

JUSTICE

Community Institution Security Cost Reimbursement Grants

Motion:

Move to define a "community institution" to mean a building used by members of a community to engage in social gatherings, educational activities, or other community-building activities that is owned by a corporation, organization, or association described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code that is exempt from taxation under section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Require the Department of Justice (DOJ) to establish policies and procedures for the distribution of grants from its administrative services gifts, grants, and proceeds continuing PR appropriation to reimburse community institutions that have expanded security measures or installed additional security infrastructure in response to continuous or ongoing security threats that the institution has received. Provide that grants may be awarded to pay reasonable and necessary security costs that must be determined by DOJ in consultation with the community institution and local law enforcement agencies. Provide that grant funds may not be awarded to pay for overtime costs of the community institution's employees or for the hiring of private security personnel in response to a security threat. Provide that DOJ does not need to promulgate the required policies and procedures as administrative rules.

Provide that any community institution may apply to DOJ for a grant and must include in the application detailed documentation of the security threats received, the corresponding expansion of security measures or installation of additional security infrastructure, and proof of the associated expenses incurred for which the community institution seeks a reimbursement grant. Require DOJ to review each application and authorize DOJ to award a grant to an eligible community institution for up to 50% of the actual security expenses incurred by the community institution. Provide that DOJ may not award grants that exceed \$200,000 per fiscal biennium.

Repeal all of the provisions in this motion on July 1, 2019.

Note:

This motion would authorize a community institution to apply for a grant from DOJ for reasonable and necessary security costs to reimburse the community institution if the institution has expanded security measures or installed additional security infrastructure in response to continuous or ongoing security threats. This motion would authorize DOJ to award grants to these community institutions from its administrative services gifts, grants, and proceeds continuing PR appropriation. [This appropriation is primarily utilized to receive and expend discretionary settlement funds received by DOJ.] The Department could award up to 50% of the actual security expenses incurred by the community institution, but could not award more than \$250,000 in grants per fiscal biennium. The provisions created under the motion would sunset on July 1, 2019.