

**Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA)
FY 2009 President-Elect Security Assistance Reimbursement &
FY 2009 Presidential Inauguration Security Assistance Reimbursement Solicitations**

1. Where can I find information on the deadline for this solicitation?

All applications are due by 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time (ET) on July 2, 2009.

2. How do I apply for this funding opportunity?

All applications must be submitted through the Grants Management System (GMS) via <https://grants.ojp.usdoj.gov>. Applicants should begin the process a few weeks prior to the GMS registration deadline, especially if this is the first time they have used the system. Each application requires a separate GMS registration. For a step-by-step guide, visit www.ojp.gov/gmscbt/ and refer to the section entitled "External Overview: Locating & Applying for Funding Opportunities." For additional assistance, call the GMS Support Helpline at 1-888-549-9901 from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Eastern Time Monday through Friday.

In addition to registering with GMS, applicants must obtain a DUNS number from Dun and Bradstreet and must also register with the Central Contractor Registration (CCR) database prior to application submission. Note that your CCR registration must be renewed once a year.

3. What is a DUNS number and how do I get one?

The Office of Management and Budget requires that all businesses and nonprofit applicants for federal funds include a DUNS (Data Universal Numeric System) number in their application for a new award or renewal of an award. Applications without a DUNS number are incomplete. A DUNS number is a unique nine-digit sequence recognized as the universal standard for identifying and keeping track of entities receiving federal funds. The identifier is used for tracking purposes and to validate address and point of contact information. The DUNS number will be used throughout the grant life cycle. Obtaining a DUNS number is a free, simple, one-time activity. Obtain one by calling 1-866-705-5711 or by applying online at fedgov.dnb.com/webform/displayHomePage.do. Individuals are exempt from this requirement.

4. Who is eligible to apply for this grant program?

Information on eligibility to apply for these programs can be found on the front page of the solicitations and also within the solicitations under the section titled "Eligibility."

Under the "President-Elect" solicitation, applicants are limited to State Administering Agencies (SAAs) applying on behalf of state and local agencies in their jurisdiction that engaged in security-related activities for the President-elect during the period of 11:00 p.m. (ET) November 4, 2008 through 11:59 p.m. (ET) January 18, 2009.

Under the "Presidential Inauguration" solicitation, applicants are limited to SAAs applying on behalf of state and local agencies that are seeking reimbursement for their extraordinary costs associated with the 2009 Presidential Inauguration in the Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Region during the period of 12:00 a.m. (ET) January 19, 2009 through 7:00 a.m. (ET) January 21, 2009.

In addition, under both solicitations, entities serving multiple states or that are part of a state/regional compact arrangement, may independently apply.

5. What are the appropriate start and ending dates to include in the application?

Applicants completing the SF 424, under the section for the "Proposed Project - Start and Ending Date," under the President-Elect Security Assistance Reimbursement solicitation, should list the start date as November 1, 2008 and the ending date as October 31, 2009. The reimbursement period for agencies involved in the President-Elect Security is limited to 11:00 p.m. (ET) November 4, 2008 through 11:59 p.m. (ET) January 18, 2009.

Applicants completing the SF 424, under the section for the “Proposed Project – Start and Ending Date,” under the Presidential Inauguration Security Assistance Reimbursement solicitation, should list the start date as January 1, 2009 and the ending date as December 31, 2009. The reimbursement period for agencies involved in the 2009 Presidential Inauguration is limited to 12:00 a.m. (ET) January 19, 2009 through 7:00 a.m. (ET) January 21, 2009.

6. Can a law enforcement agency seek reimbursement for overtime (OT) costs of its personnel who were not directly related to the security of President-Elect or Inauguration, but were otherwise generally deployed during the time period?

In order to be eligible for reimbursement, the applicant must demonstrate that the OT expenses were directly related to the President-Elect or 2009 Presidential Inauguration Security during the “Eligibility” time periods identified in the solicitations.

7. Can an applicant seek reimbursement for costs that occurred in advance of the “Eligibility” time periods (e.g., planning, travel, equipment and supply purchases)?

With the exception of equipment/supply purchases that by necessity would have had to have taken place in advance of the identified “Eligibility” time periods, but were procured specifically for and used during the “Eligibility” periods, all other activities/costs in order to eligible for reimbursement must have taken place during the “Eligibility” time periods identified in each solicitation. Planning and travel costs that occurred outside of the “Eligibility” time periods would not be eligible for reimbursement.

8. Are expenses associated with the employees involved in the security activities, i.e., lodging and meals, allowable? And, are contractual line items allowed, i.e., leasing arrangement for cars, shelters, helicopters, etc?

The applicant must ensure: 1) that the costs were extraordinary; 2) that the costs were incurred during the specifically identified “Eligibility” time periods for each solicitation; and 3) depending on the solicitation, that the costs directly relate to the President-Elect security or the 2009 Presidential Inauguration. Items such as lodging, meals, leasing, and contractual are allowable as long as they fit these criteria.

9. Is overtime (OT) for paramedics and EMS personnel in support of law enforcement an allowable expenditure?

The applicant must demonstrate that the OT costs are directly for security related activities during the “Eligibility” time periods.

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