



**Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training**

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Subject: **CA POST Announces Launch of the Distance Learning Grant Program**

The Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) is pleased to announce the launch of the Distance Learning Grant Program (DLGP). POST has developed the DLGP pursuant to the California State Budget Act of 2020. Distance learning is a technology-based learning delivery strategy, which POST recognizes as a powerful tool in providing high-quality and accessible training more efficiently and effectively. The DLGP is designed to provide grant recipients the funds to fully develop and facilitate delivery of quality training and increase equitable access to high-quality learning experiences using distance learning technologies.

A key component of this grant requires the developed courses be available for law enforcement personnel statewide. Grant recipients are encouraged to use innovative strategies, concepts, and methodologies in the development and delivery of training under this grant. The program is intended to meet the short-term needs of social distancing, as well as the potential long-term impacts of reduced state and local budgets, and the anticipated reductions in discretionary spending available for training.

Authorized distance learning will address five significant topic areas, to include: Use of Force and De-escalation, Implicit Bias and Racial Profiling, Community Policing, Cultural Diversity, and Organizational Wellness for law enforcement personnel. While these areas will be prioritized, POST reserves the right to identify and support other program areas that have unmet and/or urgent training needs.

A total of \$5,000,000 is allocated for grants and the administration of the program. Applicants may request up to a maximum of \$350,000 per program topic area. Eligible recipients include governmental entities and non-profit law enforcement educational institutions, to include community colleges and universities in the California State University and University of California system.

Additional details about the distance learning grant application process including eligibility, deadlines, the request for proposals, and application forms, will be available on the [POST Website](#) beginning July 6th.

For questions, you may contact Law Enforcement Consultant [Jackie Nelson](#) or Law Enforcement Consultant [Andrew Mendonsa](#). You may also contact the [Distance Learning Grant Program team](#).

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