



SEXUAL ASSAULT EVIDENCE SUBMISSION GRANT PROGRAM

The Sexual Assault Evidence Submission Grant Program administered by the California Department of Justice (DOJ) provides funding to assist local law enforcement agencies in submitting and testing sexual assault evidence. A total of \$2 million in new grant funding is available statewide.

Interested law enforcement agencies are encouraged to learn more about the grant program, the eligibility criteria, and the Request for Applications (RFA) process. The grant application period closes June 1, 2020.

Background

In 2019, the Legislature passed the Budget Act of 2019 which appropriated \$2 million in grant funding to assist local law enforcement agencies with the process of submitting and testing sexual assault forensic evidence.

Eligibility Criteria

Local law enforcement agencies in the State of California that need sexual assault evidence submitted and tested are eligible to apply for this grant.

Grant Proposal

The DOJ will award grant funds to eligible law enforcement agencies that apply for funds through an RFA. This RFA is a non-competitive application process that will reimburse eligible agencies for costs incurred during the submission and testing process.

Eligible agencies must submit a complete application via email to the DOJ by June 1, 2020 at 5:00 PM. Applications can be emailed to: SAESubmission@doj.ca.gov

If funding is available, we may consider late applications.

A complete application package shall include the following:

- Application Cover Sheet
- Letter of Intent
- Project Budget

To obtain a copy of the RFA, please visit oag.ca.gov/saesg.

Funding Details

A total of \$2 million in grant funding is available. Grant funds are not designed to sustain a project, but are rather intended to supplement existing funds in order to help agencies submit and test sexual assault evidence.

Agencies who are interested in applying for funds should request an amount based on their need. In the event that requests exceed available funds, all approved requests will be evaluated and reduced uniformly.

Funds are available from the 2019-2020 state budget with a grant period beginning July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2022.

Questions concerning the application process may be directed to the DOJ at SAESubmission@doj.ca.gov



SEXUAL ASSAULT EVIDENCE SUBMISSION GRANT PROGRAM FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Which agencies are eligible to apply for the Sexual Assault Evidence Submission Grant Program?

All local law enforcement agencies within the State of California that have sexual assault evidence that needs to be tested are eligible to apply for this grant program. Applications must be submitted to the DOJ by June 1, 2020.

What types of activities are eligible for reimbursement through this grant?

Activities that are eligible for reimbursement through this grant include those involved with facilitating the submission of sexual assault forensic evidence for testing at a lab, as well as those involved with the actual testing of sexual assault evidence.

What is the maximum amount of funding an agency can request?

A total of \$2 million is available for this grant. While there is no maximum amount of funding that can be requested, an agency should request an amount based on need. In the event that requests exceed the available funds, all approved requests will be evaluated and reduced uniformly.

When will applicants selected for funding be notified of award?

Applicants selected for funding will be notified of award by July 1, 2020.

When does the grant period expire?

The performance period for this grant ends on June 30, 2022.

Are agencies able to re-apply for this grant in the future?

No. Agencies will not be able to re-apply for this grant in the future. However, the DOJ will be announcing the application process for two other local assistance grants for the processing of sexual assault evidence: \$1.8 million from the Budget Act of 2018 (Senate Bill 862, Stats. 2018, ch. 449), and \$313,000 from the Voluntary Tax Contribution Fund (Assembly Bill 280, Stats. 2017, ch. 698).