
BUDGET UNIT BRIEF – FY 2020

Fiscal Services Division

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Department of Corrections — State Criminal Alien Assistance Program

Purpose and History

The Office of Justice Programs within the Bureau of Justice Assistance of the U.S. Department of Justice administers the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) in cooperation with the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services of the federal Department of Homeland Security. The SCAAP reimburses states and local jurisdictions for incarcerating undocumented criminal aliens with at least one felony or two misdemeanor convictions for violations of state or local law who are incarcerated for at least four days.

Application Process

All 50 states, the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and cities and counties with correctional facilities are eligible to apply. Eligible jurisdictions submit applications to the Office of Justice Programs, and include correctional officer salary costs (excluding benefits), the number of eligible inmates and the number of days each was held, and inmate information. The Office of Justice Programs transmits the applications to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security for verification of the number of eligible inmates and to update the criminal alien database. The Bureau of Justice Assistance makes grant awards to jurisdictions based on the number of eligible applicants as determined by the Department of Homeland Security, costs submitted, and the amount of funds awarded by the U.S. Congress. Grant awards may be prorated based on available funding.

Grant Awards and Use of Funds

The Bureau of Justice Assistance awards grants that must be used for correctional purposes only, and may be used for correctional officer salaries, overtime costs, workforce recruitment and retention, construction, training of offenders, training of correctional officers related to offender population management, consultants, medical and mental health services, vehicle rental or purchase for transport of offenders, prison industries, prerelease or reentry programs, technology for offender management or interagency information sharing, and disaster preparedness.

The Iowa Department of Corrections (DOC) uses its grant awards for overtime and training for correctional officers related to offender population management, corrections workforce recruitment and retention, training and education of offenders, and technology for offender management or interagency information sharing.

More Information

U.S. Department of Justice: www.justice.gov

U.S. Department of Homeland Security: www.dhs.gov

Iowa Department of Corrections: doc.iowa.gov

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There is a time lag between submitting applications, reporting data, and receiving federal funds. For example, applications for federal FY 2017 were due in May 2017 (State FY 2017) for grants scheduled to be received after October 2017 (State FY 2018), based on data from the reporting period of July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2016 (State FY 2016).

Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

Iowa Code chapters [356](#) and [904](#)
Iowa Administrative Code [201](#)

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