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POLICING SERVICES (COPS OFFICE)

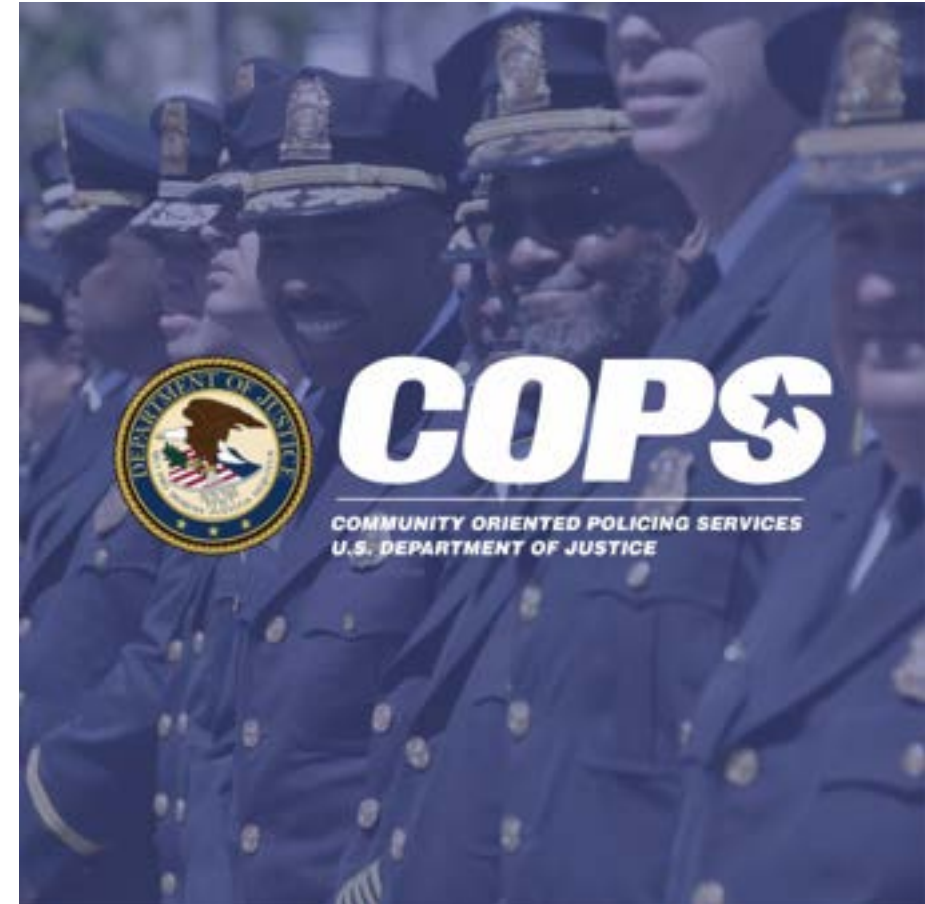
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COPS OFFICE OVERVIEW

- Established by the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994.
- Mission is to advance public safety through community policing.
- Community policing focuses on collaborative efforts to prevent and respond to crime, social disorder, and fear of crime.
- Since 1994, the COPS Office has been appropriated more than \$20 billion to add community policing officers to the nation's streets, enhance crime fighting technology, support crime prevention initiatives, and provide training and technical assistance to help advance community policing.
- The COPS Office has funded over 136,000 additional officer positions for more than 13,000 of the nation's 18,000 law enforcement agencies across the country in small and large jurisdictions alike.





THE COPS OFFICE...

...is the only agency within the Justice Department with policing in its title dedicated solely to supporting state, local, tribal and territorial law enforcement agencies

...reports to the Associate Attorney General – the third highest ranking official in the Department

...funded through the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill (\$662.8 million in Fiscal Year 2023)

...maintains the statutory flexibility to implement priorities of the Attorney General and motivate the law enforcement field in alignment with his/her mission

SUPPORTING LAW ENFORCEMENT

The COPS Office works to support state, local, tribal, and territorial law enforcement in three ways: grants, training, and technical assistance.

The COPS Office puts money directly in the hands of the nation's chiefs and sheriffs to reduce violent crime.

All training and technical assistance provided by the COPS Office is designed to reduce violent crime.

SELECTED 2023 COPS OFFICE PROGRAMS

PROGRAM	FUNDING
COPS Hiring Program (CHP)	\$224.5M
School Violence Prevention Program (SVPP)	\$53M (plus \$20M - BSCA)
Drug Task Force Programs	\$51M
Tribal Resources Grant Program (TRGP)	\$34M
Support for the DOJ Tribal Access Program	\$4M (non-grant)
Collaborative Reform	\$7.5M
Community Policing Development (CPD)	\$45M
Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness (LEMHWA)	\$10M
Preparing for Active Shooter Situations (PASS)	\$12M

COPS HIRING PROGRAM (CHP)



PURPOSE

Assist law enforcement agencies in the hiring or rehiring of career law enforcement officers in an effort to increase their community policing capacity and crime prevention efforts.

2023 ELIGIBILITY

State, local, territorial, and tribal law enforcement agencies with primary law enforcement authority.

FUNDING

Up to \$224.5 million available.

Funds up to 75% of entry-level salary and fringe benefits up to \$125K per position – three years of funding over a five-year award period. Minimum 25% cash match unless waiver granted. No cap on number of officer positions requested.

HIRING CATEGORIES

Newly hired officers

Rehired officers who were laid off or are scheduled to be laid off

RETENTION

12-month retention requirement at conclusion of 3-years of federal funding.

COPS HIRING PROGRAM (CHP)



PROBLEM FOCUS AREAS

CHP applicants are required to identify a public safety problem that will be the focus of COPS-funded officer positions. Problem focus areas in 2023 include (**priority consideration** areas are in blue):

- **Violent Crime** (particularly gun violence)
- **Combating Hate and Domestic Extremism**
- **Police-Based Response to Persons in Crisis**
- **Building Legitimacy and Trust**
- Homeland Security
- Other/Innovations in Community Policing

The FY 2023 COPS Hiring Program solicitation closed on May 11, 2023. Award announcements are anticipated to be made by the end of September 2023.

SCHOOL VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAM (SVPP)

The COPS Office provides funding through the School Violence Prevention Program (SVPP) for the following purposes:

- Coordination with law enforcement
- Training for local law enforcement officers to prevent student violence against others and self
- Metal detectors, locks, lighting, and other deterrent measures
- Technology for expedited notification of local law enforcement during an emergency
- Other measures providing a significant improvement in security.

SVPP does NOT provide funding for the hiring of School Resource Officers.



Awards are provided directly to States, units of local government, Indian tribes, and other public agencies (school districts, local law enforcement, etc.). Grant recipients may also contract with or make sub-awards to local educational agencies, nonprofit organizations (excluding schools), units of local government, or tribal organizations.

SCHOOL VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAM (SVPP)

2023 Funding – Up to \$53 million available. Maximum of \$500,000 per award.



Funding will also be made available through the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act (**\$20M**) and used to make additional SVPP awards.

Funds up to 75% of allowable costs to improve school safety, up to \$500K over three years.

Minimum 25% cash match unless waiver granted.

The FY 2023 SVPP solicitation closed on May 17, 2023. Award announcements are anticipated to be made by the end of September 2023.

ANTI-HEROIN TASK FORCE (AHTF) PROGRAM

Through the Anti-Heroin Task Force (AHTF) Program, the COPS Office makes competitive grants to state law enforcement agencies in states with high per capita levels of primary treatment admissions for heroin, fentanyl, carfentanil, and other opioids.

These funds shall be used for drug enforcement, including investigations and activities related to the distribution of heroin, fentanyl, or carfentanil or the unlawful diversion and distribution of prescription opioids.

Awards are made directly to state-level law enforcement agencies, but we emphasize that state-level offices must partner with local agencies to address these issues.

For AHTF, there is a maximum of \$4 million per award. Up to \$35 million is available in FY 2023.

The FY 2023 AHTF program solicitation closed on April 25, 2023. Award announcements are anticipated to be made by the end of September 2023.



COPS ANTI-METHAMPHETAMINE PROGRAM (CAMP)

Through the COPS Anti-Methamphetamine Program (CAMP), the COPS Office makes competitive grants to state law enforcement agencies in states with high seizures or precursor chemicals, finished methamphetamine, laboratories and laboratory dump seizures.



These funds shall be used for investigative purposes to locate or investigate illicit activities, including precursor diversion, laboratories or methamphetamine traffickers.

Awards are made directly to state-level law enforcement agencies, but we emphasize that state-level offices must partner with local agencies to address these issues.

All CAMP awards have a \$1 million minimum award threshold, with a maximum of \$2 million per award. Up to \$16 million is available in FY 2023.

The FY 2023 CAMP solicitation closed on April 25, 2023. Award announcements are anticipated to be made by the end of September 2023.

TRIBAL RESOURCES GRANTS

- Since FY 2010, the COPS Office has awarded funding for tribes through the Tribal Resources Grant Program as part of the Department of Justice's Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (CTAS) process.
- Through CTAS, the Department is able to meet multiple public safety resource needs of tribal communities through a single solicitation that aims to increase the capacity of tribes to develop and implement a comprehensive approach to addressing their public safety, criminal and juvenile justice, and victimization issues.
- As a part of CTAS, COPS Tribal Resources Grant Program funding can be used to hire or re-hire full-time career law enforcement officers and to procure basic equipment and training to enhance policing efforts.
- **The 2023 CTAS solicitation closed on March 28, 2023.**
- The COPS Office also provides funding for the expansion and deployment of the Tribal Access Program (TAP), which provides tribes access to national crime information databases and technical support.

COLLABORATIVE REFORM INITIATIVE

The Collaborative Reform Initiative will now offer a continuum of expert services to state, local, territorial, campus and tribal law enforcement agencies through three levels of technical assistance, at no cost to the requesting agency:

- Training and technical assistance will continue to be offered through the popular Collaborative Reform Initiative Technical Assistance Center (CRI-TAC). Led and supported by nine leading law enforcement stakeholder associations, CRI-TAC provides a wide array of technical assistance services using a “by the field, for the field” approach. Since its inception in 2017, the program has provided technical assistance to almost 700 law enforcement agencies nationwide.
- The Critical Response program is designed to provide targeted technical assistance to law enforcement agencies experiencing high-profile events, major incidents, or sensitive issues of varying need. Technical assistance can include after-action reviews, targeted assistance in the wake of a critical incident, peer-to-peer exchanges, and facilitated discussions with subject matter experts.
- The Organizational Assessment program offers the most intensive form of technical assistance on the continuum, involving in-depth assessments and long-term assistance on systemic issues that can challenge community trust and confidence. These engagements are the most comprehensive and can often take the most time.

COMMUNITY POLICING DEVELOPMENT (CPD)

CPD is a competitive grant program designed to advance the practice of community policing by providing guidance on promising practices through the development and testing of innovative strategies; building knowledge about effective practices and outcomes; and supporting new, creative approaches to preventing crime and promoting safe communities.

Highlights of the 2023 CPD funding include:

- **Crisis Intervention.** \$11 million will go toward expansion of the use of crisis intervention teams to embed mental and behavioral health services with law enforcement.
- **De-escalation Training.** \$16 million will support the creation and delivery of national level de-escalation training efforts, as well as state and local law enforcement agency efforts to build and maintain their officers' de-escalation proficiency.
- **Accreditation.** \$9 million will be used to expand accreditation programs and assist agencies with gaining accreditation to ensure compliance with national and international standards, covering all aspects of law enforcement policies, procedures, practices and operations.
- **COPS Microgrants.** \$6 million will support COPS Microgrants demonstration or pilot projects in local agencies. These are projects that offer creative ideas to advance crime fighting, community engagement, problem solving or organizational changes to support community policing.
- **Critical Topics -- Tolerance, Diversity, and Anti-Bias Training.** \$3 million will be used for the creation and delivery of tolerance, diversity and anti-bias training for law enforcement officers.
- All solicitations under 2023 CPD have now closed, and award announcements are anticipated to be made by the end of September 2023.



LAW ENFORCEMENT MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS ACT (LEMHWA) PROGRAM

LEMHWA funds are used to create or improve mental health and wellness services in law enforcement agencies through the implementation of projects that provide better services and training on officer emotional and mental health, implement suicide prevention programming, and help officers seek assistance in receiving support services. This can include efforts such as facilitating peer mentoring programs and embedding clinical services, as well as providing suicide prevention, stress reduction, and police officer family services.



Projects may serve one agency, a consortium of agencies, or personnel from all agencies located within a county or state. Projects may also incorporate civilian staff of law enforcement agencies, such as those who work in dispatch, crime scene processing, victim/witness services, and others who may regularly experience exposure to trauma.

The FY 2023 LEMHWA program solicitation closed on April 21, 2023. Award announcements are anticipated to be made by the end of September 2023.

PREPARING FOR ACTIVE SHOOTER SITUATIONS (PASS) TRAINING

- The PASS Training Program is designed to increase public safety by providing funds for scenario-based training that prepares officers and other first responders to safely and effectively handle active-shooter and other violent threats.
- PASS provides funds to training providers as described in the 2016 POLICE Act.
- The PASS-funded provider (ALERRT at Texas State University) has substantial experience with providing and tailoring cross-disciplinary active shooter training to law enforcement and other first responders nationally.
- PASS funding may be used to provide supplemental resources to help officers maintain these vital but perishable skills – including scenario libraries and e-learning modules – and to enhance agency skills in tactical medicine and managing exposure to trauma.
- Please visit <https://cops.usdoj.gov/training> for more information.

COPS OFFICE TRAINING PORTAL

- The COPS Training Portal exists to directly support training efforts by providing a *no-cost* means for entire law enforcement organizations, training academies, and individual officers to access high-quality and engaging materials and information to enhance the training already being conducted at the local level.
- The Portal offers high quality eLearning courses and resources developed by partners known for their expertise and leadership in law enforcement, community policing, and public safety. Agencies can gain access to case studies, scenarios, training videos, visuals, interactive publications, instructional content, and simulation-based activities within courses and resources that could supplement training or lead action planning within a team.
- <https://copstrainingportal.org/>
- In Fiscal Year 2022, 25,000 individuals were officially trained through the COPS Office Training Portal!



PREPARING TO APPLY

When applying, applicants should be sure to:

- Start early! Begin the application process well before the deadlines.
- Do not wait until the application deadline date to begin the application process.
- Pay special attention to the Grants.gov and JustGrants deadlines when planning your timeframe for application submission.
- Read the instructions and review the submission thoroughly.
- Save frequently while submitting your applications in JustGrants.
- https://cops.usdoj.gov/pdf/2022ProgramDocs/how_to_apply/Tips_Preparation_How_to_Apply_Presentation.pdf
- Application process tutorial: <https://cops.usdoj.gov/how-to-apply>

COPS OFFICE RESOURCES

The COPS Office produces hundreds of guidebooks, white papers, and publications on the most successful proactive methods for improving public safety.

Visit COPS.USDOJ.GOV for the latest COPS Office updates and resources, or call the COPS Office Response Center at (800) 421-6770.



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