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Colorado Judicial Department Opens Application Process for Court Security Cash Fund Commission Grants

Grants provide funding for courthouses with limited resources.

DENVER—The Colorado Judicial Department has opened the application period for fiscal year 2025-26 grants from the Court Security Cash Fund, which was enacted in 2007. The grants provide supplemental funding for courthouse security at state court facilities in Colorado counties with the most limited resources.

Funds from the grants may be used for supplemental court security staffing at a facility containing a state court or probation office, security equipment or related structural improvements at a facility containing a state court or probation office, training of local security teams, miscellaneous needs associated with court security, or emergency needs related to court security. Funds may not be used for architectural services, non-security related construction, firearms or other weapons, POST certification training, computers and computer servers unless a part of a security system, equipment not clearly identified as having a court security purpose, vehicles, ADA compliance issues that do not concern security, or emergency lighting already required by a Fire Marshall.

Grants to counties are awarded based on a priority schedule set in statute. To be designated as highest priority for grants, counties must meet at least two of four criteria set in the statute: counties whose total population is below the state median; counties in which per-capita income is below the state median; counties in which property tax revenues are below the state median; and counties in which the population living below the federal poverty line is above the state median. Of those counties, 40 are given the highest priority for grants as they meet at least two of the criteria.

Approximately \$2.5 million is available from the Colorado Court Security Cash Fund. Grant applications must be received through the Office of the State Court Administrator's grant management system, AmpliFund, by 5 p.m. on Friday, April 11, 2025. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.

Application details, rules and other information on the grants can be found at <u>coloradojudicial.gov/financial-services/court-security-cash-fund-commission-grant-program</u>.

Questions regarding the application process can be submitted to CourtSecurityGrants@judicial.state.co.us.

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