

Instructions for Completing the Certification Forms

- Read the certifications thoroughly prior to completing the certification documents.
- Please ensure that the **Authorized Official** (the same person who signed the Grant Contract) signs each certification.
- Agencies should review the certifications to ensure they are completed in full with signatures and dates.
- Agencies should make a copy of the completed certifications and keep them in their agency grant file.
- Completed certification forms should be returned to OCJP along with the signed Grant Contract. Please return entire document - stand-alone signature pages will not be accepted.

Violent Crime Intervention Fund Equipment Certification

Pursuant to Title III-2 Item 3.5 to the Department of Finance and Administration, Office of Criminal Justice Programs, identified on page B-19 of the 2022-2023 Budget Document, the Violent Crime Intervention Fund (VCIF) shall be used for the sole purpose of providing grants to law enforcement agencies for violent crime intervention initiatives. All recipients of VCIF grants **shall certify to abide by the following requirements for all equipment, materials, technology, and other expenses funded in whole or in part with VCIF grant funds, at any point throughout the life of the grant.**

As an authorized representative of a law enforcement agency receiving a VCIF grant, I certify that this agency shall:

1. Have and maintain a current certification by the Tennessee Association of Chiefs of Police throughout the life of this grant and limit the use of all VCIF-grant funded equipment, materials, and technology only to those agency employees with active certification by the Tennessee Police Officer Standards and Training Commission (POST). 105 (see Schedule A).
2. Comply with all applicable federal and state laws (including, but not limited to, Federal Aviation Administration [FAA] and other Federal agency requirements, Tennessee Code Annotated, and State of Tennessee agency regulations and rules), including but not limited to TCA 39-13-609 specific guidance with regard to usage of unmanned aerial vehicles/drones (UAVs).
3. Have and maintain a current certification from the Tennessee Association of Chiefs of Police regarding its Use of Force and Duty to Intervene and Render Aid policies. The Agency must also comply with all applicable law regarding use of force and certification of use of force policies, including but not limited to TCAs 38-3-121, 38-8-101, 38-8-113, 38-8-127:130, and 40-6-105.
4. Comply with all local county/municipal government rules and ordinances governing procurement, use, inventory, and storage of the grant funded equipment and services purchased with grant funds.
5. Comply with all applicable agency policy, procedure, and protocol related to the acquisition, use, maintenance, or storage of the grant funded equipment and services, including developing and implementing policies and procedures required by state, federal, or local law or ordinance, and Schedule A of this certification.
6. Provide all employees training regarding appropriate use of VCIF-funded equipment prior to the use of such equipment.
7. Utilize all equipment, materials, technology, and other expenses funded in whole or in part with VCIF funds only for its expressed intended scope and purpose as outlined in Attachment A of the VCIF contract ("scope document") during the life of this grant and all extensions of the grant period.
8. Provide notice of any agency non-compliance with certifications number 1-7 above to the TN Department of Finance and Administration Office of Criminal Justice Programs (OCJP) via the contact information provided below immediately upon discovery of said non-compliance, and provide a detailed report outlining said non-compliance no later than 48 hours from discovery, unless an extension is granted to the Agency; **AND**

9. Provide notice of the death of any person related to the use of any grant funded equipment, program, or service to the TN Department of Finance and Administration Office of Criminal Justice Programs (OCJP) via the contact information provided below immediately upon discovery of said death and submit a detailed report outlining the circumstances surrounding said death no later than 48 hours from discovery unless an extension is granted to the Agency.

By my signature below I acknowledge that I have read and understand the requirements and obligations stated in this certification document including Schedule A and Attachment A to the VCIF contract and, as the duly Authorized Official for the agency, certify that the agency shall comply with all the stated requirements and obligations.

I further expressly acknowledge and agree that the agency is bound by the stated requirements and obligations now and unless stated otherwise above after the expiration of the VCIF funding contract and that these provisions form a material part of the consideration for the award of VCIF grant funds appropriated.

Name and Title of Authorized Official:

Name and Address of Authorizing Agency:

Authorized Signature of the Applicant Agency

Date

Schedule A – Agency Policies and Protocols for Certain VCIF-funded Equipment and Technology

Prior to the use of VCIF-Funded Equipment, Technology, or Services, the Agency shall have in place official Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) that specifically govern the following subject matter as outlined below:

1. **Training on Appropriate Use of VCIF-funded Equipment:** When developing the SOP outlining appropriate use of VCIF-funded Equipment, VCIF-funded agencies should examine scenarios in which VCIF-funded equipment will likely be deployed, the decision-making processes that will determine whether such equipment is used, and the potential that both use and misuse of such equipment could create fear and distrust in the community. Protocols should consider whether measures can be taken to mitigate that effect (e.g., keep armored vehicles at a staging area until needed) and any alternatives to the use of such equipment and tactics to minimize negative effects on the community, while preserving officer safety.
2. **Supervision of Use:** The SOP must specify what constitutes appropriate supervision of personnel operating or utilizing VCIF-funded equipment. Supervision must be tailored to the type of equipment being used and the nature of the engagement or operation during which the equipment will be used. SOP must describe when a supervisor of appropriate authority is required to be present and actively overseeing the use of the equipment in the field.
3. **Effectiveness Evaluation:** The SOP must articulate that the requesting organization will regularly monitor and evaluate the effectiveness and value of VCIF-funded equipment to determine whether continued deployment and use is warranted on operational, tactical, and technical grounds. Requesting organizations should review after-action reports routinely and analyze any data on, for example, how often such equipment is used or whether such equipment is used more frequently in certain law enforcement operations or in particular locations or neighborhoods.
4. **Auditing and Accountability:** The SOP must include strong auditing and accountability provisions that state that the VCIF-funded agency personnel must agree to adhere to agency, state, local, tribal, territorial, and Federal law and policies associated with the use of VCIF-funded equipment and acknowledge and agree that they will be held accountable for failure to do so.
5. **Use of Force:** The SOP shall mandate compliance with Agency's Use of Force and Duty to Intervene and Render Aid policy when using VCIF-funded equipment.
6. **UAV Coordinator:** The SOP must delegate a UAV coordinator to develop and manage drone policies and procedures, update policies for compliance with federal, state, and local laws and regulations, and ensure operators are trained and certified. Specifically, the Coordinator must ensure that the agency complies with all registration and certifications administered by the [FAA and all Certificates of Waiver or Authorization \(COA\)](#) for specific UA activities; implements a prohibition on the intentional recording or transmission of images of any location where a person would have a reasonable expectation of privacy absent exigent circumstances, or a warrant; and implements a prohibition on weaponization of drones.
7. **Recordkeeping:** The SOP shall include a document and data retention requirement for all requests, authorizations, deployment use, maintenance, evidence, and data related to the acquisition, purchase, or use of all VCIF-funded equipment and technology that satisfies all applicable legal retention requirements.

Use of State Contracts for Law Enforcement Radios and License Plate Readers (LPR)

Equipment Purchase Certification

On behalf of the applicant entity named below, I certify the following to the Tennessee Department of Finance and Administration; Office of Criminal Justice Programs (OCJP):

I have personally read and reviewed the solicitation section entitled 4.1 "State Funding Program Requirements" subsection entitled 4.1.3 "Statewide Contracts and Cooperative Agreements" in the grant solicitation for the Violence Crime Intervention (VCI) Fund. I understand that LPRs are only allowable on State right-of-ways and require an application to be submitted to the TN Department of Transportation/TN Department of Safety and Homeland Security (with a copy submitted to OCJP). I certify our agency will comply with the purchasing of said items under the regulations outlined in the grant solicitation.

I acknowledge that a failure to comply with the purchasing requirements outlined in the solicitation regarding law enforcement radios and license plate readers will result in questioned costs associated for each item not in compliance and our agency will be required to reimburse the State for those costs incurred. I further understand the preference for other desired equipment to be purchased from state contract or cooperative agreement when applicable.

I have authority to make this certification on behalf of the applicant entity (that is, the entity applying directly to the Office of Criminal Justice Programs).

Name and Title of Authorized Official:

Name and Address of Authorizing Agency:

Authorized Signature of the Applicant Agency

Date

Violent Crime Intervention Funds Subcontract Reporting Certification

As per Title III-2 Item 3.5 to the Department of Finance and Administration, Criminal Justice Programs, for Violent Crime Intervention Grants, and identified on page B-19 of the 2022-2023 Budget Document, shall be used for the sole purpose of providing grants to law enforcement agencies for violent crime intervention initiatives. As such, the Office of Criminal Justice Programs (OCJP) recipients of the Violent Crime Intervention Funds (VCIF) are required to disclose any subcontract, grant agreement or contract to a local government or nonprofit to OCJP and adhere to OCJP's quarterly reporting requirements related to that subcontract, grant agreement or contract to ensure compliance with the reporting requirements outlined in the budget document.

As a law enforcement agency receiving a VCIF grant, I acknowledge that any subcontract, grant agreement or contract entered into under my OCJP VCIF grant must comply with the following:

- Be with a local governmental agency or a third-party nonprofit organization to provide programs and services; provided, that a nonprofit organization must have at least five (5) years' experience in providing programs and services focused on violent crime intervention and those programs and
- Services must be evidence-based or research-based (as defined in Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-5-121) and
- Must be accompanied by monitoring and quality control procedures that ensure that such programs and services are delivered according to applicable standards.
- Prior to executing any subcontract, the law enforcement agency must have prior approval from OCJP and include appropriate language as required in the subcontract prior to executing said subcontract.

Additionally, I acknowledge that each law enforcement agency that approves a subcontract, grant agreement or contract with an agency of local government or a third-party nonprofit organization to receive VCIF shall provide a quarterly report to OCJP via the following link: https://stateoftennessee.formstack.com/forms/vcif_subcontract_reporting. The report will include information on the name and location of each subcontractor, grant recipient or contract; the amount of the contract and the purpose for which the funds are used. Reports are due to OCJP July 31st, October 31st, January 31st and April 31st. This quarterly report shall identify the name and location of each grant recipient, the amount of the grant, and the purpose for which the funds are used.

By my signature below I acknowledge I have read and understand the information in this certification and agree to comply with the requirements outlined within.

Name and Title of Authorized Official:

Name and Address of Authorizing Agency:

Authorized Signature of the Applicant Agency

Date