

State Immigration Enforcement Council
Resolution #25-006

The State Immigration Enforcement Council, per FSS 908.1032(4)(b) and FSS 908.1032(4)(e), 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 Immigration Enforcement Board later adopted this resolution in July 2025. The Emergency Rule was filed on July 23, 2025.

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

Transporting in custody unauthorized aliens has been identified as a priority by the State Immigration Enforcement Council and the State Board of Immigration Enforcement. Some designated law enforcement agencies have assumed responsibility for regionally transporting unauthorized aliens between detention facilities. Based on the experience of these agencies, the need for transportation vehicles has been identified. 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 who are designated as Florida Sheriff transportation agencies for effective transportation of unauthorized aliens to and between county, state, and federal detention facilities. Only one vehicle per qualifying designated transportation agency will be approved.

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

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

- a. We recommend 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. We further recommend 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.
- d. No vehicle, vessel or aircraft will be approved for reimbursement with an exception for designated Florida Sheriff transportation agencies 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.