State Immigration Enforcement Council

Resolution #25-007

The State Immigration Enforcement Council, pursuant to s. 908.1032(4)(b) and (e), F.S., recommended to the State Board of Immigration Enforcement, under Resolution 25-001, in priority order, expenses that should be reimbursable under the Local Law Enforcement Immigration Grant Program. The State Board of Immigration Enforcement later adopted this resolution in July 2025. The Emergency Rule was filed on July 23, 2025.

As part of its role in advising the State Board of Immigration Enforcement, the State Immigration Enforcement Council recommends the following rule change for reimbursable expenses:

Transporting unauthorized aliens in custody has been identified as a priority by the State Immigration Enforcement Council and the State Board of Immigration Enforcement. Law enforcement agencies that maintain detention facilities operating under a current Intergovernmental Service Agreement (IGSA) with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and that house federal immigration detainees may request grant funding for transport vehicles to support the safe and secure movement of detainees related to immigration enforcement activities. The Council finds it is appropriate that state-provided grant funding be used to reimburse the purchase of multi-passenger vehicles (vans) and associated upfitting costs to be used by agencies that are designated IGSA detention facilities for the effective transportation of unauthorized aliens to and between county, state, and federal detention facilities. Only one transport vehicle per qualifying IGSA detention facility will be approved.

Recommended rule change: Add an exception to the rule prohibiting reimbursements for vehicles, vessels, or aircraft. The new exception would allow for reimbursement of multi-passenger vehicles (vans) and associated upfitting costs for said vehicles used by agencies designated as IGSA detention facilities to transport in-custody unauthorized aliens to and between county, state, and federal detention facilities or other federal offices.

Resolution #25-001-4. s. 908.1033, F.S. allows for reimbursement for equipment, travel, and lodging related to the 287(g) program under the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1357.

a. The Council recommends that the State Board of Immigration Enforcement prioritize and reimburse these categories only to the extent that the equipment, travel, and lodging are directly related to detaining and transporting unauthorized aliens or directly related to active participation in ICE task force activities.

b. The Council recommends that the State Board of Immigration Enforcement prioritize reimbursement for actual additional travel and lodging costs incurred related to ICE task force activities.

c. All equipment purchases must receive prior approval before the purchase is made, and reimbursement is requested. Requests will be reviewed by the Executive Director and must be approved by the State Board of Immigration Enforcement.

d. No vehicle, vessel, or aircraft will be approved for reimbursement, with an exception for designated Florida Sheriff transportation agencies (as previously authorized in rule) and IGSA detention facilities to purchase one multi-passenger vehicle (van) and associated upfitting costs.

e. All equipment submitted for approval or reimbursement must have a direct nexus to immigration enforcement.