



FY27 Law Enforcement Camera Grant Program

Frequently Asked Questions

- 1. Question: Must law enforcement agencies apply directly? Our police department falls under the umbrella of the municipality so they will be the applicant.**

Answer: This opportunity is open to all Illinois law enforcement agencies of municipalities, counties, park districts, state-controlled universities or colleges or public community colleges and all units of Illinois local government recognized by the Illinois Law Enforcement Training & Standards Board. If the police department is a separate entity, they must apply directly using their unique SAM.gov and GATA accounts. If a parent/child relationship exists and the police department falls under a municipality, county or other entity, the Sam.gov and GATA account of that entity would be used and be the applicant.

- 2. Question: Our department purchased body cameras last year, can we receive reimbursement for those?**

Answer: Yes, this opportunity allows grantees to request reimbursement for costs incurred prior to the start date of the grant award. Pre-award costs must have been incurred on or after 7/1/2021 through the date of application submission. Please review Section C.4 of the NOFO for information about the documentation required to request pre-award costs.

- 3. Question: Are we only eligible to apply if we have no other available funding?**

Answer: No, law enforcement agencies that have funds budgeted for items listed in Section B of the NOFO can still apply. However, expenses that have already been reimbursed by ILETSB or any other grant source are not eligible.

- 4. Question: The application asks us to identify the method of payment for funds awarded. How do we know which payment method to choose if we currently lease to own and plan to purchase new in car cameras in the next year?**

Answer: See Section D.2 of the NOFO for information and details on the documentation required for each method of payment. This funding opportunity allows for reimbursement of approved expenses for items purchased or leased prior to the date of award. The opportunity also provides advance payment for future expenses. In this scenario, you would select Advance Payment and provide documentation for both the items purchased or leased prior to award and the quotes or agreements for anticipated future expenses.

5. Question: We received a Camera Grant last year and recently increased the number of law enforcement officers at our department and need additional body-worn cameras. Can we apply?

Answer: Yes, applicants who have previously received a Camera Grant from ILETSB are eligible to apply. Requests for funding should be realistic and must align with the number of law enforcement officers on the current LEDI roster. In addition, the application and supporting documentation must clearly demonstrate that the requested funds will be used for new, previously unreimbursed costs. Expenses that have already been reimbursed by ILETSB or any other grant source are not eligible.

6. Question: Am I still correct that we can spend a maximum of \$895 for each officer-worn body camera?

Answer: No. The information you are referring to comes from an outdated version of the funding notice. The current FY27 Notice of Funding Opportunity contains updated guidance including revised details on allowable costs. There is not a maximum or per unit cost specified in the NOFO. We encourage applicants to rely only on the most recent NOFO posted for this funding cycle, as earlier versions may include outdated or incorrect requirements. The NOFO is posted in the Catalog of State Financial Assistance on the GATA website as well as the Grants Information page of ILETSB's website (www.ptb.illinois.gov/resources/grant-information).

7. Question: We need to upgrade or replace cameras previously purchased with grant funds. Can we apply?

Answer: Yes, applicants who have previously received a Camera Grant from ILETSB are eligible to apply; however, the application and supporting documentation must clearly demonstrate that the requested funds will be used for new, previously unreimbursed costs. Expenses that have already been reimbursed by ILETSB or any other grant source are not eligible.

In addition, 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 the camera from service prior to the third year of the camera's purchase must 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.

8. Question: Can you clarify whether partial grant awards are possible under this program?

Answer: Partial awards may be issued when the application does not include sufficient supporting documentation to justify the full amount requested or when certain proposed expenses are not allowable under the program's guidelines. In these situations, the review team will fund only the portion of the request that is adequately documented and aligned with eligible cost categories. Applicants are encouraged to carefully review Section B of the NOFO for information on allowable expenses and Section D for information about the documentation that must accompany your budget request.

9. Question: Are the costs to install in-car cameras covered?

Answer: No, the cost to install cameras in law enforcement vehicles is not allowed. The opportunity only allows for the cost of the in-car camera, mounting devices and cords/cables that are required for the camera to function.

10. Question: Can we use grant funds to cover the cost of storage and licensing fees if cameras were paid for by another source?

Answer: Data storage and related licensing costs for officer-worn body cameras can be covered by the Camera Grant. Similar expenses for in-car cameras are not an allowable expense. Please refer to Section B of the NOFO for information on allowable expenses.

11. Question: I have additional questions about the application, who should I contact?

Answer: Please submit questions related to the NOFO, the application or required application materials, the Internal Controls Questionnaire (ICQ), Indirect Costs, or pre-qualifying through the GATA Grantee Portal to the ILETSB Grant Team at PTB.Grants@illinois.gov. Please include *FY27 Camera Grant NOFO Question* in the subject line of your email.

12. Question: I am completing the application in Euna. Where do I find our GATA ID?

Answer: The GATA ID is a unique 6-digit code assigned by the GATA Grantee Portal. Individuals who are authorized users of your entity's GATA portal can help you locate this information.

13. Question: We are in the process of renegotiating our lease agreement with our vendor, and the updated agreement may not be finalized before the application deadline. As pricing may change, can we submit the budget without this document and provide it later?

Answer: No, for an application to be considered complete, it must contain Attachments A-G as specified in Section E of the NOFO, along with all required budget documentation for the selected payment option. Section D.2. of the NOFO provides additional information on the required content of applications. If an agreement is not yet finalized, please provide quotes or similar documentation to support the items and associated costs requested in the budget. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.

14. Question: For the attachments and documents that require a signature like the Mandatory Disclosures and Conflict of Interest Disclosure, who should sign those?

Answer: When official documents related to the grant application or award agreement need to be signed on behalf of an organization, they should be signed by an authorized signatory. This typically includes individuals who hold positions with the legal or executive authority to bind the entity such as CEO, Mayor, or the Chair of a County or Village Board. The appropriate signatory may vary depending on the entity's governing policies, the nature of the document and any relevant laws or regulations.

15. Question: I heard there is an Annual Report as well as Quarterly reporting. Is the Annual report the same information submitted in the Quarterly reports? If not, can you clarify the difference?

Answer: This is a great question. Grantees are required to submit, on a quarterly basis, a Periodic Performance Report (PPR) and Periodic Financial Report (PFR) in Euna to report on expenses and activities related to their award. In addition, any law enforcement agency receiving a grant for in-car video cameras or officer-worn body cameras are required to submit an Annual Report per the [Law Enforcement Camera Grant Act](#). Section F.3. of the NOFO provides detailed information about these reports.

16. Question: When are Annual Reports due and what time period should be covered in the report?

Answer: Annual Reports, required of grantees by the [Law Enforcement Camera Grant Act](#) are due on or before May 1 of each year following the grant award during the period of the grant. Your first report should include data beginning when you receive the executed grant agreement through December 31. Subsequent reports should cover the entire calendar year. We recommend collecting data throughout the year vs when the report is coming due, so you have access to the information needed to complete required reporting

17. Question: Can you clarify when we must include the disposition of offenses charged when using cameras? What should we do if the outcome is not known when the report is due?

Answer: Please review Section F. 3. of the NOFO for reporting requirements and/or the statutes governing the report ([Law Enforcement Camera Grant Act \(50 ILCS 707/20\)](#) and the [Law Enforcement Officer-worn Body Camera Act \(50 ILCS 706/10-25\)](#)). In general, officer-worn body cameras require the disposition to be reported only when recordings are used in a civil proceeding or internal affairs investigation. Recordings from in-car cameras must report the disposition as part of the data when reporting criminal, traffic, ordinance, and civil cases.

18. Question: The NOFO states that quarterly reports are completed using Amplifund/Euna. Where can I find more information about what I need to do?

Answer: A recorded Amplifund/Euna demo is available on our website to help you learn basic navigation and understand how to submit and manage an award. You can find it under the Resource tab on the ILETSB website at www.ptb.illinois.gov/resources/grant-information/.

19. Question: We have entered into a multi-year contract for body-worn cameras. We know costs for year 1, but how should we document the estimated costs for year 2 and 3?

Answer: Complete the budget request indicating the total amount you expect to spend over the entire contract. You will also need to attach detailed quotes/bids, invoices, lease agreements, and per unit costs for allowable expenses including accessories, training and data storage as required for the payment option you are requesting. Please review Section D. 3. for required budget documentation.

20. Question: How long do you anticipate it taking to receive funds if we are asking for reimbursement of prior costs?

Answer: A Uniform Grant Agreement will be issued after applications are reviewed and approved. Once your entity signs and returns the agreement we can typically process payment in 1-2 weeks.

21. Question: While reviewing our LEDI roster for Attachment C we discovered the roster is not the most current and is missing important information such as inactive officers and mandated training is not compliant, how do we correct the roster?

Answer: See Section E.2. of the NOFO for how the LEDI roster will be used to evaluate compliance with mandated training. For questions regarding how to update officers' status (inactive, etc.) please contact PTB.Certifications@illinois.gov. For questions regarding mandated training compliance and uploading your current roster, please contact PTB.Training@illinois.gov and/or your ILETSB field representative for additional information. Do not submit additional roster documentation with your grant application as it will not be reviewed.

22. Question: Statute requires the deletion of unflagged video from an officer-worn body camera after 90 days, but the Camera grant requires footage to be kept for 2 years. Is this correct?

Answer: Yes, 50 ILCS 706/10-20 specifies that officer-worn body camera footage should be retained for 90 days and may be deleted if it has not been flagged for further review or use in law enforcement purposes outlined in the statute. If awarded a camera grant, agencies must provide storage of the video records for a period of not less than 2 years as outlined in 50 ILCS 707/15. As outlined in Section B of the NOFO, data storage for officer-worn body cameras is an allowable expense covered by the funding opportunity.