

Incident Responder Grant Program – Round 2 – Questions and Answers

August 20, 2021

1. **Is a local match required from applicants?** No. Agency match is not required to apply.
2. **What are the minimum and maximum grant amounts?** The Minimum grant award is \$5,000 and the Maximum grant award is \$500,000.
3. **What if the cost of a capital asset exceeds the maximum grant amount allowed?** An applicant may apply for an Incident Responder Grant to cover a portion of the cost of the capital asset, while covering the remainder of the cost with its own agency resources.
4. **What if an agency does not have any freeways or state highways within its jurisdiction? Is that agency eligible to apply?** Agencies are eligible to apply provided that the agency utilizes the funds for the statutorily prescribed purposes, to respond to incidents on the freeway system, expressway system, state highways, or primary county roadways that connect these roadways, known as the SAFE-designated roadways. Assets purchased through the grant program do not need to be used exclusively on the freeway system, but there does need to be a nexus to incident response on the SAFE-designated roadways.
5. **Can a Federal agency apply?** Yes, a Federal agency is an eligible applicant provided that the agency utilizes the funds for the statutorily prescribed purposes.
6. **If a grant award is made, how does the distribution of funds work?** Authorization to proceed and grant funds will be distributed to grant recipients not later than 30 days after SAFE Board approval. Agencies must expend funds within two (2) years of receipt, and must return to the Ventura County SAFE any unused or excess grant funds.