



Questions and Answers

#21-07 (CV) Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding (CESF)

Responses to questions will be posted to this document within 7 calendar days of receipt.

Q1: If we already applied for and spent down a CESF grant, are we eligible for this funding opportunity as well?

A1: Yes, you may apply again.

Q2: Can local government entities who have already received CESF funds apply again? Example: Missoula County has received funds for the Community Justice Department and County Attorney's Office. We are interested in applying for funds for Missoula County Detention Center, which to my knowledge is a program that has not yet received these funds. However, the applicant would be Community Justice Department, and we are in the process of closing out our past grant.

A2: Yes, you may apply again.

Q3. Our facility is in desperate need of a no-contact visiting option. Would it be allowable to ask for funding to have a window and intercom installed in our visit room for visitation? This would allow for visitation without quarantine, etc., and other issues with COVID-19.

A3. Yes. That would be an allowable use of CESF funds.

Q4. In review of the RFP I see it clearly states for city, county and tribal governments but I've been asked to confirm eligibility for this grant does not include state agencies?

A4. You are correct, state agencies may not apply. Eligible applicants are city, county, and tribal governments to address the coronavirus needs of inmates in their jails and detention facilities.

Q5. We are starting a grassroots peer-to-peer support group where parents of children who have been sexually abused can share parenting ideas and challenges and can connect with warm handoffs for service needs and more. The peer group would be led by a licensed peer support with a lived abuse background. Would we be eligible to apply for #21-07 CESF to fund this project?

A5. Your project will not qualify for the current CESF opportunity. Funds awarded under the CESF program must be utilized to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus within city, county, and tribal detention facilities and jails.



Q6. Due to Coronavirus, we have had to limit services for our clients seeking shelter from Domestic and Sexual Violence. Would our program be eligible for this funding?

A6. Your project will not qualify for the current CESF opportunity. Eligible applicants are city, county, and tribal governments to address the coronavirus needs of inmates in their jails and detention facilities.

Q7. If the county is applying on behalf of the detention center, should the CESF Funding Disclosure Form reflect funding the county as a whole has received, or just funding that the detention center has received?

A7. If the county is applying, the CESF Funding Disclosure form should reflect the county as a whole.

Q8. I understand that funds may not be expended before the beginning of a project period, but can a project period be retroactive? For instance, if a project period is July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022, I understand you can't charge for overtime from before that time period but, could we request reimbursement within the project period (e.g. July - September 2021), even though the time has already passed? Or is the grant intended only for future expenses?

A8. You may apply with a retroactive project period start date, but the project period end date must end in the future after you accept the award. You may not have a project period end date that has already passed.

Q9. Is COVID testing for jail staff an allowable expense?

A9. Yes, that is an allowable expense.

Q10. I was under the impression that the start date could occur before today's day and costs could be reimbursed. However, the MBCC online application system won't let me enter a start date earlier than today's date for the project. If I try to use 7/1/2021, which was my intended date, I get an "invalid date" error code. Is it okay to get reimbursed for overtime expenses that have already occurred, or is this only intended for expenses that are in the future?

A10. Please submit your application using the current start date allowed by the online system. Then send an email to Mark Thatcher; mthatcher@mt.gov. Specify the project period start date you desire for your application and MBCC will make the adjustment.



Q11. The county operates the detention center, but the city uses the jail. Could I apply for two grants, one from county \$50,000 and one for city \$50,000 for one project for over \$100,000?

A11. The city and county must apply separately for grant funds for up to \$50,000 each. Keep in mind the grant focus must be, “prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus within city, county and tribal detention facilities or jails”.