FY27 Law Enforcement Camera Grant Program

Frequently Asked Questions

Questions must be submitted to PTB.Grants@illinois.gov by 5:00 pm CST on November 9, 2026

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.

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23. Question: Are eligible entities limited to those with law enforcement officers only or are corrections officers and court security eligible?

Answer: Please review Section C. 1. of the NOFO. The opportunity is limited to law enforcement officers subject to the mandated training requirements of Section 7 of the Police Training Act (50 ILCS 705). Cameras for Corrections Officers, Court Security Officers and Auxiliary Officers are currently not eligible.

24. Question: I see in the NOFO that costs incurred prior to the award start date are allowed. Can you confirm that if we ordered body cameras yesterday, this would be an allowable expense to request funding for?

Answer: Yes, please see Question #2 above. To request reimbursement for pre-award costs, select reimbursement for your method of payment when completing the Procurement

Information section in Euna. Submit supporting documentation as outlined in D. 2. Option 1 of the NOFO.

25. Question: We received an award under the FY26 grant and our current BWC contract runs through 2028. Would we still be eligible to apply for FY27 funding and if so, how should we approach the application differently? For example, would we be applying for additional eligible costs going forward, or updating the information from our previous application?

Answer: Yes, applicants who have previously received an ILETSB Camera Grant are eligible to reapply. See Section C. 4 of the NOFO for eligibility information. 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 or identified as those to receive advance payment for future years by ILETSB cannot be considered.

26. Question: If an eligible officer-worn body camera / data storage / licensing expense is included in an agency's approved local operating budget and is being paid with General Fund dollars, may the agency request reimbursement of that expense? Would reimbursement of a previously budgeted but not previously reimbursed expense be considered supplanting? If so, what specific action would the agency need to take to demonstrate that grant funds are supplementing rather than supplanting local funds? Also, does ILETSB distinguish between an expense that was included in an approved budget and an expense for which the agency has already obligated or paid with local funds?

Answer: Eligible expenses that have not been reimbursed by ILETSB or any other grant source are eligible. This opportunity allows for reimbursement of pre-award costs if they were incurred on or after 7/1/21 through the date of application (see Section C. 4 of the NOFO). ILETSB will consider previously budgeted but not previously reimbursed expenses as well. When completing the Procurement Information section and the Budget you will be asked to distinguish pre-award costs that you may be seeking reimbursement for as well as anticipated future costs for eligible expenses. Please review Section D. 2 of the NOFO for information about the documentation required to support your budget.

27. Question: I am attempting to access the State of Illinois Euna Grants/AmpliFund system to apply for a grant and when I click "apply", I am redirected to https:/il.amplifund.com/account/UserNotFound.aspx What do I need to do to be able to apply for the grant?

Answer: For security reasons, each individual accessing the Grantee Portal must have a unique user account that is linked or associated with your organization. The error indicates you do not have an individual user account in the GATA Grantee Portal. You will need to register as an authorized user in the GATA portal at https://grants.illinois.gov/portal/GMS.aspx and then your Agency Administrator will approve your request.

28. Question: I am trying to apply for the FY27 Law Enforcement Camera Grant and any links that lead to this application seem to be disabled. Where can I find a link to apply?

Answer: The link to apply can be found on the GATA CSFA page by searching Current Funding Opportunities and FY27 Law Enforcement Camera Grant
https://il.amplifund.com/Public/Opportunities/Details/a7a97ce6-7f6f-4353-9659-705a1233f916

29. Question: We would like to apply but have limited experience with grants. Where should we start?

Answer: The instructions for this opportunity are available at
https://www.ptb.illinois.gov/media/2114/fy27-camera-grant_nofo.pdf

Please review Section C of the NOFO to ensure your entity is registered with GATA and meets the Pre-Qualification requirements. This process can take several weeks so it is important to complete pre-qualification as soon as possible.

Applications must be submitted via Euna (formerly AmpliFund) at
https://il.amplifund.com/Public/Opportunities/Details/a7a97ce6-7f6f-4353-9659-705a1233f916

We would also encourage you to attend the LIVE Technical Assistance Session being held on Wednesday, October 7, 2026, from 11:00 am – 12:30 pm (CST)
Register at: https://illinois.webex.com/weblink/register/r9af5b5fd150c35e6f1431d1662ad234e

30. Question: We are a large public school district with our own law enforcement team. Are we eligible to apply?

Answer: Unfortunately, schools and school districts are not eligible. As stated in Section C. 1. of the NOFO the opportunity is limited to Illinois Law Enforcement agencies of municipalities, counties, park districts, state-controlled universities or colleges or public community colleges and all units of local government recognized by the Illinois Law Enforcement Training & Standards Board. The opportunity is limited to law enforcement officers subject to the mandated training requirements of Section 7 of the Police Training Act (50 ILCS 705). Cameras for School Resource Officers are currently not eligible.

31. Question: Is Axon report-writing software and translation software eligible for reimbursement under this grant? If not, could you clarify what "associated technology" is covered?

Answer: No, Axon report-writing software and translation software are not eligible under this grant. Associated technology is limited to technology that helps the Body Worn Camera function. This can include mounts, clips, batteries, USB cables, charging docks and tap refresh. Please refer to Section B of the NOFO for information on allowable expenses.

32. Question: Is there cap for the in-car cameras individually or an amount we can apply for reimbursement?

Answer: There are no caps to the individual items (see question #6). Individual grant awards will not exceed $3,000,000. Requests for funding should be realistic and must not exceed the number of law enforcement officers on the current LEDI roster.

33. Question: What time period does the FY27 Camera Grant include?

Answer: This opportunity allows for both reimbursement of pre-award costs as well as advance funding for future expenses. Pre-award costs must have been incurred on or after 7/1/2021 through the date of application submission. Applications may also request advance funding for future costs through 6/30/2031 (for example: annual payments related to multi-year vendor contracts).

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34. Question: Is there a template available for the Annual Camera Grant Report?

Answer: Yes, templates are available on ILETSB's website (www.ptb.illinois.gov/resources/forms-information) to help guide the collection of information needed for Annual Camera Grant Reporting: Body Camera Grantee Annual Incident Reporting Form and Official In-Car Camera Report Chart.

35. Question: I understand that in-car camera footage has to be retained for 2 years, does the same apply for body-camera footage?

Answer: Yes, the Law Enforcement Officer-Worn Body Camera Act (50 ILCS 706/10-20) stipulates that officer-worn body camera footage related to a flagged encounter must be retained for 2 years after the recording was flagged and if used in a criminal, civil, or administrative proceeding, the recording shall not be destroyed until a final disposition and order from the court. As outlined in Section B of the NOFO, data storage for officer-worn body cameras is an allowable expense covered by the funding opportunity.

36. Question: We are transitioning to a cloud-based storage system for camera recordings; the vendor provides a single integrated system for both officer-worn and in-car camera recordings that is not separately priced by camera type. Since FY27 Camera Grant funds allow data storage for officer-worn body cameras, would the integrated cloud-storage subscription be an eligible expense? If not, what method should the Department use to determine the eligible officer-worn body camera cost?

Answer: Unfortunately, ILETSB must have costs separated to provide grant funding for data storage related to officer-worn body cameras since in-car data storage is not an allowable expense. Contact the vendor to request a breakdown of costs by camera type. Most companies are able to separate the costs.

37. Question: We are looking at multi-year subscription for cameras, are multi-year subscriptions allowable and if so, can the subscription period extend past 6/30/31. For example, if we enter into a five-year agreement that extends past 6/30/31 would that be acceptable?

Answer: A multi-year subscription agreement is allowed. The subscription with your vendor may extend beyond 6/30/31, however all grant related expenditures must occur during the period of performance which will begin 7/1/26 (to include pre-award costs) through 6/30/31.

38. Question: The application asks for a signed quote for documentation for advance pay. Would you accept a letter of intent to sign the contracted quote with the vendor?

Answer: A signed quote is required. We request that you sign the vendor's quote for documentation purposes acknowledging the pricing and dates shown on the contract. Your organization may decide to update that signature and date when you actually sign and execute the agreement with the Vendor.

39. Question: Our cameras are still in good working order, but we still must pay for storage. Can we apply for the grant to just pay for the storage, or do we have to purchase all new cameras?

Answer: You may apply for any of the allowable expenses covered by the grant. Costs associated with data storage of officer-worn body cameras can be applied for separately or in combination with a request for funding for cameras.

40. Question: Can we use grant funds to cover the cost of warranties on any of the hardware/equipment?

Answer: No, warranty costs associated with body-worn and in-car cameras are not an allowable grant expense.

41. Question: Our vendor sent a quote, but I question the eligibility of some of the items listed and am wondering if you can review it and provide guidance on what is allowed?

Answer: To ensure a fair and equitable review process for all applicants, we are not able to provide individualized feedback or guidance on specific applications while the application period is open. We advise you to provide as much information as possible with your budget request, including any costs you feel could be allowed based on what is listed in the NOFO. As we thoroughly evaluate and consider requests, we may deny any items that are not allowed and reduce the amount of your request as we make awards.

42. Question: For Attachment C, the LEDI Roster, is there a preferred format? I see that the report can be generated as a PDF and Excel, but when using those our name and roster date do not appear.

Answer: You are correct that when using the PDF or Excel buttons to create a LEDI roster report your agency name and roster date will not appear. Those versions are being accepted. You may also print your screen from the web browser; the agency name and roster submission date will show in the header of the document that prints. Either version is acceptable to submit with your application.

43. Question: If we submit our grant early and there are any errors, will we be contacted to fix those before being rejected?

Answer: No, we will not be pre-reviewing applications. If you believe there was an error in your application, you may request for it to be returned by emailing PTB.Grants@illinois.gov. Pre-reviewing provides an unfair advantage to some applicants.

44. Question: I submitted my application early and realized I did not name it correctly. Should I correct that and resubmit?

Answer: No, for FY27 we are requesting that you use FY27 (your entity name) Camera Grant when completing the Name of Project field in the Euna Uniform Grant Application. This naming convention is being requested to help us provide better technical assistance and expedited review. Applications will not be rejected based on name of the application.

45. Question: Can you review what "Current LEDI Roster" means?

Answer: Your agency needs to have uploaded/updated your current officer roster, as of July 2026, to your LEDI profile.

46. Question: Would in-car video cameras for Community Service Officers (non-sworn) at our police department be allowed. These vehicles can also be used by police officers but are mainly used for CSO's.

Answer: No, in-car cameras are for law enforcement vehicles primarily used by law enforcement officers.

47. Question: Are grants paid in lump sum or paid every year?

Answer: This is a lump sum payment for either reimbursement, advance payment or both. Once grant agreements are in place, you will get one payment to either reimburse you for costs you've already paid or you will hold funds and spend as needed for future expenses.

48. Question: What if you are adding an officer onto your roster next week? Would that additional camera be covered?

Answer: Yes, if your updated LEDI roster includes this individual we would be able to provide funding. Please update and submit a new roster with your application.

49. Question: We are planning to submit a request for future funding from 07/01/27 - 06/30/31. Would we get a quote for that time period, or does it need to be a quote broken down by each future fiscal year, or one summary for the entire time frame?

Answer: This will depend on which vendor you are using. Most quotes can and should be broken down by year. We need to have it broken down by year to be able to review how funding is being used. Please note, you may not start using advance payment funding until the beginning of the date listed on the quote.

50. Question: For method of payment, can you explain Advance payment? I am not sure which option to choose for this grant. We have a 5-year contract already signed (since 2024) and we are looking for pre-award 2025 and costs in the future for the contract. Which option would we choose?

Answer: For those with both pre-award and future costs, select Advance Payment when completing the Procurement Information in Euna. This will allow you to request both reimbursement of the pre-award costs as well as advance payment of those future expenses. See Question 24 for more information.

51. Question: If we have a quote executed and set to start 2/1/27, would we still choose advance payment even if award notification is being made in April of next year and we could have already paid that first invoice?

Answer: Yes, see question 50. If you have an agreement that starts before the anticipated grant award, select advance payment. You are asking us to consider future costs not paid before the application is submitted. If you happen to make a payment before the grant agreement is executed, we can reimburse you based on advance payment and providing the required documentation.

52. Question: What are the reporting requirements in addition to the typical quarterly reports? Will this grant require police departments to report using the Excel sheet from the previous grant?

Answer: There are two types of reports required for this opportunity. First is the quarterly report – a performance report and financial report. These are submitted in Euna. Prior grantees may have used an Excel version of the quarterly report. You may continue to use these forms and upload to Euna or simply complete the Euna reports.

The second report required is the Annual Camera Reporting. There are excel sheets that can be used to track the information for that report. Those are available on our website – see question 34 for links.

53. Question: Do you apply for advanced payment if an agency will be required to pay for the cameras after grant submission date but before the award announcement?

Answer: Yes, see question 51 above

54. Question: I saw in the FAQ's that Tap Refresh is covered, but in grant docs it says the BWCs must be used for 3 years, but tap refresh gives new BWCs at 2.5 years. How does that work with the grant?

Answer: Tap refresh provides a technology update on existing camera. This is allowable.

55. Question: Under the FY25 Camera Grant, we submitted approximately $15,000 in eligible expenses but received an award of only about $2,000. The award did not identify which specific line items were reimbursed. If we provide detailed invoices and proof of payment, may we request reimbursement under the FY27 grant for the remaining unreimbursed expenses, assuming they are otherwise eligible?

Answer: Yes, expenses incurred since 7/1/2021 can be considered as long as not reimbursed by ILETSB or another grant. Please submit detailed documentation to support the request.

56. Question: Are pre-award in-car cameras fully reimbursed? Or just a portion per camera?

Answer: There is no limit per camera. See questions 6 and 32 above for more information. Cost of installation of the in-car camera is not allowable.

57. Question: If we are applying for reimbursement from already purchased and installed cameras, should the roster reflect the officers at that time or active roster now?

Answer: For installed cameras, if they are completed, we would need to make sure they are aligned with the LEDI roster. If you have added more officers in the past year, you may apply for additional cameras. Those applications will be taken into consideration on a case-by-case basis.

58. Question: Since we have a 10-year contract, we can only get funding for the next 5 years, correct? Then in 2031 we would reapply for the next 5?

Answer: Yes, we will provide reimbursement or funding for expenses through June 2031 and then yes, you would be eligible to reapply for future costs.

59. Question: When we provide our LEDI roster, do we also send our inactive officer reports and will those inactive officers be considered eligible for cameras as well since they typically are coming back from a leave?

Answer: We do not need any additional documentation. The LEDI roster is all that is required.

60. Question: We are requesting advanced payment from one quote. We will also be requesting reimbursement from another quote, as well as advanced payment from the same quote for future expenses. Do I combine the cost for advanced payments from both quotes and put that in the Purpose areas?

Answer: Summarize the request in the budget line items and mark up the quotes/invoices, use the narrative section in the budget to help us better understand your needs. The Purpose Areas will help us understand when you anticipate using the funds.

61. Question: If a camera grant was previously awarded from 2021/2022 for BWCs, when we go to surplus/sell those cameras, are there any requirements for use of those proceeds?

Answer: Please note: incorrect information was provided during the webinar held on 10/7/26. As stated in Section A of the NOFO, agencies that remove cameras from service prior to the third year of purchase shall submit a report to the Board by emailing PTB.CameraReporting@illinois.gov. The email should identify the make, model, and serial number of the specific camera, as well as a statement explaining the reason for retirement.

After three years of use, cameras purchased using grant funds may either be traded in, moved to surplus or sold with the proceeds used to offset the cost of replacement. Retain an accurate inventory of the items as well as how items were disposed of for audit purposes. See 2 CFR 200.313 & 200.314 for more information.

62. Question: Are in-car cameras for jail transport allowed?

Answer: Unfortunately, in-car cameras for jail transport are not covered under this opportunity. See question 46.

63. Question: Will BWCs cameras for part-time officers be covered?

Answer: Yes, as long as the officer is listed on the LEDI roster their cameras are eligible for this opportunity. Also, officers who are on leave and currently in the academy are eligible.

64. Question: Could you review the most common reasons applications did not get approved last year?

Answer: The most common reason applications were denied in FY26 was missing information. This included submitting only the budget template and no additional supporting documentation. Agencies who did not submit all required materials listed in the NOFO were also denied.

65. Question: Can you briefly explain again what is a non-direct (indirect) cost?

Answer: Indirect expenses must align with the percentage in your GATA Portal. It is a percentage – the percentage currently used by many in the state is 15% - applied to the total of your budget. The amount is used to cover administrative overhead such as the cost of compiling and submitting quarterly reports, grant oversight, data collection, back office processing of invoices, receipts, making payments and communication with the vendor. Please review Section C. 3 of the NOFO.

66. Question: Can you clarify how agencies should comply with the grant's video retention requirement when Illinois statute requires unflagged video to be deleted or destroyed after 90 days? FAQ #22 references the 90-day requirement but does not explain how to reconcile it with the grant's longer storage requirement. Does the grant require agencies to retain all recordings longer, or only maintain the storage capacity for recordings eligible for extended retention?

Answer: The requirement under the grant is for flagged video footage only. We are aware that the two laws are contradictory. Non-flagged footage may be deleted after the required 90 days.

67. Question: Will you be offering this webinar again? Will there be a recording that I can look at and will you be sending out the PowerPoint used during the session?

Answer: No, the webinar will not be offered again; however, the slides from this webinar will be emailed to all participants after the session. We will also post the slides and recording on our website.

68. Question: We are requesting Advance Payment. What happens to the interest earned while keeping the funds in an interest bearing account? Do we put it toward the purchase or do we have to send it back to the state?

Answer: The grantee may retain $500 for administrative purposes; the remaining balance must be returned to the state (Grantor – ILETSB) at the end of each fiscal year (2 CFR200.305 (b)(12)). For example, if your agency earns $800 in interest, you may keep $500 and must return the other $300 to ILETSB. This process applies each year, or whenever your agency has used all funds, whichever comes first. Review the ILETSB Tip Sheet - Interest Earned on Grant Funds available on our website for more information on this topic.

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69. Question: Our current data storage contract is for 10 years, can we request funding for the full 10-year contract, or would we only be able to request reimbursement for the portion of the contract that falls within the grant period (ending 6/30/2031)?

Answer: The performance period end on 6/30/31 – all grant funded expenses must occur before the end of June 2031. If your contract with the vendor extends beyond 2031, you would be eligible to reapply for costs beyond 6/2031. See Questions 33 and 58 above

70. Question: Do reporting requirements associated with the grant depend on the length of our vendor contract or the grant period that ends in June 2031?

Answer: Quarterly reports – both Periodic Performance ad Periodic Financial Reports – are due until the end of the grant's performance period (2031) unless the grant is closed early. For example, a grantee uses all funds for a vendor contract that ends in 2028 – quarterly reports would terminate as we close out the grant early once funds are exhausted in 2028.

Annual Camera Reporting is due annually for the entire contract term with final reports due by May 2032. See Section F 3 of the NOFO for more information.

71. Question: We are considering requesting reimbursement for body-worn cameras purchased in 2023. If approved, would we then be required to provide any of the detailed camera reporting information retroactively for the years between the 2023 purchase and the start of the Fy27 grant period? Or would the reporting requirements associated with the grant begin with the FY27 grant?

Answer: No, the obligation to collect and report the data points required in the detailed Annual Reports begins when the grant agreement is executed. We estimate agreements will be finalized by April 2027 so data collection would begin on/around that time through December 2027 with the first report due by May 2028 and annually thereafter for full calendar years.

72. Question: Our Village signed a new contract earlier this year with first payment occurring in August 2026. We have a prior contract with the same vendor that started in 2019. Am I correct that pre-award costs began in August 2026? Would the previous contract be relevant for this application?

Answer: Given the information provided, the Village appears to be eligible for both reimbursement of Pre-Award costs connected to both the previous and new contracts as well as future expenses connected to the new contract.

If not previously reimbursed by ILETSB or another grant, expenses tied to the original 2019 contract could be considered as pre-award costs (expenses must have occurred on/after 7/1/21). The initial payment made on the new 2026 contract would also fall into pre-award (submission of the proof of payment, invoices, etc. that occurred prior to the application submission). The Village would also be eligible for any annual/future expenses they anticipate through 6/30/31 under the new contract as advance payment.

73. Question: The Programmatic Risk Assessment form (Attachment G) only allows one response in sections with multiple parts (e.g. 1.1 a, b, c) and is clearing previous selections. Please advise how to proceed.

Answer: Thank you for letting us know about the issue with the fillable form. We have posted an updated version on our website, which should work correctly. We can also send you an updated form by request at PTB.Grants@illinois.gov. You may also print the form, handwrite your responses in ink and upload the completed document.

74. Question: We have an itemized quote provided to us by our vendor but are unclear as to which categories to include "body worn camera software and software support" and "video equipment refresh" in our budget request. These items keep the camera in working order and are part of the overall camera purchase.

Answer: The software you describe would qualify as BWC associated technology. When developing your budget, we recommend entering it on the associated technology line item. However, it could be included with your body-worn camera expenses on the budget and this would not disqualify the items during review.

75. Question: Is there a cap on what an agency can ask for or would we be eligible for the entire costs of department cameras? In the past we were advised that the most you could request was a specific amount.

Answer: There is no limit per camera. See questions 6 and 32 above for more information. The maximum award will not exceed $3,000,000.

76. Question: We are in the first year of a five-year contract and will be billed annually. If we only have proof of payment for the first year of payment, are we only able to request that amount or can we request the full total over 5 years?

Answer: Please review questions 33, 50, and 51 above and refer to Section D. 2 of the NOFO for information on the supporting documentation needed when requesting both reimbursement of pre-award and advance payment for future costs.

77. Question: Can you review a copy of our vendor quote/invoice and advise which of the non-camera items can be included in our request?

Answer: To ensure a fair and equitable review process for all applicants, we are not able to provide individualized feedback or guidance on specific applications or review invoices while the application period is still open.

In general, warranties are not an allowable expense. Data storage for in-car cameras is not an allowable expense. Data storage and related licensing costs for officer-worn body cameras can be covered. If you would like us to consider any item shown on the invoice/quote, please provide as much information as possible with your budget request to assist with the review process. Include notes in the comment section of the budget to explain the items if the purpose of the line items are not clear on the vendor's statement. We will thoroughly evaluate each request and may reduce the amount awarded if costs are determined to be unallowable. Please refer to Section B of the NOFO or the slide deck from our recent informational session (recording on our website) for information on allowable expenses.

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78. Question: If we are requesting the initial advance to be 100%, do we need to list any amount(s) in the monthly payment schedule?

Answer: When completing the Proposed Payment Schedule, completion of the monthly schedule is not necessary. Grants are typically paid as a one-time lump sum payment rather than monthly installments. See question #47 for more information.

79. Question: If we are asking for the initial advance to be 100%, then in the Purpose Area of the budget do we list the amount in Pre-Award or Year 1?

Answer: Purpose areas will help us understand when you plan to utilize the funds. Pre-Award would be used for any costs already incurred that we are reimbursing. Year 1, 2, 3, etc. are to estimate expenses in future years (for example annual payments being made on a multi-year contract with the vendor) that you will not have paid prior to submitting your application.

80. Question: When entering line items under the Software Licensing costs for Body-worn Cameras category in the budget, I receive an error "Purpose area allocations must total each funding amount" when I try to save.

Answer: This error seems to appear if the Item Type selected is Direct Cost Calculation. We recommend changing it to "Non-Personnel" and completing the required fields. You may use the Description or Narrative field to provide cost per item calculations or other details to support your request.

81. Question: Our annual invoice shows each body-worn camera and in-car camera individually. The costs associated with each include applicable storage, licensing and lease fees for the individual device. For purposes of the grant request, should these costs be listed individually as camera/equipment expenses or should they be separated and listed under associated technology and/or body-worn camera data storage category?

Answer: For purposes of the grant budget, costs must be listed individually as camera/equipment expenses. The storage and licensing portions must be separated and listed under associated technology and/or body-worn camera data storage category. Vendors should be able to provide a breakdown of the cost per equipment (camera), storage, license, etc. separately.

82. Question: Can you provide guidance on how to handle the proposed payment schedule in the project information section when doing a mix of reimbursement and advance payment?

Answer: When completing the Proposed Payment Schedule, completion of the monthly schedule is not necessary. See question #47 and 78.

83. Question: In the Uniform Grant Application section it asks if we have ever received funding from ILETSB. Does this mean for this project or for anything?

Answer: Use this section to identify any grant funding received from ILETSB (ex. Recruitment & Retention, NIBIN, Camera grant). We are particularly interested in previous Camera grant funding.

84. Question: The budget section does not allow us to separate reimbursement of pre-award and advance payment when completing line items. Do we combine costs and explain in the narrative?

Answer: Correct, combine the totals for pre-award/reimbursement and advance payment by category and line item in the budget. You may use the narrative boxes and the Purpose Areas in the budget to provide additional information about each cost. See question 60 and 79 for information on the new Purpose Area section. Provide additional documentation as outlined in Section D 2 of the NOFO to support the request.

85. Question: I have a list of total expenses (reimbursement and advance payment). Our community received a federal grant that covered a portion of these costs. How do we account for the other grant funds in the budget?

Answer: See Section C 4 of the NOFO – expenses that have already been reimbursed by ILETSB or any other grant source are not eligible for consideration. Please consult your business or financial office to determine which specific expenses were covered by the federal award and exclude those specific costs from the ILETSB Camera grant request.

86. Question: In the Purpose Area section, what is the difference between pre-award and years 1-5?

Answer: Purpose areas are a new budget section to help us better understand when you anticipate using the awarded funds. Pre-Award would be the amount you have already paid prior to application submission and are seeking reimbursement for. Years 1-5 (2027-2031) are to be used to estimate future expenses such as annual payments to your vendor on a multi-year agreement.

87. Question: We would like to claim indirect costs (ex. The De Minimis rate of 15%). Can indirect costs be claimed on both the body cameras and the subscription/data storage? Thus, the indirect is applied to the full amount?

Answer: Correct, the indirect rate can be applied to the entire subtotal of the budget.

88. Question: Do quotes need to be signed for the body cameras and subscription? We have not entered into an agreement with the vendor yet, as procurement is dependent up on award.

Answer: Yes, a signed quote is required. The vendor does not need to countersign or receive this copy. It is for documentation purposes only. Please see question #38

89. Question: Can we request funding for in-car cameras for future fleet we plan on buying in the next year or so since the grant covers until 2031 and we anticipate buying more squad cars?

Answer: Yes, see Section D 2 of the NOFO for information about requesting advance payment for future costs based on a quote or multi-year lease agreement.

90. Question: Just to clarify, a marked prisoner transport vehicle does not qualify and neither do CSO vehicles?

Answer: In-car cameras supported with grant funds must be used by sworn law enforcement officers the majority of the time. Vehicles used primarily for other purposes such as use by corrections officers, Jail transport vehicles or CSO vehicles are not eligible. See question #46.

91. Question: In reference to the Programmatic Risk Assessment question #1.4 a) Are program payments/expenses based on a rate or unit of service? What does that mean?

Answer: Rate or unit of service billing and program payments refers to charging a fixed amount for a measure of work or service rather than a set price. Examples include telecommunications charging $0.15/minute or a monthly subscription fee plus a fee for additional storage past a set amount, construction charging based on per square mile of road paved or a mental health provider charging per 15 minutes of the session.

The question on the Risk Assessment is asking if your agreement with the vendor is based on fixed amounts per camera, licensing, etc. or if you anticipate having additional fees added based on usage.

92. Question: I am applying for both reimbursement and advanced payment and am requesting funds for about 90 cameras. When filling out these sections it asks the total amount of cameras I am requesting funding for. The way our vendor contract was written, our BWC and fleet cameras were bundled, and we pay a portion of each over the course of 5 years. For example, the camera's hardware total payment is paid out over the contract's course. So, when I'm filling out the application should I request reimbursement for all the requested cameras (i.e. 90 cameras) and then put that same quantity down for the Advanced Funding Section since we still have payments that will be due for the same cameras?

Answer: It is unclear in your example if you have a total of 90 cameras or 90 of each type. The Procurement section is asking you to report the number of each type of camera based on how we will provide payment. Please report the number of cameras (by type) that you have incurred costs on in the pre-award/reimbursement section and the number of cameras (by type) you anticipate having future costs on for the advance payment section. The budget section will ask you to break down the costs for BWC and in-car cameras as well as any BWC data storage, licensing and additional technology you are requesting.

93. Question: I am requesting reimbursement for costs from 2023 – 2026 and advance payment for 2027-2028. Do we need three separate reports to show the costs for each year?

Answer: Please see Section D 2 of the NOFO

To request reimbursement of pre-award costs (in your example 2023 and payments made in 2026) you would need to submit original detailed invoices with zero-balance and proof of payment (i.e. cancelled check, EFT or other bank statement) dated prior to the date of application submission.

To request advance payment for future costs (in your example 2026 not yet paid through 2028) you would submit detailed lease agreement/quotes with signature of someone with signing authority at the City or within the department to confirm amounts shown and dates of your agreement.

94. Question: I found two different CSFA numbers on the GATA site for the Camera Grant. Which one is correct?

Answer: The CSFA for the FY27 Camera grant is 569-00-3496 as stated on the NOFO cover page and on the grant details page at the top of the Opportunity Information Section that opens when you click the link to apply on Euna Grants.

95. Question: Question #62 of the FAQ relates to cameras used for jail transport and states that they are not eligible for reimbursement. Our Axon contract is billed as "Standard 2 Camera Kit" as we install one camera on the dash and one in the prisoner transport area. Will we need to request a breakdown of these cameras if only dash camas are allowed?

Answer: the question you are referring to is related to vehicles used primarily for transportation of prisoners and detainees. The standard camera kit installed in vehicles used by law enforcement officers is allowable and no additional breakdown is required.

96. Question: We purchased 4 squad cameras in 2024 and received funding through ILETSB. We recently purchased 2 more cameras in 2025 to add to our fleet. When we did this, we went through a "refresh" with the vendor and they sent out new/updated cameras to be installed. Will the grant cover the new cameras and the "refreshed" equipment?

Answer: The additional cameras purchased in 2025 as well as the "refresh" could be considered for reimbursement under pre-award costs. If the current cameras are under a multi-year agreement or contract, the annual payments through 6/30/31 can also be considered as part of your request. You can provide details of the new vs refresh in the budget narrative boxes to help us understand that these are not the same cameras we reimbursed you for in the prior grant.

97. Question: The Procurement Information form does not have an option to request reimbursement for Officer-Worn Accessories. How should we proceed?

Answer: The sixth yes/no question in the Reimbursement/Pre-Award section should read "Is your agency requesting reimbursement for Officer-Worn Accessories" instead of advanced funding as that information is reported in the next section. We apologize for the confusion.