

FY24 Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act (LEMHWA) Grant Program

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Are all law enforcement agencies eligible to apply for this solicitation?

A. The solicitation is open only to state, local, tribal, and territorial law enforcement agencies that have primary law enforcement authority for their jurisdiction.

Q. How do I determine if my agency has primary law enforcement authority?

A. An agency with primary law enforcement authority is defined as the first responder to calls for service for all types of criminal incidents within its jurisdiction. Agencies are not considered to have primary law enforcement authority if they only respond to or investigate specific type(s) of crime(s), respond to or investigate crimes within a correctional institution, serve warrants, provide courthouse security, transport prisoners, have cases referred to them for investigation or investigational support, or some combination of these.

Q. My agency does not have primary law enforcement authority. Can we partner with an agency that is eligible to apply?

A. Yes, partnerships are highly encouraged. If your agency does not have primary law enforcement authority, it can partner with an agency that is eligible to apply. Please keep in mind that the application must be submitted by the agency with primary law enforcement authority.

Q. How does the COPS Office define rural jurisdictions?

A. Because of geographic and regional considerations, the COPS Office allows an applicant to identify their jurisdiction type and explain how your project will benefit nonurban areas.

Q. Do the LEMHWA solicitations require a proposal narrative?

A. The LEMHWA Implementation Projects solicitation does not require a proposal narrative; rather, applicants are required to submit a proposal abstract that will be entered into a JustGrants text box during the application process and answer a series of survey questions. Please refer to the solicitation guide for full details on application requirements and the list of applicable survey questions.

Q. Is the “LEMHWA Implementation” solicitation restricted to peer programs?

A. No. The primary purpose of LEMHWA funding is to help officers seek assistance in receiving support services. Programs must focus on providing training, programming, and support services in law enforcement emotional and mental health, including such things as suicide prevention, peer

mentoring, clinical support, and family support services. Programs may also serve agency civilian staff such as crime scene technicians, dispatchers, and others who may regularly experience some of the same trauma exposure.

Q. What items are unallowable for LEMHWA?

- A. For a full list, please see the full solicitation beginning on page 29. These are the most commonly requested unallowable items:
- Activities run by organizations whose primary purpose is performance training / peak performance training / athletic performance
 - Certification to become a personal trainer
 - Equipment with a physical wellness focus (saunas, cold plunges)
 - Gym equipment/memberships
 - Live animals (including dogs and horses) including associated supplies, food, transportation, and veterinary expenses
 - Massage chairs and associated equipment
 - Massage (therapeutic or otherwise)
 - Sleep pods
 - Therapy animals

Q. What are the LEMHWA subcategories?

- A. The LEMHWA **Implementation Projects** solicitation **does not have subcategories**. Projects funded under this grant program aim to provide training, programming, and support services focused on officer emotional and mental health, including suicide prevention efforts, peer support, and clinical and family support services to state, local, tribal, or territorial law enforcement agencies. Proposed projects may serve one agency, a consortium of agencies, or personnel from agencies located within a county or state.

Q. I am having issues completing the “Continuation of Support after Federal Funding Ends” section of the FY24 CPA Solicitation Questionnaire. When I click “Other,” it requires a secondary response even though this is not applicable to my agency. How do I resolve this issue?

- A. Applicants should enter “N/A” in the text box to complete this question.

Q. I am unable to submit my application because of a budget error on the Budget Summary page in JustGrants. The Federal Funds field is not calculating correctly.

A. Take the following steps to fix the Federal Funds error on the Budget Summary page in JustGrants:

1. Navigate to the Budget Summary screen and review the total amounts. Check to make sure Federal Funds is displaying correctly: $\text{Federal} = \text{Total Project Cost} - \text{Match} - \text{Program Income}$. (Ignore any warning messages about aligning with the Standard Applicant Information values.)

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Budget Category	Total Cost	
Sworn Officer Positions	\$0	
Civilian or Non-Sworn Personnel	\$0	
Travel	\$0	
Equipment	\$5,000	
Supplies	\$0	
SubAwards	\$0	
Procurement Contracts	\$0	
Other Costs	\$0	
Indirect Costs	\$0	
Total Project Costs	\$5,000	
Federal Funds:	\$15,750	75.00%
Match Amount:	\$250	25.00%
Program Income:	<input type="text" value="0"/>	0.00%

(This screenshot is provided for illustration purposes only. The LEMHWA program DOES NOT require a match amount or program income.)

If Federal Funds still does not display correctly, continue to the next steps.

2. Add a dummy value into the Match or Program Income field, then hit tab or click out of the field.

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Federal Funds:	\$4,650
Match Amount:	\$250
Program Income:	\$ <input type="text" value="100"/>

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3. Remove the dummy value and then hit tab or click out of the field.

Federal Funds should now recalculate correctly.