

**Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding (CESF) Program
Request for Applications**

Frequently Asked Questions – 12.9.2020

1.	What is the Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program?
	The California CESF Program provides emergency federal funding to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus with a focus on meeting the CESF re-entry related needs of individuals.
2.	What does re-entry mean in the CESF Request for Applications (RFA)?
	For the purpose of this RFA, re-entry is defined as release from a custodial setting (e.g. state prison, county jails, juvenile halls, ranches, camps, etc.) back into the community (CESF Proposal Instructions Packet, Page 28).
3.	Must CESF be used solely for re-entry?
	No. However, applicants are asked to describe how their proposed approach will meet the re-entry related needs of individuals.
4.	Can CESF be spent on juvenile justice populations in detention centers?
	Yes. CESF may be spent on juvenile justice populations in detention centers if the funds are used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus.
5.	Can counties allocate CESF to support further testing of detained juveniles for COVID-19?
	Yes
6.	Can a portion/percentage of the CESF allotment be used to manage the local project?
	Yes. However, the intent of the CESF program is to allocate the maximum amount of funding to efforts that prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus.
7.	Can Counties claim indirect cost?
	Yes. Counties may use their federally approved Negotiated Indirect Cost Rate (derived from a federal formula) to seek reimbursement for indirect costs OR counties without a federally approved Negotiated Indirect Cost Rate may use the Federal De Minimis (10% of Modified Total Direct Cost) to seek reimbursement for indirect costs. Please refer to the BSCC Grant Administration Guide for additional information: http://www.bscc.ca.gov/s_correctionsplanningandprograms/
8.	Does the CESF Program have a match requirement?
	No

9.	How is supplanting defined?
	Supplanting is the deliberate reduction in the amount of federal, state, or local funds being appropriated to an existing program or activity because grant funds have been awarded for the same purposes. Supplanting is strictly prohibited for all BSCC grants. The CESF Program shall be used to support new program activities or to augment or expand existing program activities but shall not be used to replace existing funds. When using outside funds as match, applicants must be careful not to supplant. It is the responsibility of the grantee to ensure that supplanting does not occur. The grantee must keep clear and detailed financial records to show that grant funds are used only for allowable costs and activities (CESF Proposal Instructions Packet, Page 5).
10.	Who develops the CESF Local Advisory Committee?
	Counties must form a CESF Local Advisory Committee that includes stakeholders who have experience and expertise in the prospective programs and/or services to be implemented by the proposal. At a minimum the CESF Local Advisory Committee should include representatives from non-governmental community-based organizations, Tribes, and cities within the county that are impacted by the proposal (CESF Proposal Instructions Packet, Page 5).
11.	Does the CESF Local Advisory Committee have a say in the minimum 20% pass-through to non-governmental community-based organization and the 80% the county retains to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus?
	Yes. The CESF Local Advisory Committee is responsible for the development, implementation, and oversight of the funded project. This includes the pass-through funding and the funding retained by the county.
12.	Where do I find more information concerning Evidence-Informed Principles?
	<p>The following websites are provided as informational resources. Inclusion on this list does not imply endorsement by the BSCC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Criminal Justice Association - www.ncja.org • Crime Solutions - www.crimesolutions.gov • Bureau of Justice Assistance - www.bja.gov
13.	Where can I find additional information on the CESF program?
	Please visit the BSCC website at www.bscc.ca.gov .