameras; (2) the number of officer-worn body cameras utilized by the law enforcement agency; (3) any technical issues with the equipment and how those issues were remedied; (4) a brief description of the review process used by supervisors within the law

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enforcement agency; (5) for each recording used in prosecutions of conservation, criminal, or traffic offenses or municipal ordinance violations: (A) the time, date, and location of the incident; and (B) the offenses charged and the date charges were filed; (6) for a recording used in a civil proceeding or internal affairs investigation: (A) the number of pending civil proceedings and internal investigations; (B) in resolved civil proceedings and pending investigations: (i) the nature of the complaint or allegations; (ii) the disposition, if known; and (iii) the date, time and location of the incident; and (7) any other information relevant to the administration of the program.

The Annual reports shall be sent to:

ILETSB: PTB.CameraReporting@illinois.gov

Governor: gov.reports@illinois.gov

General Assembly: reports@ilga.gov

Additional Information: From time to time, the Board may request any other information relevant to the program's administration.

G. State Awarding Agency Contact(s)

ILETSB Grant Team

Illinois Law Enforcement Training & Standards Board

Email: **PTB.Grants@illinois.gov**

H. Other Information, if applicable

ILETSB Live Grantee Training (Pre-Award and Post-Award)

November 5th, 2025 - 10:30 AM-11:30 AM CST

<https://amplifund.zoom.us/j/81730567100?from=addon>

Meeting ID: 817 3056 7100

ILETSB FY26 Law Enforcement Camera Grant Live Q&A

Wednesday, November 19, 2025 - 10:30 AM-11:30 AM CST

Register here: <https://illinois.webex.com/weblink/register/reed561259ce02e3d4ea821caa7b87c51>