

**2020 Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program
GRANT APPLICATION**

**County of San Bernardino
Program Narrative**

The County of San Bernardino Law and Justice Group (Group) has performed a great deal of work to maintain essential services for the public throughout the COVID-19 crisis. The most significant collaborative project it has undertaken is to connect County of San Bernardino (County) jails with County courtrooms, so people housed in the jails would not need to be transported to the courthouse. This has enabled people housed in the jails to consult virtually with their attorneys, who were at remote locations, after which client and attorney are able to appear virtually in the courthouse to participate in the court proceeding. This has been a significant and important undertaking, which has allowed the law and justice community, and all of its partners, to continue to serve the public, and provide due process, while simultaneously protecting the health of all participants. The current, initial implementation is a work in progress; while the Group clearly recognizes the value of this project, it also has identified the need to increase efficiency and effectiveness, so the project can service all jail facilities and courthouses in this very large County.

To achieve this goal, it is necessary to make significant improvements to the system. Specifically, it is necessary to improve the infrastructure at all detention centers, in regards to internet access and bandwidth. It also is necessary to provide additional, dedicated access points to all law and justice partners. Finally, the improvements will necessitate the procurement of additional audio-video equipment for use jail and court facilities and by the Group's law and justice partners. The successful implementation of these improvements will enable the program to realize its full potential, and in doing so optimize the Group's service to the County and its residents.