Funding to reimburse local law enforcement agencies for the cost of in-state and out-of-state extraditions of dangerous wanted offenders back to Ohio to face criminal charges is now available through the Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS). These funds are available for qualified extraditions from July 1, 2019 through June 1, 2020.

To access the funds, law enforcement agencies will complete a form in OCJS’ online grants management system. Law enforcement agencies with an active ocjsgrants.com account can find the form in the My Solicitations section. Applicants can then complete the form and submit it to OCJS for approval. If the law enforcement agency does not have an ocjsgrants.com account, registration is required and can be completed by clicking the New User link in the Log In section.

If you have any questions about access to the grants management system or the completion of the extradition form, please contact Deborah Daniels at 614-728-3423 or dadaniels@dps.ohio.gov.
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS FOR  
Prisoner Extradition Reimbursement Program.  
(Revised March 5, 2020)

1. Who qualifies for reimbursement of extradition transportation costs from the program?  
   • Law Enforcement agencies  
   • Prosecutors’ offices can request funding on behalf of the local law enforcement agency as long as the  
     LE agency is the Implementing agency on the Title page of the application.  
   • Funds can be used to pay for extradition contracted through a State approved Transport company.

2. What offenses qualify for reimbursement under this program?  
   Reimbursement is reserved for Tier 1 offenses only. Tier 1 offenses are defined as felony offenses of  
   violence that involve substantial risk to public or officer safety; and the misdemeanor offenses of domestic  
   violence and aggravated menacing. Tier 1 offenses are listed on page 2.

3. What is the process to apply for Extradition reimbursement?  
   To request the funds, law enforcement agencies will complete a form in OCJS’ online grants management  
   system at www.ocjsgrants.com. Law enforcement agencies with an active ocjsgrants.com account can  
   find the form in the "My Solicitations" section and fill out the “Prisoner Extradition Reimbursement Form”.  
   Complete this form and submit it to OCJS for approval. If your law enforcement agency does not have an  
   ocjsgrants.com account, registration is required and can be completed by clicking the "New User link" in  
   the Log In section. Upon application approval, a payment request form must be submitted along with  
   acceptable documentation for reimbursement of expenses.

4. Where do I find the online Grants Management System?  
   Information about OCJS grants and the online Grants Management System is located on the Office of  
   Criminal Justice website, or directly access the online Grants Management System.

5. What documentation is acceptable as proof of compliance with funding?  
   There are multiple options of proof available. The agency may provide a Call for Service record (CFS),  
   Police Blotter, Journal entry, Offender transport form or other public record that documents the number  
   of officer(s), mileage, date, time and location of the extradition.

6. What is the maximum amount of extradition transport reimbursement allowed?  
   The maximum total reimbursement amount is limited to $1000.00 per extradition. This is a new program  
   that may require adjustments based on usage and available funds; therefore, OCJS reserves the right to  
   adjust these funding guidelines at any time.

7. What if I need to arrange an extradition that exceeds the maximum allowed expense of $1000.00.  
   Under special circumstances and upon request by the agency, OCJS may make a special funding  
   consideration on a case-by-case basis.

8. Will there be an audit of these grants funds?  
   The agency should maintain documentation to verify proper use of funds in case of an audit, on-site  
   programmatic visit or fiscal monitoring visit.
9. Can this reimbursement fund be retroactive to previous extraditions?
   Yes, reimbursement for extraditions can be submitted if the extradition occurred on or after July 1, 2019.

10. What are the distance limitations on this reimbursement funding?
    These funds cannot be used for In-county (PUR5) or adjacent county (PUR4) prisoner transports. There is no maximum allowed distance.

11. Can I request funding approval in advance of an anticipated extradition?
    OCJS encourages agencies to make extradition of Tier 1 offenders a priority. Agencies may request pre-approval of funds prior to authorizing an extradition. Understanding that these situations may be time sensitive, it is recommended the agency contact OCJS representatives as soon as possible to accommodate processing time.

12. Where can I find the approved rates list for meals, lodging and travel?
    For per diem, lodging and travel rates refer to the United States General Services website.

13. Whom should I contact to get help with the application process?
    Contact our staff for any help we can provide.
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Warrant Task Force report (pdf)