

**LAW ENFORCEMENT PROTECTION FUND
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION**

PROGRAM PURPOSE:

Provide equitable distribution of funds to municipal police, county sheriffs, tribal and university police departments for use in the maintenance and improvements of those departments in order to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of law enforcement services.

AT A GLANCE

Fund Availability

Up to \$40,000 (base amount) for counties and municipalities with a census above 160,001
Municipalities and counties with a census of 20,000 or less will be awarded \$20,000 (base amount). University police departments are eligible for \$17,000 in base award funds.

Eligibility

- Counties
- Municipalities
- Special Districts
- Indian Tribes & Pueblos
- Other Local Governmental Units
- Non-profit 501(c)3
- Individual
- Private Business
- School Districts

Type of Aid

- Grant
- Cooperative Agreement
- Service Contract
- Loan
- Technical Assistance

Deadline to Apply

DFA/LGD must receive applications by March 31st of each year.

Eligibility

All municipal, tribal and university police departments, and county sheriffs are eligible. Departments with officers certified with the Public Safety Department are eligible for \$600 per certified officer.

Special Conditions

This is a formula grant program.

Use of Funds

Funds may only be used for:

- a) the repair and purchase of law enforcement apparatus and equipment meeting nationally recognized standards;
- b) advanced law enforcement planning and training;
- c) maintaining the balance of the peace officers survivors fund at a minimum of \$350,000;
- d) compliance with or match of federal funds relating to criminal justice programs; or
- d) up to 50 percent replacement salaries for law enforcement personnel participating in basic training.

Funding Availability

Funding Potential

The fund is permanent and collected from fees, licenses, penalties and taxes from life, general

casualty and title insurance businesses pursuant to the NM Insurance Code.

Range of Awards

The distribution of the base amount of the award to municipalities and counties is based on population. A census of 0 to 20,000 will generate \$20,000; a census of 20,001 to 160,000 will generate \$30,000; and, a census of 160,001 to 1,280,000 will generate \$40,000. The base amount for university police department is \$17,000. Municipal and university police departments and county sheriff's departments shall also be entitled to \$600 for each officer who has been certified by the Department of Public Safety. Tribal police departments are entitled to \$600 for each commissioned peace officer; no base payment is rendered to tribal police depe

Funding Cycle - Duration

Funds are granted for the state fiscal year and are distributed by July 31st by the state treasurer.

Source of Funds

State

Application Process

Deadline

DFA/LGD must receive applications by March 31st of each year.

How to Apply

Applications are submitted by the municipal police chiefs or county sheriffs on forms provided by DFA/LGD.

Selection Criteria & Decision Authority

All complete applications on the correct forms that comply with the statute are approved by DFA/LGD.

Authorization

The Law Enforcement Protection Fund, Section 29-13-1 et seq., NMSA 1978.

Related Programs

None.

Information Contacts

Martin A. Ortega, Executive Budget Analyst
Department of Finance and Administration
Local Government Division
Bataan Memorial Building, Suite 201
Santa Fe, NM 87503
(505) 827-8062, Fax: (505) 827-4340
Email: mortega@state.nm.us
Website: <http://www.state.nm.us/clients/dfa/index.html>