



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

**COPS**★

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RE: Upcoming COPS Office Grant Program Solicitation for the FY 2016  
Community Policing Development (CPD) Program

Dear Colleague:

The Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) is pleased to announce that we will soon be accepting applications for the FY 2016 Community Policing Development (CPD) Program. This year's CPD Program has an overarching emphasis on implementing the recommendations of the President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing, which examined how to strengthen public trust and foster strong relationships between local law enforcement and the communities that they protect, 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 as well as 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, Law Enforcement-Led 21st Century Policing Demonstration Projects, and 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 [Report of the President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing](#).

#### **Additional Information**

We anticipate that the FY 2016 CPD Program solicitation will open in late March. A follow-up notification will be sent to you when the application period begins. Additional information about this funding opportunity can be found through the [Grants and Funding](#) portion of the COPS Office's website. This information includes the Application Guide (i.e., instructions), Fact Sheet, Frequently Asked Questions, and other important materials about the program's application requirements.

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 all CPD applications will be accepted electronically via a two-step process through Grants.gov and the COPS Office Agency Portal. Detailed instructions about how to apply for this program will be placed on the COPS Office website soon, along with information about the solicitation opening date, submission deadline, and other important information.

Thank you for your time and cooperation as the COPS Office prepares for the FY 2016 CPD Program solicitation opening. If you have questions about this or any other COPS Office grant program, please contact the COPS Office Response Center at 800-421-6770.

Sincerely,

Ronald L. Davis, Director

