

**Organized Retail Theft Prevention Grant Program**

5227-117-0001—For local assistance, Board of State and Community Corrections  
..... 85,000,000

Schedule:

	4945-Corrections Planning and Grant Programs	
(1)	.....	85,000,000

Provisions:

The amount appropriated in this item shall be for competitive grants for city police, county sheriffs' departments, and probation departments. These law enforcement agencies may apply individually or on behalf of a group of entities that includes other law enforcement agencies or non-law-enforcement entities, including, but not limited to, community-based organizations or prosecutors' offices.

1.

Grant funds shall be used to support local law enforcement agencies in preventing and responding to organized retail theft, motor vehicle or motor vehicle accessory theft, or cargo theft. Permissible uses of grant funds include, but are not limited to, purchase of technology or other equipment to help deter strategies for preventing or responding to crime. These funds shall be used to supplement and not supplant existing funds for these activities.

2.

All entities receiving grant funding shall be required to comply with all applicable privacy laws and regulations.

3.

Grants shall be made on a competitive basis to localities that can demonstrate, using data, that organized retail theft, motor vehicle or motor vehicle accessory theft, or cargo theft pose a significant problem in their jurisdictions.

4.

An applicant shall submit a proposal, in a form prescribed by the Board of State and Community Corrections, which shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

5.

Data demonstrating the nature and scale of the specific crime problem,  
(a) which the applicant proposes to address using grant funds.

(b) Clearly defined and measurable objectives for this grant.

A description of how the applicant proposes to use the grant funds to achieve the stated objectives, including any plans to coordinate or collaborate with other entities such as public agencies, community organizations, or retailers.  
(c)

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(d) A discussion of research or other evidence indicating that the proposed activities would likely achieve the intended objectives.

(e) A discussion of how the applicant plans to sustain the proposed activities after grant funds expire or an explanation of why proposed activities are limited term in nature.

(f) A description of existing or proposed policies to limit racial bias in utilizing these funds.

(g) If proposing an investment in surveillance technologies, a description of existing or proposed policies to govern the use of those technologies, including how the applicant will comply with applicable privacy laws and secure any data collected or stored.

6. The Board of State and Community Corrections shall post to its public website all applications received.

7. In awarding grants, the Board of State and Community Corrections shall give preference to applicants whose grant proposals demonstrate the greatest need for additional resources and likelihood of success in reducing organized retail theft, motor vehicle or motor vehicle accessory theft, and cargo theft.

8. Each grantee shall report to the Board of State and Community Corrections, in a form and at intervals prescribed by the board, their progress in achieving the grant objectives.

9. The Board of State and Community Corrections shall, by no later than 90 days following the close of each grant cycle, prepare and submit a report to the Legislature in compliance with Section 9795 of the Government Code regarding the impact of the initiatives supported by the grant. This report, at minimum, shall include: (a) Grant recipients and the amount awarded to each; (b) How the funding was used; (c) What outcomes and objectives were achieved.

10. Upon order of the Director of Finance, up to 5 percent of the amount appropriated in Schedule (1) shall be transferred to Schedule (1) of Item 5227-001-0001 for costs to administer the grant program. Funds transferred pursuant to this provision are available for encumbrance or expenditure until June 30, 2027.

11. Any unspent funds identified in Schedule (1) shall revert to the General Fund as of June 30, 2027.