



Fact Sheet

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FY 2024 Accreditation Program Community Policing Development

Community Policing Development (CPD) funds are used to develop the capacity of law enforcement to implement effective practices, outcomes, and strategies to prevent crime and promote safe communities. The CPD Accreditation program awards funding for law enforcement agencies to complete the process of accreditation, as well as the work of national and state accreditation bodies that support accreditation. To obtain accreditation, a law enforcement agency must ensure all policies and procedures are of the highest standards and in compliance with those defined by the accreditation entity. The community benefits when it is assured its law enforcement personnel are following best practice policies and procedures to provide efficient, effective, and fair policing.

WHEN: Deadline for first part of application in Grants.gov is **May 21, 2024**, at 4:59 p.m. ET. Deadline for completed application in JustGrants is **May 28, 2024**, at 4:59 p.m. ET.

Start EARLY. The process takes more than one day.

WHERE: **1.** Register online with www.sam.gov to obtain a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) and www.grants.gov to complete the Grants.gov application package.

2. Complete the application in the [JustGrants Justice Grants System](#).

HOW: Online only. No hard copies sent by U.S. Mail or electronic copies sent via email.

FY24 Accreditation—Community Policing Development

This year's Accreditation CPD program has three open solicitations:

- Enhancing Existing Law Enforcement Accreditation Entities—Community Policing Development
- Addressing Gaps in State and Regional Accreditation—Community Policing Development
- Supporting Law Enforcement Agencies Seeking Accreditation—Community Policing Development

Please see the chart on page 2 for an overview description of each solicitation. All awards are subject to the availability of appropriated funds and any modifications or additional requirements that may be imposed by law.

The COPS Office is committed to advancing work that promotes civil rights and equity, increases access to justice, supports crime victims and individuals impacted by the justice system, strengthens community safety and protects the public from crime and evolving threats, and builds trust between law enforcement and the community.

Title of solicitation	Eligible applicants	Overview summary	Cap per award
FY24 Enhancing Existing Law Enforcement Accreditation Entities—Community Policing Development Solicitation	Any existing law enforcement accreditation entity	Support and enhancement of existing law enforcement accreditation bodies to facilitate the ability of agencies to become accredited.	\$300,000
FY24 Addressing Gaps in State and Regional Accreditation—Community Policing Development Solicitation	All public governmental agencies, federally recognized Indian tribes, for-profit (commercial) organizations, nonprofit organizations, institutions of higher education, community groups, and faith-based organizations	Establishment of accreditation entities in states that do not have an accreditation body.	\$500,000
FY24 Supporting Law Enforcement Agencies Seeking Accreditation—Community Policing Development Solicitation	State, local, tribal, and territorial law enforcement agencies	Support law enforcement agencies seeking accreditation. Under this solicitation, the COPS Office will fund costs related to obtaining accreditation from an existing law enforcement accreditation entity.	\$250,000

Funding Provisions

In addition to the table, provisions include the following:

- Applications should be responsive to the solicitation. Detailed descriptions of eligibility and additional information are available in the individual solicitation guides.
- There is up to \$6,500,000 in funding available through the FY 2024 Accreditation CPD program. Each award is two years (24 months) in length. There is no local match.

Contact the COPS Office

For more information about COPS Office programs and resources, please call the COPS Office Response Center at 800-421-6770 or visit the COPS Office website at cops.usdoj.gov.

How to Apply

Applicants are first required to register online with www.sam.gov to obtain their Unique Entity Identifier and www.grants.gov to complete the Grants.gov application package. Deadline to complete this step is **May 21, 2024**, at 4:59 p.m. ET. After submitting the Grants.gov application package, applicants will receive an email with instructions on completing the second part of the Accreditation CPD application through JustGrants.

Complete application packages for the FY 2023 Accreditation CPD solicitation are due by **May 28, 2024**, at 4:59 p.m. ET. Before submitting your application, please review the appropriate solicitation guide and materials. Applications in hard or electronic format sent via email or U.S. Mail will not be accepted.

Please note: The COPS Office requires two authorized representatives (Law Enforcement Executive/Program Official and Government Executive/Financial Official) for its grant applications. Confirm your two authorized representatives complete the steps to create their accounts. If they do not, the delay may prevent timely submission of your application.