2026 Request for Applications (RFA)

Law Enforcement Technology (LETech)

Questions and Answers

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The following questions were sent via email to DCJS through Friday July 31, 2026. Please read all questions and responses thoroughly.

Eligibility and Banding:

1. **Question:** There are counties like ourselves who do not have sworn law enforcement officers in Public Safety. Many of those counties utilize Central Police Services under Public Safety to consolidate services like technology for local agencies and Sheriff's Offices. Often funding is only for law enforcement, but has there ever been flexibility or considerations on allowing Central Police units to apply?

   Answer: No, an Office of Public Safety without sworn officers is not eligible to apply. The only entities eligible to apply are listed in Appendix C of the RFA. Should an eligible entity wish to apply for eligible services, they would be able to apply on behalf of a county's collaborative public safety project.

2. **Question:** Should School Resource Officers be included in the band calculations for funding eligibility?

Answer: School Resource Officers would be included in the band calculations if reported to DCJS as part of an organization's self-reported annual personnel counts submitted to DCJS.

Non-NYC municipal agencies that employ sworn police officers are eligible for the LETech grant. See Appendix C. Agencies that solely employ peace officers, security officers, public safety officers, or code enforcement officers are not eligible for the LETech grant. Unaudited sworn officer personal counts, as submitted by local agencies via the annual UCR personnel reporting process, were used as the basis for band assignment. DCJS will not change band classifications.

3. **Question:** We respectfully request consideration for a Group 3 award of $250,000 under the New York State Law Enforcement Technology Grant, rather than the Group 2 award of $125,000 we are currently slated for due to the unprecedented impact of the Micron semiconductor manufacturing facility.

   Answer: Non-NYC municipal agencies that employ sworn police officers are eligible for the LE tech grant. See Appendix C. Agencies that solely employ peace officers, security officers, public safety officers, or code enforcement officers are not eligible for the LETech grant. Unaudited sworn officer personal counts, as submitted by local agencies via the annual UCR personnel reporting process, were used as the basis for band assignment. DCJS will not change band classifications.

4. **Question:** My agency has 40 FTE members. I see however we are categorized as a funding band group 2 limited the application to $125,000 instead of $250,000? I believe we should be classified as a funding band 3?

   Answer: Non-NYC municipal agencies that employ sworn police officers are eligible for the LETech grant. See Appendix C. Agencies that solely employ peace officers, security officers, public safety officers, or code enforcement officers are not eligible for the LETech grant. Unaudited sworn officer personal counts, as submitted by local agencies via the

annual UCR personnel reporting process, were used as the basis for band assignment. DCJS will not change band classifications.

5. **Question:** Upon reviewing the classifications and corresponding maximum allowable funding request amounts, we noted that the Police Department is currently listed in Group 2 (11–35 Full-Time Sworn Officers), with a maximum allowable funding request of $125,000. However, the Police Department is currently authorized and budgeted for 36 Full-Time Sworn Officer positions, which places our agency within Group 3 (36–75 Full-Time Sworn Officers) under the criteria outlined in Appendix C.

   Answer: Non-NYC municipal agencies that employ sworn police officers are eligible for the LETech grant. See Appendix C. Agencies that solely employ peace officers, security officers, public safety officers, or code enforcement officers are not eligible for the LETech grant. Unaudited sworn officer personal counts, as submitted by local agencies via the annual UCR personnel reporting process, were used as the basis for band assignment. DCJS will not change band classifications.

6. **Question:** I am trying to confirm with there's a limit amount to apply for per agency numbers. For example. If u have 30 officers, can u only apply for a certain amount of funding, my second question is the RMS portion separate from the original funding.

   Answer: Please refer to Appendix C of the RFA with the agency list and band assignment. This band assignment lists all eligible entities and the maximum amount they may request. Yes, the RMS funding is separate.

7. **Question:** In order to be eligible for this grant, would we need an ORI number? Do peace officers qualify as sworn officers?

Answer: No, that number is not required. The only entities eligible to apply are listed in Appendix C of the RFA. No, for the purposes of this RFA peace officers are not sworn officers.

8. **Question:** Can you explain why the department has been excluded from the 2026 LETech program, despite its extensive law enforcement responsibilities and prior eligibility?

   Answer: Please see page 5 of the RFA: Only local municipal police or sheriff's agencies in New York State, outside of New York City, employing sworn officers with police powers are eligible to submit applications. This includes city, town, village, or tribal police departments as well as county sheriff's offices. All eligible entities are listed in Appendix C of this RFA.

9. **Question:** We are in a unique position as a sworn private agency and most grants indicate that a requirement is a municipal agency with police powers. I just wanted to inquire if that precludes our agency or if it's generic language that covers most sworn agencies.

   Answer: The only entities deemed eligible for this RFA were local law enforcement. Sworn officer counts used to set the eligibility tiers/bands was sourced from the annual personnel data that local reporting agencies submit to DCJS as part of the State's Crime Reporting Program. Empirical data was used to develop the bands in a manner that was fairly and equitably applied across the state. DCJS will not change band classifications.

10. **Question:** We rec'd our notification of funding eligibility and we are curious where our categorization came from. We have well over 35 FTE Sworn Officers working for the County. In Acadis we have 70 FTE Sworn Officers however listed in this RFP we are only categorized in group 2 (11-35)?

    Answer: Non-NYC municipal agencies that employ sworn police officers are eligible for the LETech grant. See Appendix C. Agencies that solely employ peace officers, security

officers, public safety officers, or code enforcement officers are not eligible for the LETech grant. Unaudited sworn officer personal counts, as submitted by local agencies via the annual UCR personnel reporting process, were used as the basis for band assignment. DCJS will not change band classifications.

11. **Question:** The Police Department was a LETECH Grant recipient in the 2024 award, however our agency is not listed in the Appendix C Eligibility List. As a public authority PD that previously received LETECH funding, are we able to apply for this grant?

    Answer: Please see page 5 of the RFA: Only local municipal police or sheriff's agencies in New York State, outside of New York City, employing sworn officers with police powers are eligible to submit applications. This includes city, town, village, or tribal police departments as well as county sheriff's offices.

12. **Question:** I was tasked with writing a funding proposal for this grant (LETech) by my District Attorney. We should qualify as group 2 as we have more than 11 sworn full time police officers, but I didn't see any DA offices listed. So, I am trying to find out if we are eligible.

    Answer: Please see page 5 of the RFA: Only local municipal police or sheriff's agencies in New York State, outside of New York City, employing sworn officers with police powers are eligible to submit applications. This includes city, town, village, or tribal police departments as well as county sheriff's offices. District Attorney offices are not eligible. All eligible entities are listed in Appendix C of this RFA.

13. **Question:** I am writing to you to inquire if the X County Department of Correction (NY) is eligible to apply for grant funding under the New York State Law Enforcement Technology and Equipment Grant Program (LETECH Grant Program).

Answer: Please see page 5 of the RFA: Only local municipal police or sheriff's agencies in New York State, outside of New York City, employing sworn officers with police powers are eligible to submit applications. This includes city, town, village, or tribal police departments as well as county sheriff's offices. All eligible entities are listed in Appendix C of this RFA.

14. **Question:** Our agency currently has 39 full-time employees, which should place us in "Group 3." Please let me know what steps we can take, if any, to help facilitate this correction.

    Answer: Non-NYC municipal agencies that employ sworn police officers are eligible for the LETech grant. See Appendix C. Agencies that solely employ peace officers, security officers, public safety officers, or code enforcement officers are not eligible for the LETech grant. Unaudited sworn officer personal counts, as submitted by local agencies via the annual UCR personnel reporting process, were used as the basis for band assignment. DCJS will not change band classifications.

15. **Question:** I reviewed the list of departments in the subject appendix and did not see my department listed. Is this an accidental omission or is the Police Department not eligible for this grant. If not, please explain why the Police Department cannot apply for this grant.

    Answer: Please see Appendix C of the RFA for a listing of all eligible entities. The entity that submitted this question is listed as an eligible grantee in Band 1.

16. **Question:** Are only formal police departments and sheriffs offices eligible for LETECH funding?

    Answer: Please see page 5 of the RFA: Only local municipal police or sheriff's agencies in New York State, outside of New York City, employing sworn officers with police powers are eligible to submit applications. This includes city, town, village, or tribal police

departments as well as county sheriff's offices. All eligible entities are listed in Appendix C of this RFA.

17. **Question:** The County Department of Emergency Services, Police Services Division serves as the countywide law enforcement liaison and technology coordinator supporting every municipal police department and the County Sheriff's Office. The LETech RFA indicates that only municipal police departments and sheriff's offices are eligible applicants. However, it also notes that projects supporting collaboration with entities such as County Emergency Management and County 911 Centers are allowable, which in this County fall under X County Emergency Services. Given our role in providing countywide law enforcement technology and police liaison services on behalf of all law enforcement agencies in the County, would the County Department of Emergency Services Police Services Division be eligible to submit an application directly for a collaborative countywide technology project?

    Answer: No, the County Department of Emergency Services, Police Services Division is not an eligible applicant. All eligible entities are listed in Appendix C of this RFA. Under the above scenario, an eligible applicant would have to submit, within their allowable amount, an application for such collaborative project. It would be permissible for the eligible applicant to sub-award a portion of their funding to other county offices should it be deemed appropriate and approved by DCJS should the application be successful.

18. **Question:** Many of my customers are Constable Departments and have asked me if they would be eligible to apply for the LETech grant?

    Answer: Please see page 5 of the RFA: Only local municipal police or sheriff's agencies in New York State, outside of New York City, employing sworn officers with police powers are eligible to submit applications. This includes city, town, village, or tribal police departments as well as county sheriff's offices. All eligible entities are listed in Appendix C of this RFA.

19. **Question:** Do we have the ability to request over that amount and be awarded additional funds for technology items, if there are remaining funds, from a lack of other agencies requesting funds, or is it strictly $100,000 can be requested.

    Answer: No, each application must be for a maximum of the Department's listed banded amount.

Allowable Expenditures:

20. **Question:** The Police Department is exploring LE Tech Grant funding for a Mobile Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) Operations Platform. While the system is constructed on a Chevrolet Suburban chassis, the requested technology is not intended as a patrol vehicle or transportation resource. The vehicle functions as a fully integrated mobile technology platform specifically designed to deploy, operate, command, and sustain advanced public safety drone technology. Is this an allowable expense?

    Answer: Vehicles are listed as ineligible on Page 6 of the RFA. However, were this a trailer-based operations platform, that would be allowable.

21. **Question:** Our agency is possibly looking to receive funding for some LPRs. A vendor we are interested in do not let you purchase the LPR outright but have a leasing program where you have to pay a yearly fee. Would grant funds be able to be used to enter into a leasing agreement, and if so how many years out could we purchase? For example, would we be able to pay outright to enter into a 5 year agreement?

    Answer: Yes, paying for a five-year agreement would be allowable.

22. **Question:** The Special Operations Unit is seeking to purchase night vision and thermal imaging devices for surveillance. Would this type of equipment qualify under LE-Tech 2026 grant?

    Answer: This would be an allowable expense.

23. **Question:** Can the LETech grant be used for the purchase of Police vehicles?

    Answer: No, police vehicles cannot be purchased under LETech – see Page 6 of the RFA.

24. **Question:** The Police Department would like to request funding for a mobile command post outfit with multiband radios, CJIS complaint access controls, a satellite terminal, a drone video receiver and workstations with the LETECH grant but we are unsure if this will be an approved use.

    Answer: This would be an allowable expense. Please note if this is a vehicle it would not be an allowable expense.

25. **Question:** I see that firearms are ineligible for funding with this grant. Are red dot optics, just the peripheral, eligible for inclusion in the grant?

    Answer: Yes, red dot optics are an allowable expense.

26. **Question:** Would this agency be allowed to use funds from this grant to pay for a recurring annual FLOCK subscription for the fiscal year 2026-27 (running from April 1, 2026 – March 31, 2027)

    Answer: Yes, that would be allowable. Applicants are encouraged to ensure that all necessary local approvals will be obtainable before entering into any funding agreement, or before applying for such funds.

27. **Question:** I am inquiring whether an upgrade to our 911 dispatch center qualifies under this RFA. The technology will include purchasing consoles and integrating all emergency radio systems, internal intercoms, video monitors, and the building's security system.

    Answer: Yes, this would be an allowable expense if the request is submitted by an eligible entity – see Appendix C of the RFA.

28. **Question:** Inquiring if purchasing technology equipment to upfit a new mobile command vehicle is a permissible cost? Items would include radios, computers, monitors, exterior mounted cameras, web cams, speakers, microphones, etc. including the upfit installation costs for all mentioned equipment in a new vehicle that is being purchased with other grant and local funding.

    Answer: Yes, the equipment you listed would be allowable. Please note that vehicles are not an eligible expense under this RFA.

29. **Question:** Can you use this grant to purchase vehicles such as patrol vehicles, UTV's, 4 wheelers, boats and or e-bikes if we can justify a need for these types of equipment?

    Answer: Patrol vehicles, UTV's, 4 wheelers, and boats are not allowable. E-bikes are an allowable expense.

30. **Question:** Would funding be approved for a new contract covering 16 cameras, data storage, and licenses, even though we already have 8 under an existing Axon contract?

    Answer: Yes, this would be an allowable expense.

31. **Question:** Would we be able to include the BoloWrap device manufactured by Wrap Technologies in the grant application?

    Answer: Yes, this would be an allowable expense.

32. **Question:** Are truck scales an allowable expense with this funding stream?

    Answer: They could feasibly be allowable should there be a compelling public safety need that is reasonably demonstrated.

33. **Question:** A software program we are interested in has a contract term of three years. Could grant funds be used to pay for all three years?

    Answer: Yes, this would be allowable. Please note these must be paid in full during the performance period to be eligible for reimbursement.

34. **Question:** The security infrastructure for our proposed surveillance project will be deployed in two distinct phases aligned with the construction timeline of a new police headquarters. Phase 1 (Infrastructure) focuses on low-voltage cabling and behind-the-wall rough-in work, to be completed within the first 90 days. Phase 2 (Hardware Activation) involves the physical installation, configuration, and testing of the surveillance cameras and security systems. Because this equipment is being integrated into a newly constructed police headquarters, hardware will not be installed until approximately nine months after the Phase 1 rough-in is complete. The system will become fully operational between late 2027 and spring 2028. Is this phased deployment timeline acceptable and aligned with your grant expectations?

    Answer: This could feasibly be an allowable expense. Please note that if this project is currently budgeted for, appropriated or bonded, then this would not be an allowable expense as it would constitute supplantation.

35. **Question:** Would Class 1 or Class 3 electric bicycles and associated patrol equipment be considered eligible expenditures under the LETech Grant Program when used by law enforcement officers to patrol multi-use recreational trails, parks, and other areas inaccessible to traditional patrol vehicles?

    Answer: This would be an allowable expense.

36. **Question:** Can you please provide clarity on whether the following items would be approved under the provisions of this grant? *Body-Worn Night Vision Optics, Network Switches, Department-Issued Cell Phones*

    Answer: Yes, these would be allowable.

37. **Question:** I just want to ensure that funds can be used to replace old radios. Our entire fleet of radios is aging, and we need to replace them in the next few years.

    Answer: Yes, this would be an allowable expense.

38. **Question:** Can LETECH funds be used for radio reprograming? There was a mandatory change to the radio network which requires our existing radios to be reprogramed to operate properly with the network.

    Answer: Yes, this would be an allowable expense.

39. **Question:** If FLOCK cameras were purchased using funds from the 2024-2025 LETech grant, would any expenses related to such cameras be eligible for funds from the 2026-2027 grant?

Answer: Yes, this would be an allowable expense. Applicants are encouraged to ensure that all necessary local approvals will be obtainable before entering into any funding agreement, or before applying for such funds.

40. **Question:** I am writing to see if professional standards software records management systems would be considered for the 2026 LE Tech grant compliant software technology applications.

    Answer: Yes, this would be an allowable expense.

41. **Question:** Do mobile police radios for patrol cars qualify?

    Answer: Yes, this would be an allowable expense.

42. **Question:** Does the ineligibly of vehicles to be purchased with funding include normal patrol vehicles? Or just specialized tactical vehicles?

    Answer: No vehicles, of any kind, are allowable under this RFA – see page 6 for details.

43. **Question:** Are installation costs eligible for funding? (example, costs of including new radios or radar units into vehicles).

    Answer: Yes, this would be an allowable expense.

44. **Question:** Is new vehicle equipment such as lightbars, sirens, equipment boxes, etc. eligible for funding?

    Answer: Yes, this would be an allowable expense.

45. **Question:** The Village intends to apply for funding to upgrade the body cameras and associated equipment to the same system that's used by the County and surrounding municipal law enforcement agencies. One piece of this body camera system tasers that automatically turn on the cameras' sound recording when drawn. Would these be eligible expenses given they are an integrated element of the body camera system?

    Answer: Tasers are not an allowable expense under this RFA – see page 6 of the RFA.

46. **Question:** Is upgrading body armor an eligible expense?

    Answer: Yes, this would be an allowable expense.

47. **Question:** Are ballistic rescue shields intended for active shooter response, officer rescue, and other critical incidents considered allowable equipment under this funding opportunity when adequately justified?

    Answer: Yes, this would be an allowable expense.

48. **Question:** Are reality-based force-on-force training systems (e.g., SIMS conversion kits, training weapons, and associated equipment) considered allowable technology or equipment under this solicitation when their intended purpose is to enhance officer safety, tactical decision-making, and active threat response?

    Answer: Yes, this would be an allowable expense.

49. **Question:** Are trauma kits, bleeding control kits, tourniquets, and other emergency medical equipment intended for law enforcement first response considered allowable equipment under this solicitation?

Answer: Yes, this would be an allowable expense.

50. **Question:** The Town would like to pursue an upgrade of our officers' tasers as part of the current LETech grants. However, we are being cautioned that tasers are not eligible in this round. Is that true, please?

    Answer: Tasers are not an allowable expense under this RFA – see page 6 of the RFA.

51. **Question:** The RFA lists "Body Worn Equipment (Cameras, Vests)" as an eligible funding category. Please confirm whether the following items are eligible for reimbursement under this category: (a) ballistic-rated body armor vests; (b) ballistic plates worn in conjunction with body armor carriers; and (c) ballistic helmets. These items are intended for officer safety and injury reduction purposes. If any of these items are not eligible, please advise whether they may qualify under any other eligible category or whether an applicant may seek prior DCJS approval for inclusion.

    Answer: Yes, these would be allowable expenses.

52. **Question:** Please confirm whether vehicle upfitting equipment installed in an agency-acquired patrol vehicle -- where the vehicle itself is not purchased with grant funds -- is eligible for reimbursement under the Patrol Vehicle and Office Equipment category or any other eligible category.

    Answer: Yes, this would be an allowable expense.

53. **Question:** Are standby generators for the police station and card access lock systems eligible for the LETech Grant?

    Answer: Yes these would be allowable expenses.

54. **Question:** Just want to confirm, subscription fees for technology that go past the performance period of December 2028, cannot be paid for, for example, say a contract for 5 years of body camera costs beginning in Jan, 2027 and ending Jan, 2032, the cost could not be covered past 2028?

    Answer: Subscription costs that go beyond the period listed in the RFA are allowable. Please note these must be paid in full during the performance period to be eligible for reimbursement.

55. **Question:** We would like to know if the following items are covered under the LE Tech grant: Ballistic Helmets, Gas Masks, a Bomb Suit fall, Tourniquets?

    Answer: Yes, these would be allowable expenses.

56. **Question:** Our department is considering a project to modernize and redesign our communications/front desk operations area, which serves as the primary public contact point within police headquarters. The project would create a more functional workspace for our desk officer and dispatcher and would include integrated technology workstations, computer and monitor mounting systems, communications equipment, storage for operational equipment (such as portable radio charging stations, TASER battery docks, LIDAR battery docks, and other law enforcement technology), and custom cabinetry designed to securely organize and support these systems. To complete the project, some renovation would be required to install the workstations, cabinetry, and the associated electrical and data infrastructure necessary to support the technology. Would a project of this nature be considered an eligible use of LETech funding, or would the renovation and custom workstation/cabinetry components make the project ineligible? If only certain portions of the project would be eligible, could you please clarify whether integrated workstations, technology-supporting cabinetry, electrical/data improvements, installation

costs, and associated technology equipment would be considered allowable expenses, and which components, if any, would not be eligible?

Answer: The RFA specifies on page 6 that only minimal renovation as justified by program design is allowable. Please note that any construction costs should be ancillary to the equipment being requested and should not comprise a substantial portion of any potential award amount. DCJS cannot provide further guidance without knowing more about the entire project and what it entails. Should the applicant be successful, DCJS would work with them during contract negotiations to remove any ineligible expenses.

Procurement:

57. **Question:** We would like to expand on our surveillance camera system that was purchased with prior funding. Would we be mandated to rebid the purchase process again or can we use the existing vendor that won the prior bid to purchase additional cameras?

    Answer: Please defer to your local procurement process. If your procurement process allows you to use the existing vendor, we would consider and review a single source justification.

58. **Question**: First if you have Axon BWC and in car cameras is that considered a sole source company? If you were looking to cover licensing/cloud storage and operation for current equipment how do you go about filing for that? No other company has access to Axon equipment.

    Answer: Yes, you could submit a single/sole source justification for DCJS to consider.

59. **Question:** For items under $20,000.00 are we following our local purchasing policy and does NYS contract pricing fulfill bidding.

    Answer: You should follow your local procurement process in accordance with the General Municipal Law.

Grants Management System (GMS):

60. **Question:** When entering the specific items in the budget tab of GMS, there is a small box for justification. Seems like that is spelled out in the questions tab. Should we copy and paste the answers from the questions tab into the budget justification tab?

    Answer: Yes, you can copy and paste that information.

61. **Question:** When selecting equipment to apply for, do we need an estimated cost and the general type of equipment? Or do we need specific make model numbers of the equipment? For example, can we put Drone and a cost estimate, or do we need specifics like DJI Mavic model T50 at a cost of 10,699.

    Answer: Yes, estimated cost and type of equipment is fine. You do not need specific makes and models to submit an application.

62. **Question:** Subject “Sole or Single Source Exemption Request From”. Could you please advise whether they require separate submission and, if so, provide the appropriate submission address or contact?

    Answer: Single/sole source documents may be uploaded in GMS as an attachment.

63. **Question:** For section “D” under “Questions”, the operating budget detail and justification, once we have entered a budget into the Budget section, what should we put in the “Answer” portion of this field? Should it just refer to the entered budget, or should all the details be entered here too?

    Answer: Please copy the budget justification in the “answer” section.

64. **Question:** Do all quotes need to be received before the application deadline of September 2, 2026 or are we able to utilize more general numbers when applying for the grant? Typically, we would receive at least three quotes before making a purchase, but not necessarily before applying for funding.

    Answer: Applicants should make best faith efforts to submit reasonable and justifiable estimates should they have them. Please note that it is expected that successful grantees must follow all applicable local and state procurement rules and requirements.

65. **Question:** When would a municipality need to submit the Single Source Attestation Form? Prior to application, with the application or only after award decisions are made?

    Answer: Single source attestation forms may be uploaded in the attachment section when the application is submitted or may be submitted during contract development should an applicant be successful in receiving an award.

66. **Question:** For equipment consisting of multiple integrated components (for example, an accident reconstruction technology package consisting of a laser scanner and supporting equipment), does DCJS prefer that each component be listed as a separate budget line item, or may the equipment be presented as a single package with the individual components described in the budget narrative?

Answer: A single package with individual components described in the budget narrative is sufficient.

67. **Question:** Within the Grants Management System (GMS), may the Chief of Police serve as both the “Signatory” and the “Fiscal Contact”, or must those responsibilities be assigned to separate individuals?

    Answer: While it is allowable to have one individual be both contacts, it is not always best practice. Please note, the Signatory contact must be someone who has legal authority for the municipality to enter into a binding contract with the State of New York, e.g. Mayor or Village Administrator, and is a registered GMS user.

68. **Question:** Would it be more effective or efficient to group items by department? For example, "The Detective is asking for the following items for..." and "The Tactical Team is requesting the following items for..."? Then answer the grant questions by department?

    Answer: Please logically structure the application in a way that is understandable to the evaluators. DCJS defers to the applicant in terms of how best to structure the information you provide.

69. **Question:** I will list each item separately in the "budget" tab, but how would you like the "questions" tab to be handled? Should I answer questions 1, 2, 3 and 4 separately for each item requested or should I put all the item answers into one document?

    Answer: Please see the RFA for all applicable guidance.

70. **Question:** How will the items be graded: individually or as one pass/fail request for everything?

Answer: The entire application will be reviewed and scored based on the process outlined in the RFA. Please see the RFA for all applicable guidance.

Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS):

71. **Question:** Are there any restrictions on brand of drones we may purchase?

    Answer: Please refer to the paragraph in the Attestation that mentions drones.

72. **Question:** Our agency is considering applying for LETech funding for Flock Safety's Drone as First Responder (DFR) platform. The procurement is offered as a single four-year agreement that includes software, cloud services, implementation, and support. Since the LETech contract period is 24 months, would DCJS permit reimbursement for the full four-year contract if it is executed during the grant period, or would reimbursement be limited to costs incurred within the 24-month grant term?

    Answer: Yes, that would be allowable. Applicants are encouraged to ensure that all necessary local approvals will be obtainable before entering into any funding agreement, or before applying for such funds.

73. **Question:** If the vendor/product is for a Drone and they are based in Wisconsin and not listed on the NYS DOS site, would I still be able to purchase from them? Or is the DOS business listing just for service and physical work/labor that might be needed for a project? I know the RFA references the Encouragement of Use for New York State Business, but just wanted to make sure I'm not missing anything else.

    Answer: It is unclear what this question is referring to. If this is in relation to MWBE requirements, it is preferred that NYS vendors be utilized but it is allowable to source estimates, with existing procurement requirements, from vendors outside of the state.

74. **Question:** The RFA requires that UAV (drone) equipment comply with NDAA Section 889 and that vendors not appear on the OGS Prohibited Entities List or debarment list. Please advise: (a) what specific documentation DCJS requires from applicants to demonstrate that a proposed UAV vendor is NDAA Section 889 compliant at the time of application or procurement; and (b) whether DCJS maintains or recommends a reference list of compliant UAV vendors for law enforcement applicants.

    Answer: It is the responsibility of the local police agency that all RFA requirements are met. DCJS does not have additional information here that would be responsive to this request.

75. **Question:** Can the grant be used for consulting with NUAIR on setting up a new drone or drone as a first responder program? Can the grant be used to purchase Chinese manufactured drones (DJI & Autel)? The Skydio system is over $300K for 1 system.

    Answer: Applicants must decide via their internal processes who they may procure to consult on any given project. It is DCJS' understanding that DJI and Autel drones are not allowable at the State or Federal Level. Autel and DJI drones are not deemed NDAA compliant. Before any procurement, applicants should ensure the product is in compliance with state and federal laws, and regulations

Miscellaneous:

76. **Question**: The link on page 16 of the RFA related to SDVOB questions is not working. Please advise where we can locate the referenced information.

    Answer: Please use this link.

77. **Question:** We are just trying to understand the 90 day clause, when the grant runs from Jan1, 2027 through Dec. 31, 2028? In short can we spend different amounts of our grant allotment at various times throughout the twenty-four (24) month period?

    Answer: This clause is included to provide recourse to the State should a grantee apply for funds but then not undertake reasonable administrative steps to utilize the funding. Reimbursement can be sought for eligible expenditures that occur at any time during the 24-month performance period. Projects occur on different timescales and DCJS' goal is to facilitate these projects and support them. DCJS recommends that successful applicants stay in contact with a grant program representative should a project experience any delays.

78. **Question:** Would you give some examples of what vehicle mobilization equipment might include in regards to section 3E?

    Answer: Lightweight, field-mobile units that are designed to provide law enforcement personnel with the ability to bring a moving vehicle to a stop with relative safety to the target vehicle, police officers, and other vehicles in the vicinity. Please note this is provided as an example but it is not inclusive of all equipment that might be covered under Vehicle Mobilization Equipment.

79. **Question:** Where two eligible agencies file separate, independent applications, please clarify whether equipment procured under each individual award may be used operationally in support of the other agency under a mutual aid or interagency agreement, or whether equipment must be restricted to exclusive use by the purchasing agency for the duration of the contract period.

    Answer: DCJS places no restriction on inter-agency collaboration utilizing equipment. DCJS strongly supports such collaborative efforts.