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Community Response Initiative to Strengthen Emergency Systems (C.R.I.S.E.S.) Grant Pilot Program Quick Guide

What is the C.R.I.S.E.S. Grant Pilot Program?

The C.R.I.S.E.S. Grant Pilot Program, administered by the California Department of Social Services (CDSS), is a \$10 million pilot to support partnerships between city, county, and/or tribal governments and community-based organizations (CBOs) to provide emergency response services to lessen the reliance on law enforcement agencies as first responders to crisis situations unrelated to a fire department or emergency medical service response.

Who is eligible to apply for the grant?

Applications will be accepted from cities, counties, or tribes, or departments of a city, county, or tribe, including, but not limited to, departments of social services, disability services, health services, public health, or behavioral health. Law enforcement agencies are not eligible to apply.

What is the role of community-based organizations (CBOs)?

In order to be eligible for C.R.I.S.E.S. grant funding, a CBO must be a public or nonprofit organization, or organization fiscally sponsored by a nonprofit, that can demonstrate its ability to effectively provide community-based alternatives to law enforcement and has a demonstrated involvement with the identified communities to be served. Grantees (cities, counties, or Tribes) will publicly solicit partnerships with CBOs to establish a crisis response program and awarded CBOs will lead the proposed crisis response program. CBOs interested in receiving C.R.I.S.E.S. grant funding must participate in the public selection process hosted by their local city, county, or tribal government to be considered for potential partnerships.

How is the program funding structured?

The CDSS will award through a Request for Applications (RFA) to be announced in March 2023. Funds will be awarded to cities, counties, or tribes, or departments of a city, county, or tribe, to partner with CBOs who will be subgranted a minimum of 90% of the funds awarded to the government partner. Any city, county, or tribe wishing to apply to the RFA shall submit a non-binding Letter of Intent describing their plan to engage in a public selection process to identify their CBO partner(s). The CDSS will publicize a list of all cities, counties, or tribes who have submitted Letters of Intent with their relevant points of contact so prospective CBO partners and interested community members may



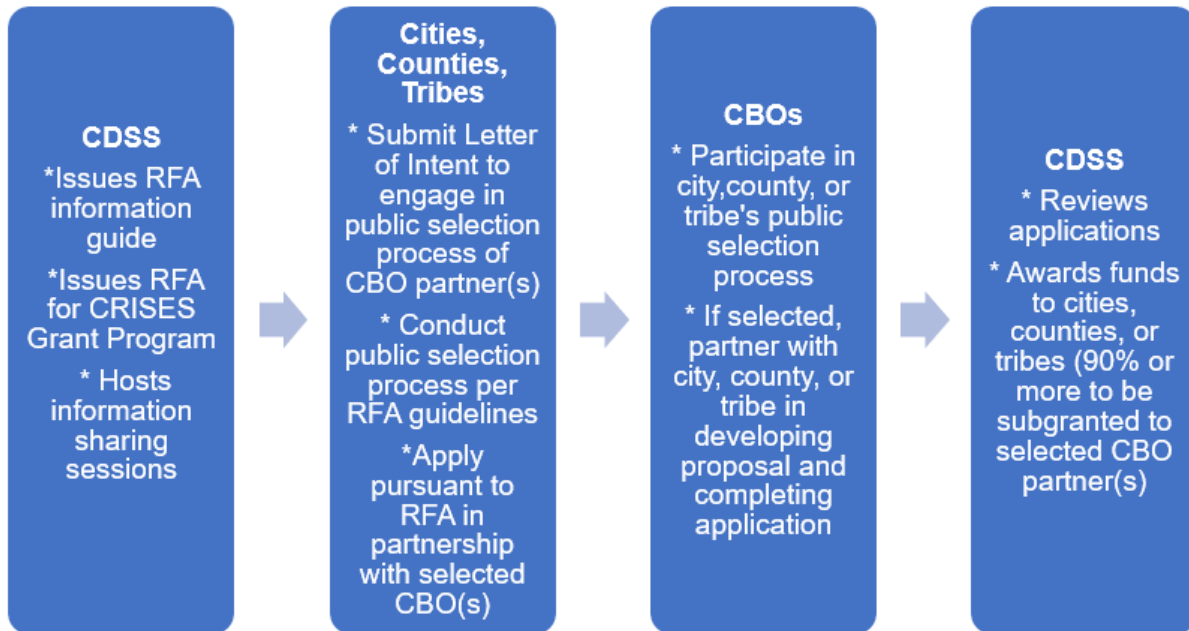
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be notified of and engage in the public process. After cities, counties, and/or tribes have selected their CBO partner(s), they will collaborate in completing and submitting the application. The CDSS will then review and evaluate all applications received and award grants to selected local government-CBO partnerships



How can an eligible entity apply for grant funding?

The CDSS will issue a Request for Application (RFA) in March 2023, which will be the sole mechanism for applying for and being awarded grant funds. For updates on the RFA release, please sign up for the [listserv](#).



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C.R.I.S.E.S. Act Key Dates:

PROJECTED DATE	TASK
March 21, 2023	CDSS issues Request for Applications (RFA)
March 29, 2023	CDSS and CRISES Stakeholder Work Group host Info Session for prospective applicants including; cities, counties, tribes, and potential CBO partners
May 5, 2023	Letter of Intent from cities, counties, tribes to engage in public selection process of CBO partners
Completion June 30, 2023	Cities, counties, tribes conduct public selection process of CBO partners per RFA guidelines
July 14, 2023	Applications (from cities, counties, tribes, in partnership with selected CBO(s)) due to CDSS
August 2023	Grantees announced

Have questions?

Questions will be accepted via email at CRISESgrants@dss.ca.gov. Please visit the [C.R.I.S.E.S. Grant Pilot Program website](#) for additional information.