



**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Executive Office of Public Safety and Security
Office of Grants and Research
SFY23 Restorative Justice Community Grant Program**

Availability of Grant Funds – Application Questions

1. Are fiscal agents acting on behalf of 501(c)(3) required to apply as a group?

(RESPONSE UPDATED 11.7.22) No, in order to apply under the "Group Option" all partner organizations must provide programmatic grant services. Fiscal agents providing administrative support to the primary applicant would be considered as an expense of the primary applicant and not be considered a partner organization.

2. What is the definition of Restorative Justice?

As stated in the Availability of Grant Funds and in Section 202 of the Criminal Justice Reform Act, restorative justice is defined as “a voluntary program established on restorative justice principles that engages parties to a crime or members of the community in order to develop a plan of repair that addresses the needs of the parties and the community. Programs may include the parties to a case, their supporters and community members or 1-on-1 dialogues between a victim and an offender.”

3. Is this a renewal grant?

No. This grant was appropriated by the Legislature as part of the Fiscal Year 2023 budget, anticipating 6 months of funding for recipients. There has been no indication that this grant will be recurring at this time.

4. How does this grant function as a reimbursement grant with sub-awardees?

This grant is structured for 6 months of funding, with 2 quarterly expenditure reports due on April 15th and July 15th. These reports act as requests for reimbursements for the primary applicant and any sub-awardees. The primary applicant would submit the reports to OGR on behalf of themselves and the sub-awardees for any expenses during the reporting period. OGR will review and send reimbursement to the primary applicants, who in turn can distribute funds to the sub-awardees as needed.

5. Can OGR staff help my organization make our application more appealing?

Unfortunately, OGR can't give you advice or specific guidance on completing the application. Please describe your request for funding as best as you can to reflect your specific organization's needs in the application