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## STATE CRIMINAL ALIEN ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SCAAP)

### **NEW!** FY 2015 SCAAP Application

The application period for FY 2015 SCAAP applications will open on March 9, 2015. All applications must be submitted via the OJP online Grants Management System ([GMS](#)). All completed applications must be submitted by 6:00 p.m. e.d.t. on Monday, April 20, 2015. Extensions or exceptions to this deadline cannot be granted. Because of the volume and complexities involved in verification of all submitted inmate data and the fact that BJA transmits this file to DHS immediately after the close of the solicitation, it is not possible for additional applicant data to be reviewed and sent to DHS after the deadline.

### 2015 SCAAP Data:

[FY 2015 SCAAP Guidelines](#)

[FY 2015 ICE Country Codes](#)

[FY 2015 Inmate Data File Format](#)

### Update on the Payments for "Unknown" Alien Status Inmate Days

The Department of Justice (DOJ) will continue the reimbursements for the unknown category of SCAAP inmates for the FY 2015 SCAAP awards. SCAAP grantees are strongly encouraged to work collaboratively with DHS in the following programs in order to increase their inmate alien status verifications. Those programs include:

- **Secure Communities Program:** This program leverages an existing information sharing capability between DHS and DOJ to quickly and accurately identify aliens who are arrested for a crime and booked into local law enforcement custody. With this capability, the

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fingerprints of everyone arrested and booked are not only checked against Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) criminal history records, but they are also checked against DHS immigration records. If fingerprints match DHS records, the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) determines if immigration enforcement action is required, considering the immigration status of the alien, the severity of the crime and the alien's criminal history. For more information, see the following web site: [www.ice.gov/secure\\_communities/](http://www.ice.gov/secure_communities/)

- 287(g) Program: The 287(g) program allows a state and local law enforcement entity to enter into a partnership with ICE in order to receive delegated authority for immigration enforcement within their jurisdictions. This allows the officials in the jurisdictions to match inmate records prior to the SCAAP application process. For more information, see the following web site: [www.ice.gov/news/library/factsheets/287g.htm](http://www.ice.gov/news/library/factsheets/287g.htm)
- The Law Enforcement Support Center (LESC): LESC is a single national point of contact that provides timely customs information and immigration status and identity information and real-time assistance to local, state and federal law enforcement agencies on aliens suspected, arrested or convicted of criminal activity. For more information, see the following web site: [www.ice.gov/LESC/](http://www.ice.gov/LESC/) or call 802-872-6000.

**Overview:**

BJA administers the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) in conjunction with the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security (DHS). SCAAP provides federal payments to states and localities that incurred correctional officer salary costs for incarcerating undocumented criminal aliens with at least one felony or two misdemeanor convictions for violations of state or local law, and incarcerated for at least 4 consecutive days during the reporting period.

**Use of SCAAP Awards**

The Department of Justice Reauthorization Act of 2005 (Pub. L. 109-162, Title XI) included the following requirement regarding the use of SCAAP funds: "Amounts appropriated pursuant to the authorization of appropriations in paragraph (5) that are distributed to a State or political subdivision of a State, including a municipality, may be used only for correctional purposes." Beginning with FY 2007 SCAAP awards, SCAAP funds must be used for correctional purposes only.

**FY 2007-2012 SCAAP Use of Funds List**

- Salaries for corrections officers
- Overtime costs
- Corrections work force recruitment and retention
- Construction of corrections facilities
- Training/education for offenders
- Training for corrections officers related to offender population management
- Consultants involved with offender population
- Medical and mental health services
- Vehicle rental/purchase for transport of offenders
- Prison industries
- Pre-release/reentry programs
- Technology involving offender management/inter-agency information sharing
- Disaster preparedness continuity of operations for corrections facility

**Legislation**

SCAAP is governed by Section 241(i) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. 1231(i), as amended, and Title II, Subtitle C, Section 20301,

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