

FY 2024 Anti-Heroin Task Force (AHTF) Survey Questions

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Agency Eligibility Information

1. **Type of Agency** (select one)
 - Law Enforcement
 - Non–Law Enforcement*

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2. Law Enforcement Entities

- Municipal Police
- Sheriff
- County Police (Non-Sheriff)
- State Police Agency
- Regional Police Department
- Federal Recognized Tribal Police
- Federal Recognized Tribal Council
- Federal Recognized Tribal Fish & Wildlife
- Federal Recognized Tribal Courts
- Federal Recognized Tribal – Other
- Public University/College Police
- Private University/College Police
- Natural Resources Police (e.g., Fish and Wildlife or Park Police)
- Transit Police
- Public Housing Police
- School District Police
- Attorney/Court/Investigative Agencies (e.g., District Attorney's Office, Bureau of Investigations, etc.)
- Multijurisdictional Task Force
- Consortium of Law Enforcement Agencies
- Constable
- Marshals
- Emergency Response/Management (Non-Police)
- Municipal Government
- New Start-Up (*please specify*)

3. Is your agency a state law enforcement agency authorized by law, or by a state agency, to engage in or supervise anti-heroin or other opioids investigative activities, such as locating and investigating illicit activities related to the unlawful distribution of heroin, or unlawful distribution of prescriptive opioids, or unlawful diversion and distribution of prescriptive opioids?
- Yes
 - No*

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Inventory of Federal Priorities for Policing

The following questions will help the U.S. Department of Justice evaluate the possibility for priority consideration, where appropriate, and identify potential gaps in training and technical assistance.

4. Does the agency have a written directive to prioritize the recruitment and hiring of personnel who are representative of the communities they are sworn to serve?
- Yes
 - No
5. Does the agency have a written directive that requires a background investigation of each candidate for officer positions conducted prior to appointment and include, consistent with the First Amendment and all applicable laws, a check of publicly available internet and information sharing sites to identify activity that promotes or supports unlawful violence or unlawful bias against persons based on race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, or disability?
- Yes
 - No
6. Does the agency have a written directive that requires the performance evaluation of all officers and supervisors to be conducted and documented at least annually, including (among other factors):
- a. An assessment of adherence to agency policies; and
 - b. For supervisors, an assessment of their effectiveness in addressing misconduct by officers they supervise.
- Yes
 - No

7. Does the agency encourage officer wellness (e.g., support for substance use disorders, mental health issues, trauma resilience, and suicide prevention) through policies and procedures?
 - Yes
 - No
8. Does the agency have a written directive that officers may use deadly force only when the officer has an objectively reasonable belief that the subject of such force poses an imminent danger of death or serious physical injury to the officer or to another person?
 - Yes
 - No
9. Does the agency have a written directive that prohibits the discharge of firearms from a moving vehicle except in exigent circumstances where the officer has an articulable reason for this use of deadly force?
 - Yes
 - No
10. Does the agency have a written directive that prohibits the discharge of firearms at a moving vehicle unless:
 - a. A person in the vehicle is threatening the officer or another person with deadly force by means other than the vehicle; or
 - b. The vehicle is operated in a manner that threatens to cause death or serious physical injury to the officer or others, and no other objectively reasonable means of defense appear to exist, which includes moving out of the path of the vehicle.
 - Yes
 - No
11. Does the agency prohibit the use of chokeholds and carotid (or vascular neck) restraints except where the use of deadly force is authorized by law?
 - Yes
 - No
12. Does the agency have a written directive stating that officers should employ de-escalation techniques when possible but may use force that is objectively reasonable to accomplish lawful objectives?
 - Yes
 - No

13. Does the agency have a written directive that establishes the affirmative duty to take reasonable steps to intervene, i.e., to prevent or stop, as appropriate, any officer from engaging in excessive force or any other use of force that violates the Constitution, other laws, or agency policy on the reasonable use of force?
- Yes
 - No
14. Does the agency have a written directive that establishes the affirmative duty to take reasonable steps to request and/or render medical aid, as appropriate, where needed?
- Yes
 - No
15. Does the agency have a written directive for officers to complete training annually on implicit bias to help address improper profiling based on the actual or perceived race, ethnicity, national origin, limited English proficiency, religion, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, and disability of individuals?
- Yes
 - No
16. Does the agency have a written directive establishing effective procedures for receiving, investigating, and responding to complaints alleging improper profiling or bias by law enforcement officers?
- Yes
 - No
17. Does the agency have a written directive that establishes mechanisms for holding their officers accountable for violating policies related to use of force, which includes timely and consistent discipline if warranted and appropriate due process protections for officers?
- Yes
 - No
18. Does the agency have a written directive that limits the use of unannounced entries, often referred to as “no knock entries,” to those obtained through judicial authorization or if exigent circumstances arise at the scene such that knocking and announcing the officer's presence would create an imminent threat of physical violence to the officer and/or another person?
- Yes
 - No

19. Does the agency currently employ body-worn cameras (BWCs) for use by all officers routinely engaged in contact with the public?
- Yes
 - No
20. If the agency employs body-worn cameras (BWCs), does the agency have a written directive on their appropriate use that is designed to ensure that BWCs are worn and activated in all appropriate circumstances, including during arrests and searches, and that BWC video footage is publicly released following incidents involving serious bodily injury or deaths in custody, where appropriate?
- Yes
 - No
21. Does the agency submit data to the FBI's Law Enforcement Suicide Data Collection?
- Yes, the agency currently submits data or can demonstrate that it is actively working towards the ability to submit to this data collection effort.
 - No
22. Does the agency submit data to the FBI's National Use of Force Data Collection?
- Yes, the agency currently submits data or can demonstrate that it is actively working towards the ability to submit to this data collection effort.
 - No
23. Does the agency submit data to the FBI's Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted Data Collection?
- Yes, the agency currently submits data or can demonstrate that it is actively working towards the ability to submit to this data collection effort.
 - No
24. Does the agency submit data to the FBI's National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS)?
- Yes, the agency currently submits data or can demonstrate that it is actively working towards the ability to submit to this data collection effort.
 - No
25. Does the agency submit data to its State Administering Agency related to deaths in custody to support the State's compliance with the Death in Custody Reporting Act?
- Yes, the agency currently submits data or can demonstrate that it is actively working towards the ability to submit to this data collection effort.
 - No

26. Does the agency check the National De-Certification Index hosted by IADLEST as a part of the officer hiring, vetting, or promotion process?

- Yes
- No

27. Does the agency provide immediate access to mental health professionals either through mobile crisis response teams or co-responder teams, to respond to individuals experiencing a behavioral health crisis or with a disability?

- Yes
- No

28. Does the agency have specific policies and procedures in place to ensure the independence and transparency of investigations and notifications regarding deaths in custody?

- Yes
- No

General Agency Information

Law Enforcement Agency Sworn Force Information

Instructions:

Enter the Fiscal Year Budgeted Sworn Force Strength for the current fiscal year below. The budgeted number of sworn officer positions is the number of sworn positions funded in your agency's budget, including funded but frozen positions, as well as state, Bureau of Indian Affairs, or locally funded vacancies. Do not include *unfunded* vacancies or unpaid/reserve officers.

Number of officers funded in agency's current fiscal year budget:

29a. Full time:

29b. Part time

Law Enforcement Agency Civilian Information

Instructions:

Enter the number of civilian positions funded in agency's current fiscal year budget.

Number of civilian positions funded in agency's current fiscal year budget:

30a. Full time:

30b. Part time

Executive and Contact Information

Please provide the name and contact information for the highest-ranking Law Enforcement or Program Official and Government Executive or Financial Official for your agency or organization, please see instructions below.

LAW ENFORCEMENT EXECUTIVE/PROGRAM OFFICIAL

This position will ultimately be responsible for the programmatic management of the award.

Instructions for Law Enforcement Agencies:

For law enforcement agencies, the Law Enforcement Executive is the highest-ranking official in the jurisdiction (Chief of Police, Sheriff, or equivalent). Before this application can be submitted, the Entity Administrator in JustGrants must invite this individual to apply for a JustGrants account with the role of Authorized Representative, and this individual must log in to JustGrants to review the application.

Instructions for Non-Law Enforcement Agencies:

For non-law enforcement agencies (e.g., institutions of higher education, school districts, private organizations, etc.), the Program Official is the highest-ranking official in the jurisdiction (e.g., executive director, chief executive officer, or equivalent). Please note that information for non-executive positions (e.g., clerks, trustees) is not acceptable. Before this application can be submitted, the Entity Administrator in JustGrants must invite this individual to apply for a JustGrants account with the role of Authorized Representative, and this individual must log in to JustGrants to review the application.

31a. Title:

31b. First name:

31c. Last name:

31d. Phone:

31e. Email address:

GOVERNMENT EXECUTIVE/FINANCIAL OFFICIAL

This position will ultimately be responsible for the financial management of the award.

Instructions for Government Agencies:

For law enforcement agencies, this is the highest-ranking government official within your jurisdiction (e.g., Superintendent, Mayor, City Administrator, or equivalent). Before this application can be submitted, the Entity Administrator in JustGrants must invite this individual to apply for a JustGrants account with the role of Authorized Representative, and this individual must log in to JustGrants to review the application.

Instructions for Non-Government Agencies:

For non-government agencies, this is the financial official who has the authority to apply for this award on behalf of the applicant agency (e.g., Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer, or equivalent). Please note that information for non-executive positions (e.g., clerks, trustees) is not acceptable. Before this application can be submitted, the Entity Administrator in JustGrants must invite this individual to apply for a JustGrants account with the role of Authorized Representative, and this individual must log in to JustGrants to review the application.

32a. Title:

32b. First name:

32c. Last name:

32d. Phone:

32e. Email address:

Instructions for Application Submitter Contact:

Enter the application point of contact's name and contact information.

33a. Title:

33b. First name:

33c. Last name:

33d. Phone:

33e. Email address:

Law Enforcement and Community Policing Strategy

Instructions for Community Policing Definition Framework:

The following is the COPS Office definition of community policing that emphasizes the primary components of community partnerships, organizational transformation, and problem solving.

Community policing is a philosophy that promotes organizational strategies that support the systematic use of partnerships and problem solving techniques to proactively address the immediate conditions that give rise to public safety issues, such as crime, social disorder, and fear of crime.

The COPS Office has completed the development of a comprehensive community policing self-assessment tool for use by law enforcement agencies. Based on this work, we have developed the following list of primary sub elements of community policing. Please refer to the COPS Office web site (<https://cops.usdoj.gov>) for further information regarding these sub elements.

Community Partnerships:

Collaborative partnerships between the law enforcement agency and the individuals and organizations they serve to both develop solutions to problems and increase trust in police.

- Other Government Agencies
- Community Members/Groups
- Non-Profits/Service Providers
- Private Businesses
- Media

Organizational Transformation:

The alignment of organizational management, structure, personnel and information systems to support community partnerships and proactive problem-solving efforts.

Agency Management

- Climate and culture
- Leadership
- Labor relations
- Decision-making
- Strategic planning

- Policies
- Organizational evaluations
- Transparency

Organizational Structure

- Geographic assignment of officers
- Despecialization
- Resources and finances

Personnel

- Recruitment, hiring and selection
- Personnel supervision/evaluations
- Training

Information Systems (Technology)

- Communication/access to data
- Quality and accuracy of data

Problem Solving:

The process of engaging in the proactive and systematic examination of identified problems to develop effective responses that are rigorously evaluated.

- Scanning: Identifying and prioritizing problems
- Analysis: Analyzing problems
- Response: Responding to problems
- Assessment: Assessing problem-solving initiatives
- Focus: Using the Crime Triangle to focus on immediate conditions (Victim/Offender/Location)

34. To what extent is there community support in your jurisdiction for implementing the proposed award activities? *[Dropdown]*

- High level of support
- Moderate support
- Minimal support

35. If awarded, to what extent will the award activities impact the other components of the criminal justice system in your jurisdiction?

- Potentially decreased burden
- No change in burden
- Potentially increased burden

36. By clicking this box, the applicant, if awarded, agrees to comply with the requirement to share information with OCDETF Fusion Centers.*

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Federal Funding

NEED FOR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE

37. All applicants are required to explain their inability to address the need for this award without federal assistance. Please do so in the space below. [Please limit your response to a maximum of 250 words.]

DUPLICATION OF FUNDING

Instructions:

Applicants are required to disclose whether they have pending applications for federally funded assistance or active federal awards that support the same or similar activities or services for which funding is being requested under this application.

Be advised that as a general rule, COPS Office funding may not be used for the same item or service funded through another funding source. However, leveraging multiple funding sources in a complementary manner to implement comprehensive programs or projects is encouraged and is not seen as inappropriate. To aid the COPS Office in the prevention of awarding potentially duplicative funding, please indicate whether your agency has a pending application or an active award with any other federal funding source (e.g., direct federal funding or indirect federal funding through state sub-awarded federal funds) which supports the same or similar activities or services as being proposed in this COPS Office application.

38. Do you have any current, active non-COPS Office award with any other federal funding source (e.g., direct federal funding or indirect federal funding through state subawarded federal funds) that supports the same or similar activities or services as being proposed in this COPS Office application?

- Yes
- No

38a. If Yes, for each potentially duplicative non-COPS Office award, provide the following detailed information: name of federal awarding agency, or state agency for subawarded federal funding; award number; program name; award start and end dates; award amount; and description of how this project differs from the application for COPS office funding.

39. Do you have any pending non-COPS Office grant applications with any other federal funding source (e.g., direct federal funding or indirect federal funding through state subawarded federal funds) that support the same or similar activities or services as being proposed in this COPS Office application?

- Yes
- No

39a. If Yes, for each potentially duplicative non-COPS Office grant application, provide the following detailed information: application number (if known); program name; project length; total requested amount; items requested; and describe how this project differs from the application for COPS Office funding.

Data Collection

40. Does your agency have previous AHTF awards?

- Yes
- No

If Yes, please explain the following:

40a. The status of the previous awards – have the awards been fully implemented?

40b. Will this new AHTF request enhance any previous AHTF awards, or is this a new project?

40c. How have the previous AHTF awards affected your jurisdiction’s heroin and other opioid challenges?

Primary Treatment Admissions

Provide your state-level data for the following:

A. Rates per 100,000 population for primary treatment admissions for heroin in 2021, 2022, and 2023.

41a. Primary Treatment Admissions for Heroin (2021):

41b. Primary Treatment Admissions for Heroin (2022):

41c. Primary Treatment Admissions for Heroin (2023):

B. Rates per 100,000 population for primary treatment admissions for fentanyl in 2021, 2022, and 2023.

42a. Primary Treatment Admissions for Fentanyl (2021):

42b. Primary Treatment Admissions for Fentanyl (2022):

42c. Primary Treatment Admissions for Fentanyl (2023):

C. Rates per 100,000 population for primary treatment admissions for carfentanil in 2021, 2022, and 2023.

43a. Primary Treatment Admissions for Carfentanil (2021):

43b. Primary Treatment Admissions for Carfentanil (2022):

43c. Primary Treatment Admissions for Carfentanil (2023):

D. Rates per 100,000 population for primary treatment admissions for other opioids in 2021, 2022, and 2023.

44a. Primary Treatment Admissions for Other Opioids (2021):

44b. Primary Treatment Admissions for Other Opioids (2022):

44c. Primary Treatment Admissions for Other Opioids (2023):

Problem Identification and Investigative Activities

45. Using the most current and accurate information available, describe the extent of your jurisdiction's heroin, fentanyl, carfentanil, or unlawful distribution of prescription opioids threat. [Limit your response to a maximum of 125 words.]

46. Explain the significance of prescription drug diversion in your jurisdiction and identify the most frequently diverted substance. [Limit your response to a maximum of 125 words.]

47. Is your jurisdiction a source of prescription drugs for other parts of the country?

- Yes
- No

47a. If yes, explain below. [Limit your response to a maximum of 125 words.]

48. Describe your jurisdiction's current investigative activities used to locate or investigate illicit activities relating to the distribution of heroin, fentanyl, carfentanil, or the unlawful distribution of prescription opioids. [Limit your response to a maximum of 250 words.]

49. Does your agency currently participate in an anti-heroin and other opioids task force?

- Yes
- No

If yes, please answer the following.

49a. What is the name of the Task Force?

49b. How many agencies participate in the Task Force?

49c. Estimate the size of the population served by the Task Force?

49d. Identify the counties/jurisdictions served by the Task Force.

49e. What percentage of counties/jurisdictions in the State are served by this Task Force?

49f. What is the total number of full-time equivalents (FTE) sworn and civilian that make up the Task Force?

49g. What is the total number of full-time equivalents (FTE) sworn and civilian that your agency allocates to the task force?

49h. Explain any coordination and consultation efforts between the task force and community groups and appropriate private and public agencies. [Limit your response to a maximum of 125 words.]

50. Has your jurisdiction had a High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) threat assessment?

- Yes
- No

50a. If yes, provide a summary of your jurisdiction's HIDTA threat assessment with regard to heroin, fentanyl, carfentanil, and other opioids. [Limit your response to a maximum of 250 words.]

Proposed AHTF Project

51. Identify the long-term strategy and goals that your agency plans to accomplish through this award and explain how the proposed project fits in with overall efforts to address the heroin and other opioids problem described above. [Limit your response to a maximum of 500 words.]

52. How will the requested funding be used to enhance your agency's current anti-heroin and other opioids investigative activities? [Limit your response to a maximum of 250 words.]

53. How will your agency ensure effective implementation in meeting the project goals? [Limit your response to a maximum of 125 words.]

54. Provide a brief timeline, list key activities and milestones. [Limit your response to a maximum of 250 words.]

55. List the outcomes that your agency plans to achieve with this project. [Limit your response to a maximum of 250 words.]

56. Explain how the identified outcomes will be tracked, measured, and used. [Limit your response to a maximum of 125 words.]

57. Explain how your agency plans to continue the proposed project or activity after the grant funding ends. [Limit your response to a maximum of 125 words.]

58. How will your agency employ a multidisciplinary approach to combatting your jurisdiction's heroin and other opioids threat, such as partnering with medical institutions or referral program service providers? [Limit your response to a maximum of 125 words.]

59. Explain your agency's consultation with community groups and collaborative efforts with the public health community on prevention, data sharing, treatment, and recovery efforts – include the current or proposed disciplines and/or entities involved and the extent/level of their engagement. [Limit your response to a maximum of 250 words.]

60. Describe how funds will be used to reorient your agency's mission toward community-oriented policing or enhance its involvement in or commitment to community-oriented policing. [Limit your response to a maximum of 125 words.]

61. Explain how your agency will coordinate with federal, state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies and community groups to maximize the impact and effectiveness of the project. [Limit your response to a maximum of 125 words.]

62. Explain how your agency will coordinate and work with tribal law enforcement agencies in areas impacted by the proposed project. Include specifics on how your agency will coordinate with other federal law enforcement partners such as the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) or Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) to assist tribal law enforcement agencies [Limit your response to a maximum of 250 words.]

63. Identify related governmental and community initiatives that complement or will be coordinated with the proposal. [Limit your response to a maximum of 125 words.]

64. Explain how your agency will coordinate with the U.S. Attorney's Office(s) in your state. [Limit your response to a maximum of 125 words.]

65. How will your agency use existing intelligence sharing resources with your jurisdiction including Fusion Centers, Regional Information Sharing Systems (RISS), etc.? [Limit your response to a maximum of 125 words.]

28 CFR Part 23 (Criminal Intelligence)

Certification of Review of 28 C.F.R. Part 23/Criminal Intelligence Systems:

If your agency is requesting COPS Office funds for equipment or technology that will be used to operate an interjurisdictional criminal intelligence system that receives, stores, analyzes, exchanges, or disseminates data regarding ongoing criminal activities, you must agree to comply with the operating principles at 28 C.F.R Part 23.

If you are requesting COPS Office funds to operate a single agency database (or other unrelated forms of technology) and will not share criminal intelligence data with other jurisdictions, 28 C.F.R. Part 23 does not apply.

66. Please check one of the following, as applicable to your agency's intended use of COPS Office funds:

- No, my agency will not use these COPS Office funds (if awarded) to operate an interjurisdictional criminal intelligence system.
- Yes, my agency will use these COPS Office funds (if awarded) to operate an interjurisdictional criminal intelligence system and will comply with the requirements of 28 C.F.R. Part 23.

Certification of Review and Representation of Compliance

67. By checking the box, the applicant indicates he or she understands that the signatures of the Law Enforcement Executive /Program Official, Government Executive / Financial Official, and the Person Submitting this Application on the Reviews and Certifications represent to the COPS Office that: 1. the applicant will comply with all legal, administrative, and programmatic requirements that govern the applicant for acceptance and use of federal funds as outlined in the applicable COPS Office Grant Application Resource Guide, the COPS Office award owner's manual, the DOJ Grants Financial Guide, Assurances, Certifications and all other applicable program regulations, laws, orders, and circulars; 2. the applicant understands that as a general rule COPS Office funding may not be used for the same item or service funded through another funding source; and 3. the applicant and any required or identified official partner(s) listed in this application mutually agreed to this partnership prior to submission.*

68. By checking the box, the applicant indicates he or she provides a certification that: 1. the programs to be funded by the grant meet all the requirements of the COPS Office statute (34 U.S.C. § 10381, et seq.) ; 2. all the information contained in the application is correct; and 3. the applicant will comply with all provisions of the COPS Office statute (34 U.S.C. § 10381, et seq.) and all other applicable Federal laws.*

*Validation Error Message: Please check the box.

Acknowledgement of Electronic Signature

69. By checking the box, the applicant indicates that he or she understands that “clicking to agree” in this application and the required forms, including the Assurances, Certifications, and Disclosure of Lobbying Activities form are just as legally enforceable as physical signatures.

I understand.*

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