



# Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office Criminal Justice Division Funding Announcement: *Opioid Antagonist Grant Program, FY2020*

## Purpose

The purpose of this announcement is to solicit applications from law enforcement agencies to provide opioid antagonists to peace officers, evidence technicians, and related personnel who, in the course of performing their duties, are likely to come into contact with opioids or encounter persons suffering from an apparent opioid-related drug overdose.

## Available Funding

State funds for these projects are authorized under Article IX, Section 18.83 of the Texas General Appropriations Act. All awards are subject to the availability of appropriated funds and any modifications or additional requirements that may be imposed by law. CJD expects to make available a one-time appropriation of \$500K in FY2020.

## Eligible Organizations

Applications may be submitted by state agencies, units of local government, and educational institutions that operate law enforcement agencies employing peace officers under Article 2.12, Texas Code of Criminal Procedure; including municipalities, counties, independent school districts, universities, federally recognized Native American tribes, community colleges, and hospital districts.

All applications submitted by local law enforcement agencies/offices must be submitted by a unit of government affiliated with the agency, including an authorizing resolution from that unit of government. For example, police departments must apply under their municipal government, and community supervision and corrections departments, district attorneys, and judicial districts must apply through their affiliated county government (or one of the counties, in the case of agencies that serve more than one county).

## Application Process

Applicants must access the PSO's eGrants grant management website at <https://eGrants.gov.texas.gov> to register and apply for funding. For more instructions and information, see *Developing a Good Project Narrative Guide*, available [here](#).

## Key Dates

Action	Date
Funding Announcement Release	10/01/2019
Online System Opening Date	10/01/2019
Final Date to Submit and Certify an Application	12/02/2019 at 5:00PM CST
Earliest Project Start Date	03/01/2020

## Project Period

Projects must begin on or after 03/01/2020 and may not exceed a 6 month project period.

## Funding Levels

Minimum: None

Maximum: None

Match Requirement: None

## Standards

Grantees must comply with standards applicable to this fund source cited in the State Uniform Grant Management Standards ([UGMS](#)), [Federal Uniform Grant Guidance](#), and all statutes, requirements, and guidelines applicable to this funding.

## Eligible Activities and Costs

Funds may be used for providing opioid antagonists to peace officers, evidence technicians, and related personnel who, in the course of performing their duties, are likely to come into contact with opioids or encounter persons suffering from an apparent opioid-related drug overdose.

Due to the limited availability of funds, applicants are encouraged to consider the reasonableness of their budget request. CJD may evaluate applications based on number of eligible personnel equipped and the average cost per unit/dose.

## Program-Specific Requirements

**Eligible Personnel.** Grant funds may only be used to equip peace officers (as defined by Article 2.12, Texas Code of Criminal Procedure), evidence technicians and other related personnel directly employed by a law enforcement agency operated by the applicant. CJD may prioritize applications that equip personnel with the highest likelihood of exposure to opioid substances and individuals experiencing opioid overdoses in the normal course of their duties if the total requested funds exceed the funds appropriated by the Legislature.

**Required Agency Policy.** As required by Section 772.0078, Texas Government Code, an eligible organization may apply for grant funds only after its law enforcement agency adopts a policy addressing the usage of an opioid antagonist for a person suffering from an apparent opioid-related drug overdose. The policy should include initial training, opioid antagonist deployment, usage (e.g. when, how, and what dosage), maintenance/replacement, and documentation/reporting requirements.

The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) National Training and Technical Assistance Center has developed a law enforcement toolkit to serve as a resource to support law enforcement agencies in establishing an opioid antagonist program. In the toolkit agencies will find answers to frequent questions about opioid antagonists and sample documents and templates, such as data collection forms, standard operating procedures, training materials, press releases, community outreach materials, and memoranda of agreement (MOA) between first responders and medical directors. These templates can be downloaded and customized to support the local needs of each agency. The toolkit can be found:

<https://bjatta.bja.ojp.gov/tools/naloxone/Naloxone-Background>

**Proof of Purchase.** Pursuant to SB340, agencies receiving a grant under this program are required to submit proof of purchase in order to seek reimbursement from CJD.

## Eligibility Requirements

1. Entities receiving funds from CJD must be located in a county that has an average of 90% or above on both adult and juvenile dispositions entered into the computerized criminal history database maintained by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) as directed in the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure, Chapter 66. The disposition completeness percentage is defined as the percentage of arrest charges a county reports to DPS for which a disposition has been subsequently reported and entered into the computerized criminal history system.
2. Eligible applicants operating a law enforcement agency must be current on reporting Part I violent crime data to the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) for inclusion in the annual Uniform Crime Report (UCR). To be considered eligible for funding, applicants must have submitted a full twelve months of accurate data to DPS for the most recent calendar year.
3. The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) has established a goal set by the Texas Legislature for all local law enforcement agencies to implement and report crime statistics data by using the requirements of the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) no later than September 1, 2019. Additionally, the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) will collect required crime statistics solely through the NIBRS starting January 1, 2021. Due to these upcoming state and federal deadlines, grantees are advised that eligibility for future grant funding may be tied to compliance with NIBRS. Financial grant assistance for transitioning to NIBRS may be available for your jurisdiction from the Criminal Justice Division (CJD).
4. Local units of government, including cities, counties and other general purpose political subdivisions, as appropriate, and institutions of higher education that operate a law enforcement agency, must comply with all aspects of the programs and procedures utilized by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (“DHS”) to: (1) notify DHS of all information requested by DHS related to illegal aliens in Agency’s custody; and (2) detain such illegal aliens in accordance with requests by DHS. Additionally, counties and municipalities may NOT have in effect, purport to have in effect, or make themselves subject to or bound by, any law, rule, policy, or practice (written or unwritten) that would: (1) require or authorize the public disclosure of federal law enforcement information in order to conceal, harbor, or shield from detection fugitives from justice or aliens illegally in the United States; or (2) impede federal officers from exercising authority under 8 U.S.C. § 1226(a), § 1226(c), § 1231(a), § 1357(a), § 1366(1), or § 1366(3). Lastly, eligible applicants must comply with all provisions, policies, and penalties found in Chapter 752, Subchapter C of the Texas Government Code.

Each local unit of government, and institution of higher education that operates a law enforcement agency, must download, complete and then upload into eGrants the [CEO/Law Enforcement Certifications and Assurances Form](#) certifying compliance with federal and state immigration enforcement requirements. This Form is required for each application submitted to OOG and is active until August 31, 2021 or the end of the grant period, whichever is later.

5. Eligible applicants must have a DUNS (Data Universal Numbering System) number assigned to its agency (to request a DUNS number, go to <https://fedgov.dnb.com/webform>).
6. Eligible applicants must be registered in the federal System for Award Management (SAM) database located at <https://sam.gov/>.

Failure to comply with program eligibility requirements may cause funds to be withheld and/or suspension or termination of grant funds.

## Prohibitions

Grant funds may not be used to support the unallowable costs listed in the [Guide to Grants](#) or any of the following unallowable costs:

1. Construction, renovation, or remodeling;
2. Medical services;
3. Transportation, lodging, per diem or any related costs for participants, when grant funds are used to develop and conduct training;
4. Salaries or personnel costs;
5. Indirect costs;
6. Training and/or maintenance costs;
7. Travel;
8. Any costs ancillary to the purchase of eligible opioid antagonists, such as policy development, training costs, staff, or any other item determined ineligible or unreasonable by CJD; and
9. Any other prohibition imposed by federal, state or local law or regulation.

## Selection Process

**Application Screening:** The Office of the Governor will screen all applications to ensure that they meet the requirements included in the funding announcement.

**Peer/Merit Review:** The Office of the Governor will review applications to understand the overall demand for the program and for significant variations in costs per item. After this review, the Office of the Governor will determine if all eligible applications can be funded based on funds available, if there are cost-effectiveness benefits to normalizing or setting limits on the range of costs, and if other fair-share cuts may allow for broader distribution and a higher number of projects while still remaining effective.

**Final Decisions:** The Office of the Governor will consider rankings along with other factors and make all final funding decisions. Other factors may include cost effectiveness, overall funds availability, or state government priorities and strategies, legislative directives, need, geographic distribution, balance of focuses and approaches, or other relevant factors.

The Office of the Governor may not fund all applications or may only award part of the amount requested. In the event that funding requests exceed available funds, CJD may revise projects to address a more limited focus.

## Contact Information

For more information, contact the eGrants help desk at [eGrants@gov.texas.gov](mailto:eGrants@gov.texas.gov) or (512) 463-1919.