**Local Public Safety Agency Opportunity for**

**Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funds**

Department of Public Safety

April 2020

The Department of Public Safety (DPS) was awarded a federal grant to assist with the enormous strain that the COVID-19 health pandemic is having on Alaskan communities. The Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funds (CESF) grant is available to local public safety agencies on a reimbursement basis and/or for purchase of allowable expenditures.

The following are allowable expenditures under CESF:

* Overtime for first responders and other critical public safety staff
* Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and supplies for cleaning and disinfecting
* Altering workspaces to increase safety of staff
* Increased travel/transportation costs related to COVID-19
* Hiring contract workers, such as emergency jail guards
* Addressing the medical needs of inmates in local and tribal prisons, jails, and detention centers

To apply, complete the short application form (attached) with the following required application due at submission:

* Agency name
* Community(s) served
* Name of your authorized agency representative to accept these funds
* Contact information
* Answers to the three questions listed
* Short narrative outlining the reimbursement or procurement request
* Impact statement stating how these items will help your community(s)
* Receipts for all purchased items or all quotes for procurement

**The initial deadline for application submissions is 5:00pm AST Friday, May 29**. If additional funds are still available, another round of applications will be announced. Even though grant funds are limited, DPS will do our best to fairly and equitably meet the needs of Alaska communities during this time.

Once decisions are made, DPS will process and submit a request for funds to be directly deposited into agency accounts or DPS will issue a state warrant for reimbursement requests. For procurement requests, DPS will directly contact your agency. Additionally, an email will be sent to your agency’s authorized representative to notify your agency that DPS received your CESF application.

All questions regarding CESF for local public safety agencies should be directed to cesf.grant@alaska.gov.