



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
OFFICE OF COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING SERVICES  
145 N Street NE, Washington, DC 20530

**COPS**

March 31, 2016

**RE: COPS Office FY 2016 Community Policing Development (CPD) Program Solicitation –  
*Now Open!***

Dear Colleague:

The Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) is pleased to announce that **the application period for the FY 2016 Community Policing Development (CPD) Program is now open.** Applications for this year's CPD solicitation must be completed and submitted by **7:59 PM, EDT on June 1st, 2016.** This year's CPD Program has an overarching emphasis on implementing the recommendations of the President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing. The Task Force examined how to strengthen public trust and foster strong relationships between local law enforcement and the communities that they serve, while also promoting effective crime reduction.

**Program Details**

The FY 2016 CPD Program is a competitive solicitation, open to all public governmental agencies, profit and nonprofit institutions, institutions of higher education, community groups, and faith-based organizations. The program is designed to advance the practice of community policing in law enforcement agencies through training and technical assistance. It also promotes the development of innovative community policing strategies, applied research, guidebooks, and best practices that are national in scope and responsive to the solicitation topic requirements. Up to \$8 million is available through this program in FY 2016, and all awards are subject to the availability of funds. Applicants may select from the following topic areas:

- Microgrant Initiative for Law Enforcement
- Critical Response Technical Assistance
- Community Policing Emerging Issues Forums
- Community Policing Training Projects
- Law Enforcement Led 21st Century Policing Demonstration Projects
- 21st Century Policing and Implementation Projects

These topic areas share the goal of advancing community policing by addressing many of the recommendations contained in the [Final Report of the President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing](#). **For detailed information on CPD program requirements, application instructions, FAQs and more, please visit the [CPD Program page](#) on the COPS website.**

We also encourage you to read the ["Preparing Your Application"](#) document on our website. This document provides helpful information about preparations your agency can make at this time to ensure a smooth application process and minimize the chance of problems or delays.

Please note that applications for this program must be submitted in two parts. First, applicants must apply online via [Grants.gov](http://Grants.gov) to complete the SF-424, the government-wide standard form required for competitive grant application packages. Once the SF-424 has been submitted, you will receive an e-mail with instructions on completing the second part of the CPD application through the COPS Office Online Application System, found on the [COPS Office website](#) through the “Account Access” link in the upper right hand corner.

Thank you for your time and cooperation during the application process. If you have questions about completing a CPD application, please contact the COPS Office Response Center at 1.800.421.6770.

Sincerely,

Ronald L. Davis,  
Director

