



COLORADO
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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 24-32-124(3)(a) C.R.S., 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 revenue stream to fund the LECSGP is provided through the Law Enforcement Community Services grant program fund. 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 of the proceeds awarded to district courts. Pursuant to Section 16-13-311 Disposition of Seized Personal Property, said proceeds are sent to the Department by state warrant and deposited into the LECSGP. 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 \$493,790.

Section 24-32-124 (6), C.R.S., requires the submittal of a summary report of the activities of the program in the annual presentation by the Department of Local Affairs to the committee of reference.



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

- monitoring of collections toward the launch goal of establishing \$500,000. Between July 1, 2018 and June 30, 2019, \$206,894 were collected and since July 1, 2019, \$286,897 has been collected.
- depositing proceeds to the fund with an approximate balance of \$493,790 for grants and administration to date.

Administratively, the Department has not launched the program nor the committee while waiting for a reasonable amount of capital (\$500,000) to be collected into the fund. To ensure no loss of funding to appropriation restrictions, the program was to consider the launch of the committee and policy work after December 31, 2019. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent restrictions and budgetary constraints, this launch did not occur. The Department will analyze the situation moving into 2020, and pursue the most appropriate course of action with respect to the Law Enforcement Community Services grant program.