



Florida Department of Law Enforcement

Criminal Justice Grants Bureau

FY26-27 Drones as a First Responder Program Solicitation

The Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE), Criminal Justice Grants (CJG) Bureau, received authority to administer \$2.5 million in nonrecurring funding for the Drones as a First Responder (DFR) Program under Chapter 2026-232, Section 4, Specific Appropriation 1336A. Recipients must use funding to purchase new drones that are in compliance with the standards outlined in s. 934.50, F.S.

Eligibility

To be eligible for an award under this program, the recipient must meet the definition of a “first responder agency” as defined in [s. 365.179\(1\)\(a\), F.S.](#)

Match Requirements

Each recipient must contribute 50% of the total project cost using local funds, and the grant will cover the remaining 50%, unless the agency is in a fiscally constrained county. The system will automatically apply this match at reimbursement. Match will be automatically calculated and deducted when reimbursement is requested. For example, if the total reimbursement request for one drone is \$30,000, the maximum amount the grant will reimburse is \$15,000 and the recipient will be responsible for the remaining 50% using local funds.

Current fiscally constrained counties as described in s. 218.67(1), F.S., include: Baker, Bradford, Calhoun, Columbia, DeSoto, Dixie, Franklin, Gadsden, Gilchrist, Glades, Gulf, Hamilton, Hardee, Hendry, Highlands, Holmes, Jackson, Jefferson, Lafayette, Levy, Liberty, Madison, Okeechobee, Putnam, Suwannee, Taylor, Union, Wakulla, and Washington.

Award Limitations

Each award is limited to a total of \$250,000 per agency. The maximum amount that can be reimbursed per drone is \$50,000. Drones purchased prior to the execution of the award agreement are not eligible for reimbursement.

Project Period

Grants are awarded for a 9-month period, beginning October 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027. These awards cannot be extended. All drones under this program must be ordered prior to June 30, 2027. All requests for payments under this program must be completed by August 31, 2027.

Award Process

Recipients must submit an application through the FDLE electronic grant management system, Euna Grants (AmpliFund). FDLE's Criminal Justice Grants Bureau will issue awards on a first-come, first-served basis, based on the submission date of a complete application. Information on registering for a Euna Grant account and submitting the application can be found in the [Drones as First Responder \(DFR\) Program Recipient Guide](#).

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