

CONSTABLE ETHICS, STANDARDS & TRAINING BOARD

Request for Grant Applications

Pursuant to A.R.S. §22-138; §41-2701 et seq.

Constable Ethics Standards and Training Board EQUIPMENT Grant Program FY2024 Request for Grant Applications (& Application Package)

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This Request for Grant Applications is designed to provide interested parties with the application and instructions for FY2024 grant funding from the Constable Ethics, Standards & Training Board (the “Board”) Equipment Grant Program. Section I of this grant Request for Grant Applications provides background information on the Board Equipment Grant Program. Section II contains information describing how to complete a grant application. Section III contains information on the process of grant awards and contracts. Section IV contains the grant application and checklist.

Solicitation and award of Board Equipment Program grants shall be made pursuant to A.R.S. §41-2701 *et seq.*

I. General Application Information

The following section provides background information on the Board Grant Program.

A. Purpose of the Board Equipment Grant Program

The Constable Ethics Standards and Training Fund was established by the Arizona Legislature in (A.R.S. §22-138). As a result of the creation of the fund, the Board is required to develop, implement and administer the grant program. The primary purpose of the Board Equipment Grant Program is to provide a source of funding to counties to purchase equipment that will advance the capability of constables to perform their statutory duties safely and effectively.

B. Funding Source and Available Funds

One source of funding supports the Board Equipment Grant Program: The Constable Ethics Standards and Training Fund established by A.R.S. §22-138. Under this Board Equipment Grant Program Cycle, up to **\$2,500.00** will be awarded. Multiple grant awards may be awarded in this cycle. However, no more than 50% of the grant funds may be awarded with respect to projects to benefit any one county in FY2024.

C. Eligible Applicants

Eligible applicants include:

- Arizona county governments that have established and implemented writ fees pursuant to A.R.S. § 22-138 and have county constables presently holding elected or appointed office in FY2024.

D. Eligible Projects

The following prospective projects will be considered eligible for funding:

- Projects that provide funding of equipment for use by newly appointed constables and deputy constables in performance of their statutory duties.

E. Grant Application Workshops

The Board will not offer a grant application workshop.

F. Application Due Date and General Instructions

Applicants must submit their completed application package, including all necessary forms and documents, to the Phoenix office of the Board by:

12:00 pm, Friday March 8, 2024

Late applications will be rejected. Incomplete applications will be rejected. Submit one (1) original and one (1) electronic version of the application that begins on page 8 on a CD or flash drive; no emails or faxes will be accepted. Late applications will be rejected. Incomplete applications will be rejected. Submit one (1) original and one (1) electronic version on a CD or flash drive; no emails or faxes will be accepted. Deliver or mail the grant application package to:

Constable Ethics, Standards & Training Board
Constable Equipment Grant Program
c/o Capitol Consulting
PO Box 13116
Phoenix, Arizona 85002

Or Physical Address:
1415 N 7th Ave
Phoenix AZ 85007

All applicants must make and retain their own copies of their application materials.

All application packages must be received in a sealed envelope or package. All application packages must arrive at the designated address by the due date and time.

The Board cannot accept applications via fax or e-mail. The original copy of the application must be clearly labeled “ORIGINAL – GRANT APPLICATION” and must include all required forms with original wet-ink signatures by the person who is legally authorized to apply on behalf of the applicant (county). Failure to include any required information in the application packet or contract will result in the rejection of the application. Be advised that staff will not mark applications “Original – Grant Application” for the applicant.

NOTE: See Part II of this document (“How to Submit an Application” on page 4) for the complete instructions on how to submit an application.

G. Application Evaluation & Selection Process

All application packages will be evaluated by the Board after the grant application submittal deadline. The Board will use the FY2024 Application Rating Criteria (see part I.H, below) to rank applications. After the applications have been ranked, project proposals will be reviewed and grant award recommendations will be made based on the application ranking and the strength of the project proposal as determined by the Board. During the evaluation process, the Board will be guided by the information applicants provide in their completed applications. Applicants may be requested to supply additional information and may also be asked to revise applications based on new information submitted. The Board may adjust monetary grant

requests, project proposal scopes of work, project and reporting performance measurements and/or project budgets. Once the Board has completed its review, ranking and any modification of applications and project proposals, it expects to make grant award recommendations in a public meeting on or around **March 15, 2024**.

Applicants will be notified by U.S. mail as to whether or not they received a grant award after the evaluation and award process is completed. The applicant approved by the Board for grant funding will also be sent a fully executed copy of the Grant Award Contract. All applicants should review the sample Grant Award Contract when completing the application, because all grants are conditional on the applicant's willingness to enter into a contract with the standard terms set forth in that document. The Board anticipates that grant award notification will be mailed on or approximately **March 19, 2024**.

After the grant award has been made, all applications and the associated evaluations will be made available to the public. The Board may determine that trade secrets or proprietary information may continue to be held confidential. If an applicant believes that any of the information contained in its application should be held confidential it must designate that information as "confidential" in its application and provide a written explanation as to why it should be held confidential.

H. FY2024 Application Rating Criteria

All grant applications submitted during the FY2024 will be scored and ranked according to the following criteria:

- 1. Utilization of Equipment**
On a scale of 1 to 10 with 10 being the highest possible score, how well does this prospective project advance the capacity of Constables to perform their statutory mandates safely and efficiently?
- 2. Performance Measures**
On a scale of 1 to 10 with 10 being the highest possible score, how well does this prospective project develop meaningful measurements of the project's performance?
- 3. Fiscal Efficiency**
On a scale of 1 to 10 with 10 being the highest possible score, how well does this prospective project utilize the resources of the prospective grant award to accomplish the program goals?
- 4. Matching Funds**
On a scale of 1 to 10 with 10 being the highest possible score, will the application provide matching funds or otherwise contribute financial resources to the completion of the prospective project?

II. How to Submit an Application

The following describes how to submit an application for the Board Equipment Grant Program funding. Please read this information carefully and follow all directions.

A. Planning and Writing the Project Proposal

Before completing the application (Section IV beginning on page 8), applicants should read and familiarize themselves with all sections of this Request for Grant Applications.

Grant awards are implemented through binding Grant Award Contracts. The terms of this Request for Grant Applications will be incorporated by reference in the final Grant Award Contract, but in the event of a conflict between the terms of this Request for Grant Applications and the terms of the final Grant Award Contract, the terms of the final Grant Awards Contract will take priority and will define the terms of the parties' obligations to each other.

Applicants should pre-plan their project and be able to provide details clarifying and describing:

- How the project will enhance constable safety and efficiency
- What the project components are
- How much each component of the project will cost (you must submit a detailed budget)
- Evidence to verify the costs (quotes)
- When the project will be completed
- How they plan to measure and report upon the outcomes of the project

Matching Funds are not required for grant projects in this grant program, but they are encouraged and projects that are accompanied by the applicant's matching funds will receive priority consideration in the evaluation process by receiving 10 additional points in the corresponding rating criteria. However, if an applicant intends to provide matching funds, the project budget must reflect the value and source of the matching funds that the applicant intends to provide.

Project Cash Flow: Be aware of the timing and amount of funding (cash flow) needed to complete the project specified within your application. If you are selected for a grant award, payments are made on a reimbursable basis. Successful applicants that become grantees ("Grantees") must provide assurance that the work has been completed (receipts, invoices, etc.) in order to receive reimbursement.

If you are an applicant that will have a difficult time waiting for reimbursement, be sure to specify in Section IV E in the application (page 12) that you may need an advance payment and clearly explain in detail the reason(s) why an advance is needed. Requests for an advance payment will be considered but are not guaranteed.

No awarded project will receive more than 75% of the project funding in advance. 25% of any award will be withheld until the Board receives a completed final report from the applicant after the project is completed.

If the awarded applicant is in possession of unused advanced grant funds after the term of the contract or upon the conclusion of the project (whichever comes first), the applicant must return them to the Board within 90 days of the completed project or the termination of the contract.

NOTE: If you are selected for a grant award, you must account for your expenditures on an actual cost basis not to exceed the grant award amount. You may not request additional funds should you have cost overruns. If you have cost overruns, the Board will not be responsible for reimbursement of those costs, they will be the responsibility of the applicant.

B. Completing the Application

Complete the Board Equipment Grant Program Application that is included in this Request for Grant Applications (Section IV, beginning on page 8).

All application forms, sections and certifications must be completed and submitted with your grant application package. You can use the forms provided or create your own using 8.5" x 11" size paper. If you create your own forms, they must contain the same information in the same order as the ones provided in the application. If an applicant needs more space than what is provided on any application form, attach extra sheets as needed.

Do not omit any sections of the application. All pages of your application must be typed (preferred) using a font size no smaller than 10 point or clearly printed.

NOTE: You must submit one (1) original and one (1) electronic version on CD or flash drive of the grant application package (flash drives will be returned to applicants).

Failure to include required information will result in the rejection of your application.

C. Contact Information for Questions

Please contact the Board Grant Program Coordinator if you have any questions:

Grant Program Coordinator
Constable Ethics, Standards & Training Board
PO Box 13116
Phoenix, AZ 85002
Phone: (602) 343-6280
Fax: (602) 712-1252
E-mail: cestb@azcapitolconsulting.com

III. Grant Awards & Reporting

A. Notification of Award and Grant Award Contract

Applicants will be notified in writing as to whether or not they received a grant award after the evaluation process is completed. The Board will prepare the final Grant Award Contract and will send two signed originals to the successful applicant. The applicant must execute both originals, returning one fully-executed original of the Grant Award Contract to the Board and keeping the other for its own records. No funds will be disbursed by the Board and the Grant Award Contract will not be a final binding contract until the fully-executed original of the Grant Award Contract has been received by the Board.

B. Records and Reporting Requirements

The applicant that becomes a successful Grantee will be responsible for setting up and maintaining a project file that contains all records of correspondence with the Board, receipts, invoices and copies of all reports and documents associated with the project. These records must be maintained for five (5) years after the submission of the final report indicating project completion.

The Grantee shall reference the Grant Contract Number in all correspondence submitted to the Board.

The Grantee shall include the following language in all reports prepared for this Contract, and in any publication of reports, or any printed or digital materials or advertising generated with the financial support of the Board:

- a) "The Constable Ethics Standards and Training Board has funded all (or a portion) of this Project."
- b) "The views or findings presented are the Grantee's and do not necessarily represent those of the State, or the Constable Ethics Standards and Training Board."

The Grantee is required to submit a quarterly update to the Board that includes a brief narrative report describing the outcome of the work performed on the project to date. If the Grantee received any advance funds, they must include details on all purchases or investments made with grant funds to date, a revised advanced funds budget report with paid receipts attached showing the actual cost of all items purchased and the balance of any advanced funds remaining.

When requesting funds for a project, the Grantee shall submit to the Board the following information:

- a cover letter that includes the grant contract number, the Grantee name, the amount of funding requested
- a brief narrative of the project's progress and how grant funds were used to achieve project objectives to date as outlined by the Grantee in the Grant Application
- a budget report showing in-kind and actual expenditures
- receipts/paid invoices to provide assurance that the work has been completed

Reimbursement requests may be submitted on a quarterly basis or less frequently if no expenses have occurred.

The Grantee must obtain Board pre-approval before any funds are reallocated within the original/approved budget in the Grant Application. The Grantee is responsible for responding to any inquiries from the Board within any time periods specified by the Board.

At the end of the project, a final budget report and a final narrative report must be submitted and approved by the Board. The final narrative report shall include at a minimum:

- A summary of the project goals and objectives
- Project results or outcomes (including any data or photos)
- aspects of the project that worked well and things that did not work well
- Any public involvement and coordination
- How the project has met the program goals
- How the project has benefited the State of Arizona.

The Board will not disburse final payment until all reports and all requirements of the Grant Award Contract have been fulfilled.

Any remaining advanced funds, including any interest earned on advanced funds, will be returned to the Board. The Grantee will be required to remit any unexpended balance of grant funds to the Board no later than 90 days after the completion of the grant funded project.

IV. Grant Application

A. Statement of Applicant Eligibility

INSTRUCTIONS:

Please describe the nature of your organization and explain how you are eligible to apply for the Board Equipment Grant Program. Please limit your response to no more than 1,000 words and attach as exhibits accompanying documentation of your eligibility, including but not limited to the county resolution authorizing the collection of writ fees to be paid to the Board.

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B. Project Proposal Form

INSTRUCTIONS:

Please describe completely the project you propose to complete if awarded a Board Equipment Grant. Be complete in your description of the project. At a minimum, your response must contain:

1. A detailed description of the proposed project.
2. An explanation of needs for equipment purchases.
3. An explanation of outcomes to be expected from the funding proposal.
4. An explanation of how grant funds will be used (this is not a substitute for the project budget required in Section IV.C).

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C. Project Budget

INSTRUCTIONS:

Please submit a detailed budget for the project, including specifically:

1. The FY2024 equipment grant objectives that relate to this project and funding; identify a projected date for accomplishing each task associated with expending the funding.
2. A description and outline of equipment to be purchased if granted funding.
3. The projected number of constables to benefit from the proposed equipment purchases.
4. All estimated expenditures (including tax) from three (3) different vendors for each type of item to be purchased. You must also attach all supporting bid documentation.
5. All funding sources and amounts that will be utilized to complete this project by the projected completion date.

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D. Project Performance Measures

INSTRUCTIONS:

Please identify performance measurements that you will use to illustrate the outcomes of your proposal, if selected for funding. The following performance measures must be included at a minimum for consideration. The performance measurements you identify in this section, as approved by the Board, will become provisions of your grant contract if the Applicant is selected as a Board Equipment Grant Program Grantee.

The performance measurements must demonstrate how the proposed project will meet the program goals described in this Request for Grant Applications. Minimum performance measurements for each project shall include:

1. The total number of constables and deputy constables that will benefit from the equipment funding;
2. The estimated savings to your government entity that would result from awarding the requested grant;
3. How the safety of constables and deputy constables would be improved by awarding the requested grant; and
4. How the execution of constable duties would be improved by awarding the requested grant.

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E. Request for Advance Payment & Justification

INSTRUCTIONS:

As described in the Request for Grant Applications, grant awards are typically disbursed as reimbursements for expenses incurred in the completion of projects. However, the Board will consider requests for Advance Payment of funding pursuant to the provisions of the Request for Grant Applications. If you require advance payment, please identify what portion of the project budget is being requested in advance and clearly explain the reason(s) why an advance is required for the completion of the project. If you are not requesting advanced funds, please state that in this section.

Please note that if your request for advance payment is approved, you will be subject to the terms outlined in section III.B of the Request for Grant Applications.

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FY2024 Application Checklist

Be sure to comply with all of the following information in order for your application to be considered for funding.

- Cover Letter on county or department letterhead briefly describing the proposed equipment, funding amount requested, constable(s) who will benefit. Cover letter must include mailing address for award notification.
- Submit one (1) completed, signed original of this grant application marked “ORIGINAL” in a sealed envelope or box, addressed to the Board as provided in this Request for Grant Applications.
- Submit one (1) electronic copy of this completed grant application on CD or flash drive marked “COPY” submitted in the same sealed envelope or box addressed to the board as provided in this Request for Grant Applications (flash drives will be returned to the applicant).
- Ensure your application addresses all questions and submits all requested justification materials and documentation in this application.
- Mail in time to **arrive by 12:00 pm on March 8, 2024.**

Signed:

Name and Title of Signatory

Date Signed