Local Law Enforcement Immigration Grant Program (IGP)

The State Board of Immigration Enforcement (the Board or SBIE) received authority to administer \$250 Million in funding for the Local Law Enforcement Immigration Grant Program under Chapter 2025-1, Section 18 (s. 908.1033, Florida Statutes). Funding received under this award must be used for fostering cooperation and coordination with federal agencies to enforce federal immigration laws and must adhere to the elements outlined in Rule 11QER25-1, Florida Administrative Code.

Eligibility

To be eligible for a grant under this program, applicants must be registered in E-verify, in accordance with Section 448.095, Florida Statutes, and be one of the following:

- Local law enforcement agency
- County detention facility

Additionally, pursuant to the State Board of Immigration Enforcement's data collection requirements described in Section 908.1031(3)(e), Florida Statutes, any local law enforcement agency seeking reimbursement through this grant program:

- must attest and verify it collects and reports the individualized data points outlined in Rule 11QER25-2(3)(a) for interactions/encounters with a suspected unauthorized alien
- must attest and verify it collects and reports the summary data outlined in Rule 11QER25-2(3)(b)
- who operates a county detention facility must attest and verify it collects and reports the summary data outlined in Rule 11QER25-2(3)(c)

Any local law enforcement agency who attests to comply with the requirements in Rule 11QER25, but that is found to not be compliant with all requirements, will forfeit grant reimbursement eligibility for the remainer of the fiscal year.

Project Period

Allowable activities from February 17, 2025, through June 30, 2026, are eligible for reimbursement. The project period on the subaward agreement will reflect February 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026. Activities conducted between February 1, 2025, and February 16, 2025, are unallowable for reimbursement under this program.

Allowable Activities and Funding Parameters

The State Immigration Enforcement Council (SEIC), and the Board, established the following priorities and funding parameters under this grant program. Recipients may apply for the allowable costs listed under one or more priorities. The information contained in the application will be reviewed and a funding recommendation will be made through the statutorily required approval process outlined in Section 908.1033(4), Florida Statutes. Recipients will be required to execute a formal award agreement which will detail the costs that may be reimbursed.

PRIORITY 1: IGP-A IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT TRAINING PROGRAMS

Participating agencies may request reimbursement for eligible costs associated with the following training programs:

<u>Warrant Service Officer (WSO)</u> which designates the authority to perform limited functions of an immigration officer within a jail or corrections facility to assist Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) in ensuring that unauthorized aliens are not released into the community.

<u>Jail Enforcement Model (JEM)</u> which authorizes ICE to delegate the authority to perform specified immigration officer functions under the agency's direction and oversight in a jail or corrections setting. Trained staff partners with ICE to identify and process criminal aliens in the U.S.

<u>Task Force Model (TFM)</u> which credentials local and state law enforcement officers as Delegated Immigration Officers (DIO) to perform limited immigration enforcement activities in non-custodial settings while under ICE supervision and oversight.

Other immigration-related training may be deemed allowable if approved through the statutorily required application/award process.

The funding parameters under this priority include:

- (1) Overtime costs, including associated fringe benefits, for hours the officer is in training is allowable. All overtime reimbursements shall be in accordance with the participating agency's established pay policies/procedures and shall not exceed time and a half of the officer's hourly pay.
- (2) Personnel costs (including overtime) associated with backfilling the position of the person in training is unallowable.
- (3) Additional costs associated with training, such as materials, is allowable.
- (4) If the trainee is required to travel for training, travel costs may be reimbursed in accordance with State of Florida travel guidelines.
- (5) Each participating agency can receive training reimbursement for the following fixed percentages of budgeted sworn/certified positions as reported on the most recent Criminal Justice Agency Profile report (CJAP):

Category	Budgeted Sworn/Certified Personnel	Max %
Large Agency	76 or more	20%
Medium Agency	31-75	30%
Small Agency	0-30	50%

Example: A participating agency has 150 sworn/certified personnel. The participating agency may receive reimbursement for training a maximum of 30 officers.

Exceptions to the fixed percentages above include:

(a) All participating agencies may receive reimbursement for up to 10 sworn/certified personnel, regardless of participating agency.

Example: A participating agency has 12 sworn/certified personnel. The participating agency may receive reimbursement for training a maximum of 10 officers instead of 50% of their sworn/certified personnel (6).

(b) A participating agency located in a fiscally constrained county, as defined in FSS 218.67 and published by the Florida Department of Revenue, may receive training reimbursements for up to 50% of its total budgeted sworn/certified positions.

Example: A participating agency is located in one of the 29 fiscally constrained counties and 60 sworn/certified personnel. The participating agency may receive reimbursement for training a maximum of 50%) of their sworn/certified personnel (30 officers) instead of the 30% allocated to medium sized agencies above (18 officers).

(6) The participating agency is responsible for tracking the training of each officer and the itemized costs associated with completing the training such as overtime, travel, materials, etc. (sample tracking spreadsheet)

PRIORITY 2: IGP-B DETAINING AND HOUSING UNAUTHORIZED ALIENS

Participating agencies may request a flat-rate reimbursement for detaining and housing unauthorized aliens on behalf of the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

The funding parameters under this priority include:

- (1) Detention facilities with a <u>Basic Ordering Agreement (BOA)</u> with ICE shall be reimbursed at the following rates:
 - (a) \$75 per day if the facility will receive or apply for ICE reimbursement
 - (b) \$100 per day if the facility will not receive or apply for ICE reimbursement
- (2) Detention facilities with an <u>Intergovernmental Service Agreement (IGSA)</u> with ICE shall be reimbursed at the difference between their daily bed rate, as specific in the IGSA, and the established reimbursement maximum of \$100 per day.

Example: A participating agency has an IGSA with a daily bed rate of \$65 per day. The agency may submit a reimbursement request for \$35 per day to bring their daily bed rate to \$100 per day.

- (3) Reimbursement shall be calculated based on the time the unauthorized alien is released from custody on state charges until the time the unauthorized alien leaves the detention facility or is transferring into ICE custody.
- (4) For reimbursement, one day may include a partial day where the unauthorized alien is detained <u>for</u> <u>at least 12 hours.</u>
- (5) The participating agency is responsible for tracking beds used for the housing of unauthorized aliens. This tracking shall include an identifying number for the unauthorized alien, date and time the individual was released from custody on state charges, date and time the unauthorized alien leaves then facility or is transferred into ICE custody (sample tracking spreadsheet).

PRIORITY 3: IGP-C TRANSPORTING ALIENS ON BEHALF OF ICE

Participating agencies may request reimbursement for eligible costs associated with transporting unauthorized aliens on behalf of Immigrations and Customs Enforcement.

The funding parameters under this priority include:

- (1) Overtime costs, including associated fringe benefits, for up to two officers per transport detail is allowable. All overtime reimbursements shall be in accordance with the participating agency's established pay policies/procedures and shall not exceed time and a half of the officer's hourly pay.
- (2) Travel costs from the point of departure to the point of return is allowable and will be reimbursed in accordance with State of Florida travel guidelines.
- (3) Reimbursement of personnel costs to backfill the position of an officer conducting transport is unallowable.
- (4) In accordance with Rule 11QER25-3(d), Florida Administrative Code, the purchase of vehicles to conduct transport is unallowable.
- (5) The participating agency is responsible for tracking transport details of unauthorized aliens. This tracking shall include an identifying number for the unauthorized alien, transport staff assigned to the detail (maximum two officers), point of origin, start date and time, point of return, end date and time, and the associated travel costs incurred (sample tracking spreadsheet).

PRIORITY 4: IGP-D TRAVEL AND LODGING DIRECTLY RELATED 287(G) TASK FORCE ACTIVITIES

Participating agencies may request reimbursement for travel and lodging costs directly related to active participation in task force activities under section 287(g) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. 1357.

The funding parameters under this priority include:

- (1) Travel and lodging are only eligible if they were incurred pursuant to the participating agency's involvement with task force activities with or for Immigration and Customs Enforcement.
- (2) Travel and lodging costs will be reimbursed in accordance with State of Florida travel guidelines.
- (3) The participating agency is responsible for tracking the travel and lodging associated with active task force participation. This tracking shall include and officer identification, point of origin, start date and time, point of return, end date and time, and the associated travel costs incurred (<u>sample tracking spreadsheet</u>).

PRIORITY 5: IGP-E BONUS PAYMENTS TO LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

Participating agencies may request a <u>one-time</u> bonus of up to \$1,000 for each law enforcement officer within the agency who is credentialed as a Designated Immigration Officer (DIO) <u>and</u> participates in at least one United States Department of Homeland Security task force operation under 287(g) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. 1357.

The funding parameters under this priority include:

(1) The bonus shall be adjusted to include an additional 7.65% to cover the officer's share of FICA tax on the bonus.

Example: A participating agency is giving their DIO officers a \$1,000 bonus. The amount paid to the officer must be adjusted to include the 7.65% FICA tax. The final bonus amount paid to the officer would be:

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- (2) The participating agency may not apply for more than one bonus for a particular officer over the life of the program.
- (3) The participating agency is responsible for tracking the qualifying task force operation(s) the officer participated in (<u>sample tracking spreadsheet</u>).

PRIORITY 6: IGP-F BONUS PAYMENTS TO CORRECTIONS OFFICERS

Participating agencies may request a <u>one-time</u> bonus of up to \$1,000 for each corrections officer within the agency who is credentialed as a Warrant Service Officer (WSO) or a Designated Immigration Officer (DIO) <u>and</u> who acted in one of those capacities for at least six months preceding the bonus payment.

The funding parameters under this priority include:

(1) The bonus shall be adjusted to include an additional 7.65% to cover the officer's share of FICA tax on the bonus.

Example: A participating agency is giving their DIO officers a \$1,000 bonus. The amount paid to the officer must be adjusted to include the 7.65% FICA tax. The final bonus amount paid to the officer would be:

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- (2) The participating agency may not apply for more than one bonus for a particular officer over the life of the program.
- (3) Correctional officers are not eligible for operations occurring solely at state correctional facilities.
- (4) The participating agency is responsible for tracking the eligibility of each officer (<u>sample tracking</u> spreadsheet).

PRIORITY 7: IGP-G EQUIPMENT, HARDWARE, AND SOFTWARE FOR 287(G)

Participating agencies may request reimbursement for equipment, hardware, and software that are essential to immigration enforcement.

The funding parameters under this priority include:

- (1) All equipment requests must receive approval by the State Board of Immigration Enforcement, regardless of dollar amount.
- (2) All hardware and software costs must be accompanied by a justification of why existing resources are not sufficient.
- (3) No vehicle, vessel, or aircraft will be approved for reimbursement.
- (4) All costs must be allocable, allowable, reasonable, and necessary as defined in <u>Department of Financial Service, CFO Memorandum No. 1</u>.

PRIORITY 8: IGP-H OTHER ASSOCIATED OR INCIDENTAL COSTS

Participating agencies may request reimbursement for any associated or incidental costs related to moving, transporting, lodging, temporary detention, and security of unauthorized aliens, <u>OR</u> related to active

participation in task force activities under section 287(g) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. 1357.

The funding parameters under this priority include:

- (1) Construction activities are unallowable.
- (2) No vehicles, vessels, or aircraft.
- (3) All items in this category must receive approval from the State Board of Immigration Enforcement regardless of dollar amount.
- (4) All requests must contain detailed information and calculations related to the cost and include a justification of direct need.

Cost Limitations

A participating agency may not apply for or receive grant funds for any activity for which the agency has received, or expects to receive, federal or other funding (i.e., local, other state funding, etc.).

All items purchased with these funds must be allowable in accordance with the executed award budget, reasonably priced based on current market review, and necessary for the operations and success of immigration enforcement activities.

A participating agency may not receive more than \$500,000 in reimbursed overtime expenses during a particular state fiscal year without prior written approval from the State Board of Immigration Enforcement.

A participating agency may not receive reimbursements greater than \$1,000,000 in a particular state fiscal year without prior written approval from the State Board of Immigration Enforcement.

Line items requested in the application will be reviewed for allowability. The Board's determination of acceptable expenditures requested for reimbursement shall be conclusive.

Application Submission Instructions

Funds for this program will be awarded on a first come, first served basis dependent on the receipt of a complete application packet in the AmpliFund system. The Board will continue issuing awards until all available funding is allocated.

For detailed instructions, review the IGP Application Submission Guide.

Failure to submit a completed application in the electronic grant management system will result in the incomplete application being rejected. If the application is rejected, the applicant may revise and resubmit a corrected application, if funding is still available.

State Transparency

Section 215.985, F.S., makes the Department of Financial Services (DFS) responsible for the development and maintenance of a contract reporting system, the Florida Accountability and Contract Tracking System (FACTS). State law requires all agreements (contracts, purchase orders and grants for state or federal financial assistance) to be placed in this transparency system and available for public access. The Board will provide all state financial assistance grant agreements to the FACTS system, including original contract and amendment document images and payment information.

Payments

If awarded, payment requests will be due monthly within <u>30 days</u> after the end of each reporting period. The final payment request will be due by <u>July 31, 2026</u>, which is 31 days after the end of the agreement period. Final reconciliation and closeout of the agreement will be completed by both parties within forty-five (45) days of the end of the grant period.

Grant funds are distributed on a cost-reimbursement basis for satisfactory performance of eligible activities. The final executed grant agreement will detail all invoicing and documentation requirements. The monthly financial claim reports, submitted through the electronic grant management system, serve as the recipient's request for payment. Only costs for expenditures occurring within the project period and in the executed grant budget may be reimbursed under this agreement. These expenditures must be allowable (pursuant to law) and directly related to the services being provided.

Receipt of funds is contingent on timely reporting. Payments will be processed in conjunction with receipt and review of supporting documentation to determine successful completion of minimum performance deliverables and to verify cost elements as specified in the agreement. Additionally, the request and any corresponding supporting documentation must evidence the completion of all tasks required to be performed for the associated deliverable, including minimum performance standards established in the agreement.

Monitoring

Recipients of grant funds are required to establish and maintain effective internal control over the award that provides reasonable assurance that the recipient is managing the award in compliance with statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of the grant agreement. The recipient must maintain effective control over all funds, property, and assets, and assure they are used solely for authorized purposes. The recipient must ensure all activities are supported by sufficient documentation.