



COLORADO
Department of Local Affairs
Division of Local Government

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Section 24-32-124 (6), of the Colorado Revised Statute (C.R.S.), requires the Department of Local Affairs to provide a summarized report of the activities of the program in the department's annual presentation to the committees of reference. This document serves as the response to this report requirement.

Program Overview

In Colorado's 2018 legislative session, House Bill 18-1020 was passed creating the Law Enforcement Community Services grant program (LECSGP) as outlined in Colorado Revised Statute (C.R.S.) 24-32-124. The program gives grants to law enforcement agencies, local government entities, and community organizations to improve services to the communities. This includes community services such as policing and outreach, drug intervention, prevention, treatment and recovery, and other services. The grant program includes a seventeen-member committee to make recommendations to the Executive Director to review grant applications, and recommend which grants should be approved. Pursuant to C.R.S. 24-32-124(3)(a), the appointments to the committee must be made by the following:

- (I) A representative of the department of local affairs appointed by the executive director who shall chair the committee;
- (II) A representative of the department of public safety appointed by the executive director of the department of public safety;
- (III) A representative of the department of law appointed by the attorney general;
- (IV) The following persons appointed by the governor:
 - (A) A representative of a statewide organization of district attorneys;
 - (B) A representative of a statewide organization of county sheriffs;
 - (C) A representative of a statewide organization of chiefs of police;
 - (D) A representative of a statewide organization of law enforcement officers;
 - (E) A representative of a statewide organization of counties;
 - (F) A representative of a statewide organization of municipalities;
 - (G) A representative of a drug treatment provider;
 - (H) A representative of a nonprofit organization that advocates for civil liberties; and
 - (I) Four additional members who are not members of any of the entities described in subsections (2)(b)(IV)(A) to (2)(b)(IV)(H) of this section, but who represent community organizations that provide services to the community and represent the diverse geographic areas and the ethnic and racial diversity and gender balance within the state;
- (V) A member of the senate appointed by the president of the senate; and
- (VI) A member of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

The fund is created through the disposition of seized personal property, if the prosecution prevails in a forfeiture action in district courts, the court shall order property forfeited. Proceeds from forfeiture actions are distributed, upon order of the court, resulting in the collection of twenty-five percent (25%) of the proceeds awarded to district courts. Pursuant to C.R.S. 16-13-311 proceeds are sent to the Department by state warrant and deposited into the LECSGP fund. The Division can charge 5% administrative costs of the total fund balance to make grants. Since its inception on July 1, 2018, the fund has collected \$849,454.



Report of Activities

Since the program began July 1, 2018, activities to date have included:

LECSGP REVENUE				
FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	Total
\$ 206,894	\$ 272,598	\$ 262,038	\$107,924	\$849,454

In an effort to effectively launch the program, the Division of Local Government has undertaken extensive recruitment efforts to seat the seventeen-member committee and has formally solicited over 60 eligible organizations for applications by phone, email, and informational sessions. Since outreach commenced, an average of one application a month has been received. Recruitment efforts will continue until acceptable applications are received for all committee seats and the committee is successfully filled.

