



SFY 2017-18 Aid to Prosecution Request For Applications (RFA) Questions and Responses

Question 1: Please advise if this funding is additional money to the normal \$29,200 that we have been receiving via the Aid to Prosecution grant for past years.

Response: No, this is not supplemental funding for the Aid to Prosecution (ATP) program. The new minimum award has been increased from \$29,200 to \$30,200. ATP funding will only be awarded through this competitive RFA. Counties will **not** receive an aid to prosecution award this year if they do not apply to this Request for Applications.

Question 2: Can you confirm that we are allowed to apply for only up to the amount listed in the Appendix in the SFY17-18 ATP Award Allocations column? This amount represents an over 20% decrease in funding from our current award.

Response: Yes, that is correct. The maximum funding that counties may apply for is the amount identified in the appendix entitled *2017-2018 Aid to Prosecution (ATP) Award Allocations*, which can be found on pages 17-19 of the ATP RFA. Eligible award amounts may reflect increases or decreases from prior year levels of funding.

Funding allocations for eligible applicants for 2017-18 have been determined based on a data driven, weighted formula utilizing county population, a three-year average (2014 to 2016) of reported non-violent felony arrests, and a three year (2014 to 2016) average of reported violent felony arrests, with the following limitations:

1. There will be a minimum grant amount of \$30,200 per applicant;
2. No applicant will receive an increase in Aid to Prosecution funding in 2017-18 of more than 40% above the amount received in 2016-17; and
3. No applicant will receive a decrease in Aid to Prosecution funding in 2017-18 of more than 25% from the amount received in 2016-17.

Question 3: Could you please confirm if employees funded by our current Aid to Prosecution grant can be included in the RFA budget?

Response: Yes, employees currently funded under the ATP program may be included in the RFA budget.

Question 4: Am I allowed to ask for more funds in the 2017-2018 grant? The appendix said minimum grant amount of \$30,200 and that applicants can ask for 40% more than amount received in 2016-2017, which our office received \$29,200.00.

Response: No, counties may **not** apply for more than the amounts specified in *Appendix: 2017-2018 Aid to Prosecution (ATP) Award Allocations*. Funding allocations have been determined based on a data driven, weighted formula.

All SFY 17-18 ATP award allocation amounts have been determined based on this formula and the limitations stipulated in the response to question 2 above. As a result, some applicants may be eligible to receive increases in ATP funding in 2017-18, but others will experience ATP funding reductions.

These year-to-year increase or decrease amount percentages are not uniform and vary depending upon county population, the three year average (2014 to 2016) of reported non-violent felony arrests, and the three year (2014 to 2016) average of reported violent felony arrests. All award amounts identified in *Appendix: 2017-2018 Aid to Prosecution (ATP) Award Allocations* reflect the appropriate award increase or decrease based on the ATP formula.

Question 5: Do we wait for DCJS to set up the new grant in GMS or go ahead and start on it. I see that it is competitive now? Like CARP, does this mean we can lose the money?

Response: Each county must submit an application by the submission deadline on-line via the DCJS Grants Management System (GMS). To submit an application in GMS, log on to the system and click on "Project." Click the "New" button at the top of the project grid. This will take you to a screen that says "Select a Program Office." Using the drop-down box, find and select the Aid to Prosecution. Click "Create Project." Your application will now be ready to complete.

In order to be considered for funding, applicants must meet the requirements delineated in the ATP RFA and must achieve a minimum application score of 70 points. Detailed evaluation and scoring information can be found in *Section III. Evaluation and Selection of Applicants* beginning on page 3 of the ATP RFA.