**JJDP Act Title II Formula Grant**

**Law Enforcement and Youth Partnership**

**Summer Day Program**

**Questions and Answers**

*The questions and answers below are based on those provided via email and during the applicant conference call. They are not necessarily the word for word Q & A. Responses have been revised for more clarity and accuracy and to avoid redundancy.*

**Q1:** If our department is trying to expand an already existing Basketball Program into a third city (90 additional youth served), would they be allowed to use these grant funds for the purchase of more basketballs to run the program?

**A:** Yes, the funds are allowable for that if the applicant shows that the costs are justified and reasonable given the proposed program.

**Q2:** Since the department isn’t allowed to pay for a bus or transportation for the youth served, could these funds be used to pay for a bus or another form of transportation?

**A:** Yes, they can be used for transportation costs if those costs are justified and reasonable.

**Q3:** If the budget contains multiple categories with some items being lower (i.e. $2,000), would OGR consider partially funding some departments by decreasing low budget categories?

**A:** Yes. There is the potential for applicants to receive awards while having some budget items reduced. Award amounts may be reduced below the requested amount if certain budget items do not seem necessary or do not seem reasonable in comparison to other program proposals and the total amount of funds available.

**Q4:** In the procurement section in the budget, it mentions an MOU requirement. If our department will be contracting services out instead, is that allowed?

**A:** Yes. You do not need an MOU if your department will be contracting out to other services. However, if an applicant is proposing so subaward/contract out a good size portion of their funds, they should submit an MOU from that partnering organization attesting that they do plan on providing the services being proposed if awarded.  An MOU is not mandatory but does confirm to the reviewers that the partners stated in the proposal are on board if the grant is awarded.

**Q5:** Can you tell me whether food is an allowable expense? I am planning on requesting funding to provide pizza lunch and water bottles for the program participants.

**A:** Food is allowable if it is part of the programming for the program participants. It is not allowable for trainings and conferences (e.g. that are hosted by grantees to convene and train stakeholders).