



**Division of Criminal
Justice Services**

Law Enforcement Technology (LETECH) Application for Funding September 2023

IMPORTANT DATES:

Application Release Date:	Monday, September 25, 2023
Application Due to DCJS:	Wednesday, November 8, 2023 by 12:00 PM (Noon)
Questions regarding the application:	Dcjs.sm.LEtechquestions@dcjs.ny.gov (Include "LE Technology" in the Subject Line)
Questions regarding an SFS number:	sfs.sm.HelpDesk@sfs.ny.gov
Notification of Awards:	On or about Wednesday, January 17, 2024

Applications are to be submitted to DCJS using the Attached Form by November 8, 2023.



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ATTACHMENT: Law Enforcement Technology Funding Application Form

I. INTRODUCTION

The New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) seeks applications from law enforcement agencies to fund law enforcement technologies (LETECH) and applicable software/equipment – such as license plate readers, mobile and fixed surveillance cameras, unmanned aerial vehicles, gunshot detection devices, smart equipment for patrol vehicles and officers, technology or software and other kinds of public safety equipment – to help keep New Yorkers and our law enforcement partners safe. Approximately (fifty million dollars) \$50,000,000 is expected to be available to fund LETECH and applicable equipment/ software for local law enforcement agencies outside of New York City.

Law enforcement technology is intended to help local law enforcement agencies prevent and solve crimes, particularly violent crimes by firearms and crimes of community concern (e.g., motor vehicle thefts). As well as serve as an integrated part of an agency's problem-solving and community-engagement strategy, helping to increase public trust and communication.

DCJS enhances public safety by providing resources and services that inform decision making and improve the quality of the criminal justice system. DCJS is a multi-function criminal justice support agency with a variety of responsibilities, including collection and analysis of statewide crime data; operation of the DNA databank and criminal fingerprint files; administration of federal and state criminal justice funds; identifying and funding programs that reduce crime, recidivism, and victimization. Additionally, DCJS administers the state's Sex Offender Registry. DCJS conducts research on critical criminal justice issues and provides training, legal guidance and regulation to the State's law enforcement, community corrections and prosecutorial communities.

DCJS is committed to providing programs that improve the effectiveness of New York's criminal justice system. Applications will be selected for funding consistent with the best interest of the state.

II. LAW ENFORCEMENT TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM INFORMATION

Throughout New York and the United States, law enforcement agencies and departments are increasingly relying on emerging technologies to perform their duties and to enhance public safety, as well as to collect potentially useful evidence.

LETECH also is proving to be an important tool to assist broader law enforcement, problem-solving, and community engagement strategies within jurisdictions across the state and country.

This deployment of LETECH is intended to help prevent and solve crimes, particularly violent crimes by firearms, and serve as an integrated part of a law enforcement agency's problem-solving and community-engagement strategy, helping to increase public trust and communication.

Awards will be granted to each individual applicable department/agency that is selected for an award. There will be no contracts executed between DCJS and individual award recipients. Payment will be issued directly to award recipients in the amounts approved by DCJS.

III. FUNDING INFORMATION AND ELIGIBILITY

A. Funding

Approximately \$50,000,000 will be made available to support the law enforcement technology program. Funding under this program must supplement, not supplant, non-grant funds that would otherwise be available for expenditure on the programs proposed.

1. Availability and Approved Use of State Funds

All awards are subject to the availability of funds. Applicants should anticipate that awards under this initiative are one-time awards and should propose project activities and deliverables that can be accomplished without additional and/or subsequent funding. Agencies receiving awards should plan for the institutionalization of the project after grant funds are no longer available, including any prerequisite training requirements. This is a one-time payment for law enforcement technologies and applicable software/equipment, not for the continued maintenance of such.

2. Eligible Items for Consideration

Law enforcement agencies and departments are increasingly relying on emerging technologies to perform their duties and to enhance public safety. In their daily work, law enforcement agencies are also using technology to reduce the risk of injury and bodily harm to officers and the public. Through this RFA, law enforcement agencies may indicate on the attached form their need for any of the following items:

- Surveillance Cameras (Mobile/Fixed)
- License Plate Readers (Mobile/Fixed)
- Acoustic Gunshot Detection Systems
- Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs, also known as “drones”)
- 3-D Crime Scene Laser Scanner
- Handheld Scanners/Readers/Radios
- Software Applications, Development and Deployment
- Patrol Vehicle Equipment (PC/Tablet, Scanners, Printer, etc.)
- Body Worn Equipment (Cameras)
- Lighting Systems
- Other Equipment (specify)

B. Applicant Eligibility and Requirements

Eligible applicants include local law enforcement agencies (e.g., police departments and sheriff's offices) in jurisdictions in New York State outside of New York City.

Funding requests must be submitted on the attached Law Enforcement Technology Application Form.

Awardees must be current with the required submission to DCJS of their Uniform Crime Reports (UCR) or Incident-Based Reports (IBR).

Awardees must have a State Financial Services (SFS) vendor ID registered with New York State or must have an SFS number by the time payment is issued.

IV. APPLICATION/FORM INFORMATION

Applicants must electronically submit the attached Law Enforcement Technology Application as instructed. If DCJS does not receive the attached form, the applicant will not receive funding. Please be sure all fields are complete before submission. If you have any questions on the application, please contact Dcjs.sm.LEtechquestions@dcjs.ny.gov and include "LE Technology" in the subject line of the message.

V. NOTIFICATION OF AWARDS

Applicants approved for funding will be notified in writing by DCJS via email to the email address provided in the attached application form.

VI. PAYMENT

If selected for funding, each individual agency/department shall receive a one-time payment for their entire award as determined by DCJS.

It is expected that \$50 million dollars will be available to provide commodities and technology, including those available through centralized contracts established by the NYS Office of General Services (OGS). If selected to receive an award, please visit the OGS website at <https://ogs.ny.gov/procurement/ogs-centralized-contracts> for the availability of a centralized contract before seeking procurement.