

The U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office, <a href="www.cops.usdoj.gov">www.cops.usdoj.gov</a>) is pleased to announce that it is seeking applications for funding for the COPS Office FY 2020 Tribal Resources Grant Program – Technical Assistance (TRGP-TA) program. TRGP-TA funds are used to support tribal law enforcement agencies through training and technical assistance efforts around community policing topics.

# FY 2020 Tribal Resources Grant Program – Technical Assistance (TRGP-TA) Application Guide

This COPS Office Application Guide is designed to assist applicants in applying for the COPS Office TRGP-TA program. This guide includes general information on the administrative and legal requirements governing the COPS Office programs as well as detailed TRGP-TA program–specific information. Guidance for the TRGP-TA program is contained in this Application Guide and can also be found at <a href="https://cops.usdoj.gov/trgp-ta">https://cops.usdoj.gov/trgp-ta</a>. For additional assistance, please contact the COPS Office Response Center at <a href="https://cops.usdoj.gov">AskCopsRC@usdoj.gov</a> or 800-421-6770.

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Funding Opportunity Number: COPS-TRIBAL-RESOURCES-GRANT-PROGRAM-TECHNICAL-ASSISTANCE-2020

# Eligibility

This solicitation is open to all public governmental agencies, federally recognized Indian tribes, for-profit (commercial) organizations, nonprofit organizations, institutions of higher education, community groups, and faith-based organizations. For-profit organizations (as well as other recipients) must forgo any profit or management fee.

The COPS Office welcomes applications under which two or more entities would carry out the federal award; however, only one entity may be the applicant. Any other entities carrying out the federal award must be identified as proposed subrecipients. The applicant must be the entity that would have primary responsibility for carrying out the awards, including administering the funding and managing the entire project. The terms and conditions of the federal award are also applicable to subrecipients.

Proposals should be responsive to the topic selected, significantly advance the field of community policing, and demonstrate an understanding of community policing as it pertains to the application topic. Initiatives that primarily or solely benefit one or a limited number of law enforcement agencies or other entities will not be considered for funding.

All awards are subject to the availability of appropriated funds and any modifications or additional requirements that may be imposed by law.

# Deadline/application period

The application period for the FY 2020 Tribal Resources Grant Program – Technical Assistance (TRGP-TA) program begins **January 30, 2020**. All applications must be submitted by **April 14, 2020, at 7:59 p.m. EDT**. Applications submitted after **April 14, 2020** will not be considered for funding.

Completing an application is a two-step process:

- 1. Applicants are first required to register via <a href="www.grants.gov">www.grants.gov</a>, complete the SF-424 form, and submit it through the Grants.gov website.
- Once the SF-424 has been submitted via Grants.gov, the COPS Office will send an invitation email to the
  applicant with instructions on how to complete the second part of the TRGP-TA program application
  through the COPS Office Online Application System (see "Application and Submission Information"
  beginning on page 10).

If you have not renewed your COPS Office Account Access information, please contact the COPS Office Response Center at **AskCopsRC@usdoj.gov** or 800-421-6770. An application is not considered submitted until both of these steps are completed.

All guidance for the TRGP-TA program is contained in this Application Guide and can also be found at <a href="https://cops.usdoj.gov/trgp-ta">https://cops.usdoj.gov/trgp-ta</a>. In addition to the Application Guide, the COPS Office is providing a TRGP-TA User Guide as a quick start reference to help guide applicants through the process.

# Contact information

For technical assistance with submitting the SF-424, please call the Grants.gov customer service hotline at 800-518-4726, send questions via email to <a href="mailto:support@Grants.gov">support@Grants.gov</a>, or consult the Grants.gov Organization Applicant User Guide at <a href="https://www.grants.gov/help/html/help/index.htm">https://www.grants.gov/help/html/help/index.htm</a>. The Grants.gov Support Hotline operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, except on federal holidays.

For programmatic assistance with the requirements of this program or with submitting the application through the COPS Office Online Application System, please call the COPS Office Response Center at 800-421-6770 or send questions via email to **AskCopsRC@usdoj.gov**. The COPS Office Response Center operates Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. ET, except on federal holidays.

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# Tribal Resources Grant Program – Technical Assistance (TRGP-TA) (CFDA 16.710) Program Description

# Overview

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 violent crime, nonviolent crime, and fear of crime.

Tribal Resources Grant Program – Technical Assistance (TRGP-TA) program funds are used to support tribal law enforcement agencies through training and technical assistance efforts around community policing topics.

With this funding, the COPS Office supports projects that allow for the identification and expansion of promising practices and produces knowledge products that follow the principles of good guidance:

- Quality-driven, with an emphasis on action statements to drive promising practices and reduce variations in performance
- Evidence-based, with recommendations that are consistent with the weight of the best available evidence identified through systematic review
- Accessible, with clear language and manageable lengths that are appropriate and relevant for the law enforcement field
- Memorable, to encourage immediate actions or aid for the complex situations law enforcement professionals face

To read an overview of the principles of community policing, please see the COPS Office publication *Community Policing Defined*, which can be found at <a href="https://cops.usdoj.gov/RIC/ric.php?page=detail&id=COPS-P157">https://cops.usdoj.gov/RIC/ric.php?page=detail&id=COPS-P157</a>.

# Statutory authority

This program is authorized under the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, as amended, and the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994, Title I, Part Q, Public Law 103-322, 34 U.S.C. § 10381 et seq.

All awards are subject to the availability of appropriated funds and any modifications or additional requirements that may be imposed by law.

# Program-specific information

The 2020 TRGP-TA program has been established to fund specific projects related to the following topic areas:

- Cold Cases and Missing or Murdered Indigenous Persons
- Developing an Alaskan Law Enforcement Recruitment Strategy

This solicitation is being announced as an open competition.

When applying, please be sure to select the most appropriate topic area under which to apply. Please note that applicants may submit multiple applications, but you must submit a separate application for each topic area. Any application that does not clearly state the topic area on the cover page of the project narrative or selects the incorrect topic area may not pass the basic minimum requirement phase of the review process. See "Application and Submission Information" beginning on page 10 and "Application review information" beginning on page 62 for more on the requirements for TRGP-TA applicants.

# TRGP-TA topic areas

The following sections will provide further details on each topic area as well as any further topic-specific requirements for your application. In addition, all applicants should keep the following general requirements in mind:

- All TRGP-TA program award recipients will be expected to begin work immediately upon selection and notification of award.
- Based on the identified deliverables, the applicant must adhere to the requirements set forth in the COPS
   Office Curriculum Standards and Review Process Guides (see "XIII. Curriculum development" beginning on
   page 72).
- Based on the identified deliverables, the applicant must adhere to the requirements set forth in the COPS
   Office conference request approval process (see "XII. Prior approval, planning, and reporting of
   conference/meetings/training costs" beginning on page 71).
- Based on the identified deliverables, the applicant should adhere to the **COPS Office Editorial and Style**Manual
- For projects that propose site-specific work, letters of support from the targeted agencies are strongly encouraged.

# Cold Cases and Missing or Murdered Indigenous Persons

## **Topic Area Highlights**

Funding: Up to one (1) award for up to \$400,000

Topic summary: The COPS Office seeks an applicant to assist tribal law enforcement with challenges they face regarding cold cases and missing or murdered Indigenous peoples.

Topic name in section 1 of the COPS Office Online Application System: Cold Cases Project

# **Background**

Not effectively addressing cold cases and missing or murdered Indigenous people has the potential to negatively impact tribal law enforcement agencies by eroding trust between the community and the agency. Communities must have confidence in their law enforcement agency to properly respond, investigate, and solve these cases. There is a currently a lack of resources, standard protocols, and assistance for tribal law enforcement agencies to addresses these cases.

## Goal and Objectives

The goal of the project is to assist tribal law enforcement with challenges they face regarding cold cases and missing or murdered Indigenous peoples.

The project description should address the following objectives:

- Develop a protocol for addressing cold cases.
- Develop a protocol for missing or murdered Indigenous people reports and cases.
- Provide technical assistance to tribal law enforcement agencies to facilitate the adoption and implementation of the protocols.

#### **Deliverables**

Deliverables should include standard operating procedures, or protocols, for both cold cases and missing or murdered Indigenous people. Deliverables may also include crime scene and forensic considerations for these types of cases. The protocols should be widely marketed to tribal law enforcement agencies to ensure a broad adoption across the field. Technical assistance deliverables should include working with a specified number of tribal law enforcement agencies to aid in local implementation of the protocols.

#### Projects out of scope of this topic area

Organizations looking to develop training will not be considered.

## Other Requirements

All applicants must document their expertise and experience in cold cases and missing or murdered Indigenous people. Experience should include major crimes investigations, crime scene processing and preservation, forensics, and other factors that impact the investigation and resolution of cold cases and missing or murdered Indigenous people. Applicants, if awarded, will be expected to collaborate with the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons coordinators in the U.S. Attorney's offices and the Task Force on Missing and Murdered American Indians and Alaska Natives.

All applicants must also document their experience and capabilities to implement projects and the competencies of the staff assigned to projects for federally recognized Indian tribes including the following:

- Demonstrated knowledge of federal and tribal laws for American Indian and Alaska Natives who are citizens of Indian tribes
- Demonstrated knowledge of laws governing federal/tribal law enforcement jurisdictional issues, including for tribes located in P.L. 93-280 status states
- Demonstrated knowledge of federal Indian policies pertaining to Indian self-determination, tribal consultation executive orders, and memoranda
- Demonstrated knowledge of federal agencies responsible for Indian law enforcement, tribal justice systems, and services
- Demonstrated knowledge of tribal government governance systems, culture, and intergovernmental protocols

# Developing an Alaskan Law Enforcement Recruitment Strategy

#### **Topic Area Highlights**

Funding: Up to one (1) award for up to \$400,000

Topic summary: The COPS Office seeks an applicant to address the shortage of officers in Indian country as well as making tribal law enforcement agencies more reflective of the communities they police.

Topic name in section 1 of the COPS Office Online Application System: **Alaskan Recruitment Strategy** 

## **Background**

Recruitment and retention of law enforcement officers in tribal law enforcement agencies remains a challenge throughout Indian country. This is particularly acute in Native villages in remote locations throughout Alaska. Projects should focus on increasing the recruitment of Native Americans into tribal law enforcement, particularly through specific subpopulations such as veterans, youth, and others.

## Goal and Objectives

The overall goal is to help address the shortage of officers within Indian country as well as making tribal law enforcement agencies more reflective of the communities they police.

The project description should address the following objectives:

- Develop a technical assistance project for tribal law enforcement agencies on recruitment and retention of
  officers.
- Encourage Native Americans to choose law enforcement as a career.
- Address the lack of law enforcement in Alaska Native villages.

#### **Deliverables**

A multifaceted recruitment and retention strategy for tribal law enforcement, with emphasis on Alaska Native villages. In addition, the applicant will provide technical assistance to law enforcement agencies on the implementation of the strategy.

## Projects out of scope of this topic area

Organizations looking to conduct research or training on recruitment and retention will not be considered.

#### Other Requirements

All applicants must document their experience and capabilities to implement projects and the competencies of the staff assigned to projects for federally recognized Indian tribes including the following:

- Demonstrated knowledge of federal and tribal laws for American Indian and Alaska Natives who are citizens
  of Indian tribes
- Demonstrated knowledge of laws governing federal/tribal law enforcement jurisdictional issues, including for tribes located in P.L. 93-280 status states
- Demonstrated knowledge of federal Indian policies pertaining to Indian self-determination, tribal consultation executive orders, and memoranda
- Demonstrated knowledge of federal agencies responsible for Indian law enforcement, tribal justice systems, and services
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## Goals

# Program goals

Under this solicitation, the COPS Office seeks to support projects that allow for the identification and expansion of promising practices and produces knowledge products that follow the principles of good guidance:

- Quality-driven, with an emphasis on action statements to drive promising practices and reduce variations in performance
- Evidence-based, with recommendations that are consistent with the weight of the best available evidence identified through systematic review
- Accessible, with clear language and manageable lengths that are appropriate and relevant for the law enforcement field
- Memorable, to encourage immediate actions or aid for the complex situations law enforcement professionals face

# Project-specific goals

Applicants should explain in the project narrative how they will accomplish the following general categories when developing their own specific project goals. Applicants should cite any relevant research or methodology as appropriate.

**Develop knowledge.** Please explain how you will develop new knowledge or leverage existing knowledge about community policing activities and strategies that show promise.

**Increase awareness.** Please explain how you will increase the number of agencies and individuals who are aware of the most effective community policing strategies.

**Increase skills and abilities.** Please explain how you will increase the skills and abilities of law enforcement agencies, relevant stakeholders, and individuals to engage in proven community policing practices.

**Increase practice.** Please explain how you will increase the number of law enforcement agencies, relevant stakeholders, and individuals using proven community policing practices.

**Institutionalize practice.** Please explain how you will increase the number of law enforcement agencies, relevant stakeholders, and individuals that systematically use and integrate proven community policing strategies as part of their routine business and will continue to engage in these practices for the foreseeable future.

Applicants should also consider the COPS Office performance measures when developing their own specific project goals and activities.

# Performance measures

To assist in fulfilling the U.S. Department of Justice's responsibilities under the Government Performance and Results Act Modernization Act (GPRA Modernization Act) of 2010, P.L. 111–352, recipients who receive funding from the Federal Government must measure the results of work that funding supports. This act specifically requires the COPS Office and other federal agencies to set program goals, measure performance against those goals, and publicly report progress in the form of funding spent, resources used, activities performed, services delivered, and results achieved.

Performance measures for TRGP-TA are as shown in table 1.

Table 1. Performance measures for TRGP-TA

Objective	Performance measures	Data recipient provides
Increase the capacity of law enforcement agencies to implement community policing strategies that strengthen partnerships for safer communities	Extent to which COPS Office award funding (e.g., officers, equipment, training, technical assistance) has increased your agency's community policing capacity?	Recipients will rate the effectiveness of the COPS Office funding in increasing community policing capacity. Data will be collected on a periodic basis through progress reports.
and enhance law enforcement's capacity to prevent, solve, and control crime through funding for personnel, technology, equipment, and training.	Extent to which COPS Office knowledge resources (e.g., publications, podcasts, training) have increased your agency's community policing capacity?	

COPS Office awards target increasing recipient capacity to implement community policing strategies within the three primary elements of community policing: (1) problem solving; (2) partnerships; and (3) organizational transformation. The COPS Office requires all TRGP-TA applicants to describe how the personnel, technology, equipment, supplies, travel, or training requested will assist the applicant in implementing community policing strategies.

To read an overview of the principles of community policing, please see the COPS Office publication *Community Policing Defined*, which can be found at <a href="https://cops.usdoj.gov/RIC/ric.php?page=detail&id=COPS-P157">https://cops.usdoj.gov/RIC/ric.php?page=detail&id=COPS-P157</a>.

As part of the programmatic progress report (see "Reporting, monitoring, and evaluation requirements" beginning on page 81 for more on reporting), TRGP-TA recipients will be required to report on their progress toward implementing community policing strategies. Based on the data collected from recipients, the COPS Office may make improvements to the TRGP-TA program to better meet the program's objective and law enforcement agency needs.

# **Federal Award Information**

Up to \$800,000 is available through this year's program. Depending on the quality of applications received and the availability of funding, the COPS Office may not fund every topic area or may make additional or larger awards under one or more topic areas in this solicitation. In addition, the COPS Office reserves the right to revise the scope of the project in your application submission and modify the associated budget proposal accordingly.

All awards are subject to the availability of appropriated funds and any modifications or additional requirements that may be imposed by law. With limited funding, the COPS Office expects a competitive solicitation.

# Length of award

The COPS Office expects to make the project period for all cooperative agreements 24 months.

# Type of award

The COPS Office may make some awards from the TRGP-TA solicitation in the form of cooperative agreements, which is the funding instrument used if the COPS Office anticipates ongoing substantial involvement in award activities. Cooperative agreement recipients will be responsible for day-to-day project management but should expect direct oversight and collaboration by the COPS Office in implementing the award. Examples of substantial federal involvement may include participating in the selection of key recipient personnel, providing feedback on deliverables before publication, approving all conference-related costs prior to obligation, and redirecting the work as appropriate.

# Cost sharing or match

There is no requirement for cost sharing or a local match for TRGP-TA awards.

# Financial management and system of internal controls

Award recipients and subrecipients must, as set out in the Uniform Guidance at 2 C.F.R. § 200.303, do the following:

- Establish and maintain effective internal control over the federal award that provides reasonable assurance that [the recipient (and any subrecipient)] is managing the federal award in compliance with federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of the Federal award. These internal controls should be in compliance with guidance in "Standards for Internal Control in the Federal Government" issued by the Comptroller General of the United States and the "Internal Control Integrated Framework" issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO).
- Comply with federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of the federal awards.

- Evaluate and monitor [the recipient's (and any subrecipient's)] compliance with statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of federal awards.
- Take prompt action when instances of noncompliance are identified including noncompliance identified in audit findings.
- Take reasonable measures to safeguard protected personally identifiable information and other information
  the federal awarding agency designates as sensitive or [the recipient's (and any subrecipient's)] considers
  sensitive consistent with applicable federal, state, local, and tribal laws regarding privacy and obligations of
  confidentiality.

# Administrative actions and legal remedies related to federal awards

Please be advised that a hold may be placed on any application if it is deemed that the applicant organization is not in good standing on other U.S. Department of Justice awards, has other award compliance issues that would make the applicant organization ineligible to receive COPS Office funding, or is not cooperating with an ongoing compliance investigation regarding a current COPS Office award. A hold may also be placed on any application if it is deemed that the applicant organization is not in compliance with federal civil rights laws or is not cooperating with an ongoing U.S. Department of Justice award review or audit.

Misuse of COPS Office funds or failure to comply with all COPS Office award requirements may result in legal sanctions including suspension and termination of award funds, the repayment of expended funds, ineligibility to receive additional COPS Office funding, and other remedies available by law.

Under the False Claims Act, any credible evidence that a person has submitted a false claim or has committed a criminal or civil violation of laws pertaining to fraud, conflict of interest, bribery, gratuity, or similar misconduct involving COPS Office funds may be referred to the Office of Inspector General (OIG). The OIG may be contacted at oig.hotline@usdoj.gov, https://oig.justice.gov/hotline/index.htm, or 800-869-4499.

# **Application and Submission Information**

# What an application must include

This section describes in detail what an application must include. An applicant should anticipate that failure to submit an application that contains all of the specified elements may negatively affect the review of its application; and, should a decision be made to make an award, such failure may result in the inclusion of award conditions that prevent the recipient from accessing or using award funds until the recipient satisfies the special conditions and the COPS Office makes the funds available. Applicants must comply with any word and field limit requirements described in this Application Guide.

Moreover, TRGP-TA program applicants should anticipate that an application that the COPS Office determines does not address the scope of the solicitation or does not include the application elements that the COPS Office has designated to be critical will neither proceed to peer review nor receive further consideration. For this solicitation, the COPS Office has designated the following application elements as critical:

- Project Narrative
- Budget Narrative (must be submitted as an attachment in section 13)
- Budget Detail Worksheets (section 14)
- Resumes/Curriculum Vitae of Key Personnel

Do not wait until the application deadline date to begin the application process through the COPS Office website. The application may take several days to complete, and if you wait until the application deadline date, you may be unable to submit your application online. TRGP-TA program applications must first be submitted through grants.gov. Applicants will receive notification from the COPS Office once the grants.gov portion of their application is complete and processed; following this email, applicants can begin the COPS Office process through the COPS Office Online Application System (via COPS Office Agency Portal). No other form of application will be accepted. (See section "Late Submissions" beginning on page 60 for additional guidance).

Applicants will have the opportunity to print a copy of the application prior to submission and another copy of the application after it has been submitted. It is highly recommended that applicants print their applications and compare the printed version to the submitted version to ensure there are no application errors. Applications with errors or missing information may be disqualified or rated accordingly. Please note that the application package cannot be submitted until all required fields have been completed.

For technical assistance with submitting the online application via the COPS Office website or any other requirements, please call 800-421-6770 or send questions via email to <a href="mailto:AskCopsRC@usdoi.gov">AskCopsRC@usdoi.gov</a>.

To assist with the following steps, the COPS Office is providing an Application Checklist that can be found in table 2 on page 19.

## 1. Obtain or confirm a DUNS number

#### Estimated timeframe: up to five business days to obtain the DUNS number

The Federal Government requires that all applicants for federal awards, with the exception of individuals other than sole proprietors, have a Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number prior to application submission. The DUNS number is used to identify related organizations that are receiving funding under awards and to provide consistent name and address data for electronic award application systems. A DUNS number may be obtained by telephone at 866-705-5711 or via the Internet at **fedgov.dnb.com/webform**.

## Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number

- The DUNS number is a unique nine- or thirteen-digit identification number provided by Dun & Bradstreet (D&B).
- The DUNS number is site-specific. Therefore, each distinct physical location of an entity (such as branches, divisions, and headquarters) may be assigned a different DUNS number. Organizations should try to keep DUNS numbers to a minimum. In many instances, a central DUNS number with a DUNS number for each major division, department, or agency that applies for an award may be sufficient.
- You should verify that you have a DUNS number or take the steps needed to obtain one as soon as possible, if there is a possibility you will be applying for future federal awards.
- If you already have a DUNS number. If you, as the entity applying for a federal award agreement, previously obtained a DUNS number in connection with the federal acquisition process or requested or had one assigned to you for another purpose, you should use that number on all of your applications. It is not necessary to request another DUNS number from D&B. You may request D&B to supply a family tree report of the DUNS numbers associated with your organization. Organizations should work with D&B to ensure the right information is on the report. Organizations should not establish new numbers but use existing numbers and update or validate the information associated with the number.
- If you are not sure whether you have a DUNS number, call D&B using the toll-free number 866-705-5711 and indicate that you are a federal award applicant or prospective applicant. D&B will tell you if you already have a number. If you do not have a DUNS number, D&B will ask you to provide the information listed in the following section and will immediately assign you a number free of charge.

# To obtain your DUNS number

- The requestor may obtain a DUNS number via the Internet at fedgov.dnb.com/webform.
- The requestor may also obtain a DUNS number via telephone at 866-705-5711. The phone is staffed from 8:00 a.m.to 6:00 p.m. (local time of the caller when calling from within the contiguous United States). Calls placed outside of those hours will receive a recorded message requesting the caller to call back between the operating hours. The process to request a number takes about 5–10 minutes. A DUNS number will be assigned at the conclusion of the call. You will need to provide the following information:
- Legal name of your organization
- Headquarters name and address for your organization
- · Doing business as (DBA) or other name by which your organization is commonly known or recognized
- Physical address, city, state, and ZIP code
- Mailing address (if separate from headquarters and/or physical address)

- Telephone number
- · Contact name and title
- Number of employees at your physical location

## Managing your DUNS number

- D&B periodically contacts organizations with DUNS numbers to verify that their information is current.
   Organizations with multiple DUNS numbers may request a free family tree listing from D&B to help determine what branches or divisions have numbers and whether the information is current. Please call the dedicated toll-free DUNS number request line at 866-705-5711 to request your family tree.
- D&B recommends that organizations with multiple DUNS numbers have a single point of contact for controlling DUNS number requests to ensure that the appropriate branches or divisions have DUNS numbers for federal purposes.
- As a result of obtaining a DUNS number you have the option to be included on D&B's marketing list that is sold to other companies. If you do *not* want your name or organization included on this marketing list, request to be de-listed from D&B's marketing file when you are speaking with a D&B representative during your DUNS number telephone application.
- Obtaining a DUNS number is absolutely free for all entities doing business with the Federal Government. This includes award and cooperative agreement applicants or prospective applicants and federal contractors. Be certain to identify yourself as a federal award applicant or prospective applicant.

# 2. Register in the SAM database or confirm SAM number

# Estimated timeframe: up to 10 business days to complete (if you do not have an EIN, the process can take up to 5 weeks)

In addition, all applicants are required to maintain current registrations in the System for Award Management (SAM) database. The SAM database replaces the Central Contractor Registration (CCR) database as the repository for standard information about federal financial assistance applicants, recipients, and subrecipients. DOJ requires that all applicants (other than individuals) for federal financial assistance maintain current registrations in the SAM database. Applicants must update or renew their SAM registration annually to maintain an active status. If your organization already has an Employer Identification Number (EIN), your SAM registration will take up to two weeks to process. If your organization does not have an EIN, you should allow two to five weeks for obtaining the information from the IRS when requesting the EIN via phone, fax, mail, or Internet.

Applicants that were previously registered in the CCR database must at a minimum

- create a SAM account;
- log in to the SAM database and migrate permissions to the SAM account (all the entity registrations and records should already have been migrated).

Applicants that were not previously registered in the CCR database must register in the SAM database prior to registering in Grants.gov. Please contact the SAM Service Desk at 866-606-8220 or view or update your registration information at <a href="https://www.sam.gov">www.sam.gov</a>. If your SAM registration is set to expire prior to September 30, 2020, please renew your SAM registration prior to completing this application.

To register in SAM, follow the next steps

#### Step 1.

Obtain a DUNS number at <u>fedgov.dnb.com/webform</u> or call 866-705-5711 (see section 1 "Obtain or confirm DUNS number" on page 11).

#### Step 2.

Access the SAM online registration through the SAM home page at <u>www.sam.gov</u> and follow the online instructions for new SAM users.

#### Step 3.

Complete and submit the online registration. If you already have the necessary information on hand, the online registration takes approximately 30 minutes to complete, depending upon the size and complexity of your business or organization. Please note that organizations must update or renew their SAM registration at least once a year to maintain an active status.

To migrate your legacy system user account from Central Contractor Registration (CCR), FedReg, ORCA, or EPLS, you must first create a personal account in SAM by clicking on "Create an Account" on the homepage. An individual account is required to manage entity registrations in SAM. You will not be able to manage your registration unless you create a system account in SAM. Once you validate that you have access to the email address you provided during the registration process and login, you will see a message on the user dashboard (My SAM) that will ask you, "Would you like to migrate a legacy system account?" Click "Yes" to begin the migration process. Alternatively, you may click on "Manage My User Roles," then on "Migrate Legacy Account" link to begin the migration process. The roles you had with the legacy system will be mapped to your SAM account.

To update your entity's SAM registration, follow the next steps:

#### Step 1.

Go to the SAM homepage (www.sam.gov), enter your username and password, and then click the "Log In" button.

#### Step 2.

Select "Complete Registrations" under Registration/Update Entity" in the left navigation pane.

#### Step 3.

Select the entity record that you want to update and click the "Update" button.

For more details on updating your registration, please refer to the SAM User Guide, available at www.sam.gov.

If awarded funds, your organization must maintain the currency of your information in the SAM database until you submit the final financial report required under this award or receive the final payment, whichever is later. This requires that you review and update the information at least annually after the initial registration, and more frequently if required by changes in your information or another award term.

Please see appendix J on page 111 addressing the SAM and Universal Identifier Award Term.

# 3. Request or verify an ORI

#### Estimated timeframe: up to five business days to process request

All COPS Office applicants are required to have a valid ORI number. The ORI number is assigned by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and is your organization's unique identifier. The COPS Office uses the first seven characters of this number. The first two letters are your state abbreviation, the next three numbers are your county's code, and the next two numbers identify your jurisdiction within your county. If you do not currently have an ORI number, the COPS Office will assign one to your organization for the purpose of tracking your award. ORI numbers assigned to organizations by the COPS Office may end in "ZZ." Please contact the COPS Office Response Center at 800-421-6770 to verify your organization's ORI number. This is required before you begin your application on Grants.gov.

# 4. Register with Grants.gov / Confirm registration

#### Estimated timeframe: up to two weeks for your registration to become active

All COPS Office applicants are required to submit the first part of the application through the Grants.gov website. If your organization has previously applied for awards using Grants.gov and you already have an account set up with your username and password, please skip this step and move to step #5.

Otherwise, please click this link for details on how to register with Grants.gov:

https://www.grants.gov/help/html/help/index.htm?callingApp=custom#t=GetStarted%2FGetStarted.htm

For additional instructions on how to register with Grants.gov, please visit <a href="https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/applicants/organization-registration.html">https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/applicants/organization-registration.html</a>.

For technical assistance with submitting the SF-424, please call the Grants.gov customer service hotline at 800-518-4726, send questions via email to <a href="mailto:support@Grants.gov">support@Grants.gov</a>, or consult the Grants.gov Organization Applicant User Guide at <a href="https://www.grants.gov/help/html/help/index.htm">https://www.grants.gov/help/html/help/index.htm</a>. The Grants.gov Support Hotline operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, except on federal holidays.

## 5. Obtain or confirm authorized organization representative (AOR) role

## Estimated timeframe: up to one business day

This step can be completed concurrently with step 6.

The authorized organization representative (AOR) is the individual responsible for submitting the SF-424 in Grants.gov. In order to set up the AOR, please follow the instructions at

https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/applicants/registration/authorize-roles.html.

For technical assistance with submitting the SF-424, please call the Grants.gov customer service hotline at 800-518-4726, send questions via email to <a href="mailto:support@Grants.gov">support@Grants.gov</a>, or consult the Grants.gov Organization Applicant User Guide at <a href="https://www.grants.gov/help/html/help/index.htm">https://www.grants.gov/help/html/help/index.htm</a>. The Grants.gov Support Hotline operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, except on federal holidays.

# 6. Register or update an account in the COPS Office Agency Portal

Estimated timeframe: up to one business day

This step can be completed concurrently with step 5.

All COPS Office applicants must have an account through the COPS Office Agency Portal. The information in the Online Application System will prepopulate section 4 of the application, so please ensure it is accurate. The following individuals are deemed critical for the submission of the application and will need to have current contact information and e-Signatures in the system:

- Law Enforcement Executive (LE) or Program Official (PO) for Non-Law Enforcement Agencies
- Government Executive (GE) or Government Official (GO) for Non-Law Enforcement Agencies

Please contact the COPS Office Response Center at <u>AskCopsRC@usdoj.gov</u> or 800-421-6770 for assistance in creating an application or renewing your information.

# 7. Complete the Application for Federal Assistance (SF-424)

The SF-424 is a required standard form used as a cover sheet for submission of pre-applications, applications, and related information under discretionary programs. Applicants must complete and submit the SF-424 via **www.grants.gov**.

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 60 minutes per response including time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project (0348-0043), Washington, DC 20503.

PLEASE DO NOT RETURN YOUR COMPLETED FORM TO THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET. SUBMIT IT VIA GRANTS.GOV.

Instructions: Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

The Instructions for the Application for Federal Assistance SF-424 is a standard form (including the continuation sheet) required for use as a cover sheet for submission of pre-applications and applications and related information under discretionary programs. Some of the items are required and some are optional at the discretion of the applicant or the COPS Office. Please see appendix A on page 85 for a blank SF-424 for reference.

Required items are identified with an asterisk on the form and are specified in the instructions that follow. Applicants must follow these instructions.

- 1. **Type of Submission** (required). Select one type of submission in accordance with agency instructions.
  - Pre-application
  - Application (select this one for TRGP-TA)
  - Changed/corrected application—If requested by the agency, check if this submission is to change or correct a previously submitted application. Unless requested by the agency, applicants may not use this to submit changes after the closing date.

- 2. **Type of Application** (required). Select one type of application in accordance with agency instructions.
  - New—An application that is being submitted to an agency for the first time. (Select this one for TRGP-TA.)
  - Continuation—An extension for an additional funding/budget period for a project with a projected completion date. This can include renewals.
  - Revision—Any change in the Federal Government's financial obligation or contingent liability from an existing obligation. If a revision, enter the appropriate letter(s). More than one may be selected. If "other" is selected, please specify in text box provided.
    - Increase award
    - Decrease award
    - Increase duration
    - Decrease duration
    - Other (specify)
- 3. Date Received. Leave this field blank. This date will be assigned by the federal agency.
- 4. **Applicant Identifier**. Enter the entity identifier assigned by the federal agency, if any, or the applicant's control number if applicable.
- 5a. Federal Entity Identifier. Enter the number assigned to your organization by the federal agency, if any.
- 5b. **Federal Award Identifier**. For new applications, leave blank. For a continuation or revision to an existing award, enter the previously assigned federal award identifier number. If you are submitting a changed or corrected application, enter the federal identifier in accordance with agency instructions.
- 6. **Date Received by State**. Leave this field blank. This date will be assigned by the state, if applicable.
- 7. **State Application Identifier**. Leave this field blank. This identifier will be assigned by the state, if applicable.
- 8. Applicant Information. Enter the following in accordance with agency instructions:
  - a. Legal name (required). Enter the legal name of the applicant who will undertake the assistance activity. This is what the organization has registered with the System for Award Management (SAM). Information on registering with SAM may be obtained by visiting the Grants.gov website.
  - b. Employer/Taxpayer number (EIN/TIN) (required). Enter the Employer or Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN or TIN) as assigned by the Internal Revenue Service. If your organization is not in the United States, enter 44-4444444.
  - c. Organizational DUNS (required). Enter the organization's DUNS or DUNS+4 number received from Dun and Bradstreet. Information on obtaining a DUNS number may be obtained by visiting the Grants.gov website.
  - d. Address (required). Enter the complete address as follows: Street address (line 1 required), City (required), County, State (required, if country is United States), Province, Country (required), ZIP/Postal Code (required, if country is United States).
  - e. *Organizational unit*. Enter the name of the primary organizational unit (and department or division, if applicable) that will undertake the assistance activity, if applicable.
  - f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application (required) and organizational affiliation (if affiliated with an organization): Enter the name (first and last name, then the applicant organization), telephone number (required), fax number, and email address (required) of the person to contact on matters related to this application.

- 9. **Type of Applicant** (required). Select up to three applicant type(s) in accordance with agency instructions.
  - State government
  - County government
  - City or township government
  - Special district government
  - Regional organization
  - U.S. territory or possession
  - Independent school district
  - Public/state controlled institution of higher education
  - Indian/Native American Tribal Government (federally recognized)
  - Indian/Native American Tribal Government (other than federally recognized)
  - Indian/Native American tribally designated organization
  - Public/Indian housing
  - Nonprofit
  - Private institution of higher education
  - Individual
  - For-profit organization (other than small business)
  - Small business
  - Hispanic-serving institution
  - Historically Black colleges and universities (HBCU)
  - Tribally controlled colleges and universities (TCCU)
  - Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian serving institutions
  - Nondomestic (non-U.S.) entity
  - Other (specify)
- 10. **Name of Federal Agency** (required). Enter the name of the federal agency from which assistance is being requested with this application.
- 11. **Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number/Title**. Enter the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number and title of the program under which assistance is requested, as found in the program announcement, if applicable.
- 12. **Funding Opportunity Number/Title** (required). Enter the Funding Opportunity Number and title of the opportunity under which assistance is requested, as found in the program announcement: COPS-TRIBAL-RESOURCES-GRANT-PROGRAM-TECHNICAL-ASSISTANCE-2020
- 13. **Competition Identification Number/Title**. Enter the Competition Identification Number and title of the competition under which assistance is requested, if applicable.
- 14. **Areas Affected by Project**. List the areas or entities using the categories (e.g., cities, counties, states) specified in agency instructions. Use the continuation sheet to enter additional areas, if needed.
- 15. **Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project** (required). Enter a brief descriptive title of the project. If appropriate, attach a map showing project location (e.g., construction or real property projects). For preapplications, attach a summary description of the project.

#### 16. Congressional Districts Of (required).

16a. Enter the applicant's congressional district.

16b. Enter all district(s) affected by the program or project. Enter in the following format:

- Two-character state abbreviation followed by three-character district number, e.g., CA-005 for California 5th district, CA-012 for California 12th district, NC-103 for North Carolina 103rd district.
- If all congressional districts in a state are affected, enter "all" for the district number, e.g., MD-all for all congressional districts in Maryland.
- If nationwide, i.e., all districts within all states are affected, enter U.S.-all.
- If the program/project is outside the United States, enter 00-000.
- 17. **Proposed Project Start and End Dates** (required). Enter the proposed start date and end date of the project. For the purposes of the TRGP-TA program, please use October 1, 2020 to September 29, 2022.
- 18. **Estimated Funding** (required). Enter the amount requested or to be contributed during the first funding/budget period by each contributor. Value of in-kind contributions should be included on appropriate lines, as applicable. If the action will result in a dollar change to an existing award, indicate only the amount of the change. For decreases, enclose the amounts in parentheses.
- 19. Is Application Subject to Review by State under Executive Order 12372 Process? Applicants should contact the state single point of contact (SPOC) for Federal Executive Order 12372 to determine whether the application is subject to the state intergovernmental review process. Select the appropriate box. If "a" is selected, enter the date the application was submitted to the state.
- 20. Is the Applicant Delinquent on Any Federal Debt? (required) Select the appropriate box. This question applies to the applicant organization, not to the person who signs as the authorized representative. Categories of debt include delinquent audit disallowances, loans, and taxes. If yes, include an explanation on the continuation sheet.
- 21. **Authorized Representative** (required). To be signed and dated by the authorized representative of the applicant organization. Enter the name (first and last name required), title (required), telephone number (required), fax number, and email address (required) of the person authorized to sign for the applicant. A copy of the governing body's authorization for you to sign this application as the official representative must be on file in the applicant's office. (Certain federal agencies may require that this authorization be submitted as part of the application.)

It is strongly recommended that applicants register immediately on **www.grants.gov**. In addition, applicants are strongly encouraged to complete the SF-424 and section 1 on Grants.gov as quickly as possible. Any delays in registering with Grants.gov or submitting the SF-424 may result in insufficient time for processing your application through Grants.gov or the COPS Office Online Application System.

For technical assistance with submitting the SF-424, call Grants.gov Customer Service Hotline at 800-518-4726, email <a href="mailto:support@grants.gov">support@grants.gov</a>, or consult the Grants.gov Applicant User Guide at

https://www.grants.gov/help/html/help/index.htm?callingApp=custom#t=GetStarted%2FGetStarted.htm.

## 8. COPS Office Application Attachment to the SF-424

Once the SF-424 has been submitted via Grants.gov, the COPS Office will send an invitation email to the applicant with instructions on how to complete the second part of the online application through the COPS Office Online Application System via the COPS Office website (www.cops.usdoj.gov). This email should go to the AOR; law

enforcement executive or program official for non–law enforcement agencies; and the government executive or government official for non–law enforcement agencies. If you have not renewed your COPS Office Account Access information, please contact the COPS Office Response Center at **AskCopsRC@usdoj.gov** or 800-421-6770.

Table 2 shows the required documentation that must be completed and submitted for your TRGP-TA program application to be considered complete. Failure to submit all required documentation at the time of the application deadline may delay processing or result in the denial of your application. Unless otherwise noted, each section listed must be completed in its entirety. You can use this chart as an application checklist to ensure you have met all of the necessary requirements.

**Table 2. Required documentation** 

<b>Application Documents and</b>		C
Sections	Yes, No, or Possible	Completed?
Standard Form 424 (to be completed on Grants.gov)	Yes	0
COPS Office Application Attachment to SF-424 (to be completed via COPS Office Online Application System)	Yes	
Section 1. COPS Office Program Request	Yes	
Section 2. Agency Eligibility Information	Yes	0
Section 3. General Agency Information	Yes	0
Section 4. Executive Information	Yes	
Section 5. COPS Office Hiring Request Form	No	
Section 6. Law Enforcement and Community Policing Strategy	Yes (section 6A only)	0
Section 7. Need for Federal Assistance	Yes (section A only)	
Section 8. Continuation of Project after Federal Funding Ends	Yes (section B only)	0
Section 9. School Safety Assessment	No	0
Section 10. Project Description	Yes	
Section 11. Project Description (Narrative)	No (submitted under section 13 as an attachment)	
Section 12. Official Partner(s) Contact Information	No	
Section 13. Application Attachments	Yes	0
Project narrative (required)	Yes	
Key curriculum vitae/staff resumes (required)	Yes	
Budget narrative (required)	Yes	
Indirect cost rate agreement (if applicable)	Possible	

Application Documents and	Required?	
Sections	Yes, No, or Possible	Completed?
Sole source justification (if applicable)	Possible	
Consultant rate justification (if applicable)	Possible	
Section 14. Budget Detail Worksheets	Yes	0
14A Part 1. Sworn officer positions	No	
14A Part 2. Sworn officer salary information	No	
14A Part 3. Federal/Local share costs (hiring)	No	
14B. Civilian or Nonsworn personnel	Possible	
14C. Equipment/Technology	Possible	
14D. Supplies	Possible	
14E. Travel/Training/Conferences	Possible	
14F. Contracts/Consultants	Possible	
14G. Other costs	Possible	
14H. Indirect costs	Possible	
Budget summary	Yes	
Section 15. Assurances and		
Certifications		
15A. U.S. Department of Justice Certified Standard Assurances	Yes	
15B. U.S. Department of Justice Certifications Regarding Lobbying; Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters And Drug-Free Workplace Requirements	Yes	
Section 16A. Disclosure of Lobbying Activities	Possible	
Section 17. Reviews and Certifications	Yes	
Section 18. Application Data Verification	Possible	0

Some tips for completing the COPS Office Online Application System:

- Please review and follow the instructions on the first screen of the application and return if you need a refresher anytime throughout the process.
- Applicants are able to jump around throughout the application, but every section must be visited and have a checkmark to the right of the section name prior to submitting the application.
- Navigate between sections through the left hand side of the screen.
- Multiple people may work in the application, but the COPS Office recommends splitting up sections to avoid overwriting over work.

- Validation will occur as data is entered in the system, so please pay attention to these warnings.
- If any section has a circular arrow to the right of the section name, you must revisit the section and correct any validation errors.
- Application saves as information is entered in the system but, you can also click "Update" in the upper left-hand side of the screen to save your data.
- For any question that requires a date, you can click the circular arrow to the right to autopopulate with the current date.

# Section 1. COPS Office Award program request

The COPS Office email that is sent after the Grants.gov application section is successfully completed and submitted will include the link that will take you to the COPS Office Online Application System to begin the application.

If you plan to apply under more than one topic area, you must submit a separate application for each proposal. Please ensure that you read, understand, and agree to comply with the applicable terms and conditions as outlined in this application guide before finalizing your selections.

Your organization must maintain copies of the records used in this application submission for a minimum of three years following the date of the last official federal action taken on the award for future review in the event of a site visit, audit, or other request. Please do not submit any confidential data or reports with your application.

#### Completing section 1

- COPS Office Program (required). Select the program you are applying for: Tribal Resources Grant Program
   – Technical Assistance program. If you do not see the correct program, please contact the COPS Office
   Response Center at AskCopsRC@usdoj.gov or 800-421-6770.
- 2. **TRGP-TA Topic Area** (required). Applicants for the TRGP-TA program must select one TRGP-TA topic area (title in [] is the full topic area, which you will not see in the drop down menu) from the drop down menu:
  - a. Cold Cases and Missing or Murdered Indigenous Persons [Cold Cases Project]
  - b. Developing an Alaskan Law Enforcement Recruitment Strategy [Alaskan Recruitment Strategy]

NOTE – The Community Policing Development (CPD) SMS application is also accepting the applications for the following FY20 programs: Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act (LEMHWA), Preparing for Active Shooter Situations (PASS), and the Tribal Resources Grant Program – Technical Assistance (TRGP-TA). For more information on these programs, please visit <a href="https://cops.usdoj.gov/grants">https://cops.usdoj.gov/grants</a>.

- 2. For "Invitational Applications," continue to step 4. For all other applicants, skip to step 5.
- 3. **Invitational Applications** (required). *Please enter your invitation code here* (required). Enter the code provided by the COPS Office as instructed.
- 4. **Research & development (R&D)** (required). For the purposes of this solicitation, *R&D* means all research activities, both basic and applied, and all development activities that are performed by nonfederal entities. The term "research" also includes activities involving the training of individuals in research techniques where such activities use the same facilities as other research and development activities and where such activities are not included in the instruction function. "Research" is defined as a systematic study directed toward fuller scientific knowledge or understanding of the subject studied. "Development"

is the systematic use of knowledge and understanding gained from research directed toward the production of useful materials, devices, systems, or methods, including design and development of prototypes and processes.

- a. B1) Could any portion of your project be considered research and development (R&D) as defined by
   2 C.F.R. § 200.87? Select "yes" if any part of your project could be considered R&D or "no" if no portion of your project would support R&D.
- 5. Youth-Centered Project (required).
  - a. C1) Could any activities under your project involve interactions with minors under the age of 18 years old? Select "yes" if any part of your project meets the above criteria or "no" if no portion of your project meets the above criteria.

NOTE: A special award condition will apply to all youth-centered awards that require recipients and subrecipients to make determinations of suitability before certain covered individuals interact with participating minors under the age of 18 years old in the course of activities funded under the award.

- 6. Training (required). The COPS Office defines training as the teaching and learning activities carried out for the primary purpose of helping members of an organization acquire and apply the knowledge, skills, abilities, and attitudes needed by a particular job or organization. Training is driven by specific goals and objectives; it is not a single event but rather an ongoing process that requires continuous self-reflection and evaluation. Guides, webinars, articles, conference presentations, tool kits, podcasts, videos, blogs, and newsfeeds (to provide a few examples) can serve as support material in trainings or as standalone materials to increase knowledge, but on their own are not defined as training by the COPS Office.
  - a. **D1) Could any portion of your project be considered training?** Select "yes" if any part of your project fits within the definition of training or "no" if no portion of your project fits within the definition of training.
- 7. This completes Section 1. Please confirm that you have no validation errors; if so, please correct before moving away from this section. Once you are ready, please use the left-hand navigation to move to the next section.

#### Section 2. Agency eligibility information

The TRGP-TA program is open to all public governmental agencies, federally recognized Indian tribes, for-profit (commercial) organizations, nonprofit organizations, institutions of higher education, community groups, and faith-based organizations.

# **Completing section 2**

Type of Agency (required). This information is prepopulated from the information listed in your COPS
 Office Agency Portal account. If the information is incorrect or missing, you must log into your COPS Office
 Agency Portal account and make the necessary changes before proceeding with the application. For
 assistance, please contact the COPS Office Response Center at <u>AskCOPSRC@usdoj.gov</u> or 800-421-6770.
 Your agency designation will be "law enforcement" or "non-law enforcement." Based on that

designation, you will be able to identify your specific agency type (Note: The COPS Office Online Application drop-down options are more expansive than the SF-424 options, so please select the applicant type that best fits your organization).

#### a. Law enforcement.

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

#### b. Non-law enforcement.

- Attorney/Court
- Community/Neighborhood Organization
- Consortium/Partnerships (other than police/public safety)
- Corrections
- County Government
- Emergency Response/Management (e.g., fire, EMS)
- Faith-Based Organization
- Federally Recognized Tribal Council
- Federally Recognized Tribal Courts
- Federally Recognized Tribe Other
- For-profit Organization
- Government
- Law Enforcement Stakeholder Association
- Multijurisdictional Task Force
- Municipal Government

- National Law Enforcement
- Nonprofit with 501(c)(3) IRS Status (other than Institution of Higher Education)
- Nonprofit without 501(c)(3) IRS Status (other than Institution of Higher Education)
- Park
- Private University (other than police/public safety)
- Public Housing
- Public University/College (other than police/public safety)
- Public University/College Public Safety
- Schools
- State
- State Association Chiefs of Police (SACOP)
- State Associations of Sheriffs
- State Government
- Transit
- Tribal/Native Village
- Value-Based Organization
- 2. This completes Section 2. Please confirm that you have no validation errors; if so, please correct before moving away from this section. Once you are ready, please use the left-hand navigation to move to the next section.

# Section 3. General agency information

Please provide accurate organization information, as this information is used to identify your organization and may be used along with other data collected to determine funding eligibility.

#### **Completing section 3**

- 1. **Applicant ORI number (required).** Confirm that your ORI number (seven characters) assigned by the FBI or the COPS Office is accurate.
- Applicant Data Universal Numeric System (DUNS) number (required). Please verify that the
  prepopulated DUNS number shown is accurate. If it is not accurate, please enter your DUNS number (no
  more than 13 digits).
- 3. **System for Award Management (SAM) (required).** Enter the date when your SAM registration is set to expire (MM/DD/YYYY format).
- 4. Cognizant federal agency (required). Select your organization's cognizant federal agency from the drop-down. Generally, it is the federal agency from which your jurisdiction receives the most federal funding. Your cognizant federal agency also may have been previously designated by the Office of Management and Budget. Applicants that have never received federal funding should select "U.S. Department of Justice" as the cognizant federal agency.
- 5. **Fiscal year (required).** Enter the month, day, and year of the legal applicant's current fiscal year (MM/DD/YYYY format).
- 6. Law enforcement agency sworn force information. Not applicable under the TRGP-TA program.
- 7. **Civilian staffing.** Not applicable under the TRGP-TA program.
- 8. **U.S. Attorney's District Office (required).** Please select your U.S. Attorney's District Office from the drop-down options.

- 9. U.S. Department of Justice and other federal funding. 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. Check all that apply using the check boxes provided in the application.
- 10. This completes Section 3. Please confirm that you have no validation errors; if so, please correct before moving away from this section. Once you are ready, please use the left-hand navigation to move to the next section.

## Section 4. Executive information

Please ensure that the information listed is current. If the listed official(s) are "Interim" or "Acting" at the time of application, please check the appropriate box. Please note that this information will be used for any future correspondence regarding this application, and ultimately, if an award is made, this information will be used for any award notifications.

This section is prepopulated from the information listed in your COPS Office Agency Portal account. If this information is no longer correct, please log in to your COPS Office Agency Portal account and make the necessary corrections before proceeding with this application. You may provide your change of information form to the COPS Office Response Center via email at <a href="mailto:askCopsRC@usdoi.gov">askCopsRC@usdoi.gov</a> or fax to 202-616-8594.

Note: Listing individuals without ultimate programmatic and financial authority for the award could delay the review of your application or remove your application from consideration.

#### Completing section 4

- 1. Applicant executive/agency executive information (required).
  - a. For law enforcement agencies. Verify the law enforcement executive's name and contact information. This is the highest ranking law enforcement official within your jurisdiction (e.g., chief of police, sheriff, or equivalent).
  - b. For non-law enforcement agencies. Verify the name and contact information. This is the highest ranking individual in the applicant agency (e.g., CEO, president, chairperson, director, or equivalent) who has the authority to apply for this award on behalf of the applicant agency. If awarded COPS Office funding, the individual in this position will ultimately be responsible for the programmatic implementation of the award.
- 2. Government executive / financial official information (required).
  - a. For government agencies. Verify the government executive's name and contact information. This is the highest ranking official within your jurisdiction (e.g., mayor, city administrator, tribal chairman, or equivalent).
  - b. For nongovernment agencies. Verify the name and contact information. This is the highest ranking 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). If awarded COPS Office funding, the individual in this

position will ultimately be responsible for the financial management of the award. Please note that information for nonexecutive positions (e.g., clerks or trustees) is not acceptable.

- 3. Application contact information (required). Enter the application contact name and information.
- 4. This completes Section 4. Please confirm that you have no validation errors; if so, please correct before moving away from this section. Once you are ready, please use the left-hand navigation to move to the next section.

Section 5. COPS Office officer hiring request form—Not applicable under the TRGP-TA program

Section 6A. Law enforcement and community policing strategy

To read an overview of the principles of community policing, please see the COPS Office publication *Community Policing Defined*, which can be found at <a href="https://cops.usdoj.gov/RIC/ric.php?page=detail&id=COPS-P157">https://cops.usdoj.gov/RIC/ric.php?page=detail&id=COPS-P157</a>.

Completing section 6A

- 1. **CP1)** To what extent is there community support in your jurisdiction for implementing the proposed **project activities?** (required). Select the appropriate level of support.
- 2. **CP2)** If awarded, to what extent will the project activities impact the other components of the criminal justice system in your jurisdiction? (required). Select the appropriate impact level.
- 3. This completes Section 6A. Please confirm that you have no validation errors; if so, please correct before moving away from this section. Once you are ready, please use the left-hand navigation to move to the next section.

Section 7. Need for federal assistance

#### Section 7A. Explanation of need for federal assistance

All applicants are required to explain their inability to address the need for this award without federal assistance.

## **Completing section 7A**

- 1. **Explanation of need for federal assistance** (required). Enter between 20 and 500 characters explaining the need for federal assistance.
- 2. This completes Section 7A. Please confirm that you have no validation errors; if so, please correct before moving away from this section. Once you are ready, please use the left-hand navigation to move to the next section.

Section 7B. Service population—Not applicable under the TRGP-TA program

Section 7C. Fiscal health—Not applicable under the TRGP-TA program

Section 7D. Property crime/Violent crime—Not applicable under the TRGP-TA program

Section 8. Continuation of project after federal funding ends

The questions in this section will be used for programs *without* a retention requirement to report any plans to continue the program or activity after the conclusion of federal funding.

#### **Completing section 8**

- 1. Does your agency plan to obtain necessary support and continue the program, project, or activity following the conclusion of federal support? Select "yes" or "no."
- 2. If you selected "no" in step 1, please skip to step 4. If you selected "yes" in step 1, please proceed to step 3
- 3. Please identify the source(s) of funding that your agency plans to utilize to continue the program, project, or activity following the conclusion of federal support. Check all that apply. If "other" is selected, please provide a brief description of the source(s) of funding (minimum of 20 characters and not to exceed 300 characters).
- 4. This completes Section 8. Please confirm that you have no validation errors; if so, please correct before moving away from this section. Once you are ready, please use the left-hand navigation to move to the next section.

Section 9. School safety assessment—Not applicable under the TRGP-TA program

# Section 10. Project description

TRGP-TA applicants are required to write and submit a brief high-level project abstract that summarizes the proposed project in 2,000 characters or less. Project abstracts should explain to the reader about the projects' purpose, scope, activities, and key partners, if applicable. An abstract should be coherent, concise, and able to stand alone as a summary of the project. You should write your project abstract for a general public audience.

The COPS Office will only make the abstracts publicly available if the application is funded.

#### **Completing section 10**

- 1. **Project title** (required). Provide the title for the proposed project (no more than 100 characters). The COPS Office will use this title to differentiate projects (especially if there are multiple applications per applicant) and potentially as part of the announcement (if funded).
- 2. Provide your project abstract in 2,000 characters or less in the provided narrative box.
- This completes Section 10. Please confirm that you have no validation errors; if so, please correct before moving away from this section. Once you are ready, please use the left-hand navigation to move to the next section.

Section 11. Project description (narrative)—Not applicable under the TRGP-TA program

Section 12. Official partner(s) contact information—Not applicable under the TRGP-TA program

## Section 13. Application attachments

This section applies to the submission of any attachments. This section describes the attachments in order of the application uploading sections:

- Project Narrative (Description) (required)
- Budget Narrative (required)

- Budget Documentation (if applicable)
  - Indirect Cost Rate Agreement
  - Sole Source Justification
  - Consultant Rate Justification
  - Budget Justification Documentation
- Resumes/vitae for key personnel (required)
- Other Documentation (if applicable)
  - Letters of support from partners
  - Additional Disclosure of Lobbying Activities form (SF-LLL)
  - An explanation when the applicant is unable to certify to certain statements in the "Certifications Regarding Lobbying; Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters; and Drug-Free Workplace Requirements" form (if applicable)

The COPS Office strongly recommends that uploaded files be clearly named to indicate the applicant organization name and the file contents to ensure that reviewers can easily locate application documents. All other attachments—such as letters of support and resumes—should use descriptive file names identified on the attachment(s) such as "[Applicant].Project Narrative," "[Applicant].Budget Narrative," "[Applicant].Indirect Cost Rate Agreement," "[Applicant].Resumes". File names may only contain: a–z, 0–9, period (.), underscore (\_), or hyphen (-); any other characters will be replaced by a hyphen (-). Also, the COPS Office recommends that applicants include resumes or vitae in a single file.

Please do not submit executable file types as application attachments. These disallowed file types include the following extensions: .com, .bat, .exe, .vbs, .cfg, .dat, .db, .dbf, .dll, .ini, .log, .ora, .sys, and .zip. The system may reject applications with files that use these extensions.

The COPS Office is providing templates for the project narrative, budget narrative, and list of subaward(s) that can be used as a voluntary tool to assist your organization in developing these various required documents. You will be able to access the templates (Microsoft Word document) via section 13 of the COPS Office Online Application System.

Note that instructions in the templates are provided in italics. If you choose to use these templates, please make sure to delete the instructions before submitting so that they do not factor in your page count.

If an applicant submits multiple versions of the same document, the COPS Office will review *only* the most recent system-validated version submitted.

#### **Project Narrative (Description)**

TRGP-TA applicants are required to submit a project description (narrative). The project narrative must respond to the solicitation and include the section headings listed on page 27 as well as describe how the project will advance community policing as it pertains to the chosen topic area. Submit this narrative as an attachment under section 13 of the application.

The narrative will be a significant factor in the application review and approval process. Failure to provide this information will eliminate your application from consideration.

The final application should include the following formatting requirements for application review:

- A cover page identifying the TRGP-TA solicitation topic and subtopic for which the applicant is applying and the title of the application, which must match the topic and subtopic selected in section 1 of the COPS Office Online Application System by the applicant.
- The project narrative should be no more than 20 pages long. (Note: review panels will not read any print past the 20 page mark. Any information provided in that space will not be counted in your application.)
  - Items counting toward the 20 page limit: Executive summaries, abstracts, timelines, graphs, and charts (regardless of pagination in front matter) will count toward overall page limit.
  - Items not counting toward the 20 page limit: Cover page, table of contents, and references (should be formatted as endnotes) will not count toward the overall page limit.
  - Appendices are strongly discouraged. Resumes, curricula vitae, letters of support from partners (if applicable), and certifications should be separate attachments and do not count towards the narrative page requirements.
- Double-spaced
- 8.5 x 11-inch pages
- One inch margins
- Page numbers
- Type no smaller or larger than 12 point, Times New Roman font
- Headings and subheadings that correspond to the sections identified in this section of the solicitation
- Microsoft Word documents in .doc or .docx formats or PDF files (.pdf)

Resumes, curricula vitae, letters of support from partners (if applicable), and certifications should be separate attachments and do not count towards the overall page count. If the project narrative fails to comply with these length-related restrictions, the COPS Office may consider such noncompliance in peer review and final award decisions. The COPS Office recommends numbering the pages as follows: "1 of 20," "2 of 20," etc.

The COPS Office is providing a project narrative template that can be used as a voluntary tool to assist your organization in developing your narrative, which is required by the TRGP-TA program. You will be able to access the project narrative template (Microsoft Word document) via section 13 of the COPS Office Online Application System.

Note that instructions in the template are provided in italics. If you choose to use the template, please make sure to delete the instructions before submitting so that they do not factor in your page count.

Please format your narrative using the following section headings:

**Cover page.** Each application must have a cover page that includes the title of the application and identify the TRGP-TA solicitation subtopic for which the applicant is applying. The TRGP-TA solicitation topic identified on the cover page must match the TRGP-TA topic selected in section 1 of the COPS Office Online Application System.

**Issue Identification and Strategy.** Applicants must select one application subtopic area described under the "TRGP-TA topic Areas" section and clearly identify the issue to be addressed, the gap in existing knowledge, and why this project is necessary. Applicants must provide a comprehensive, logical, and clear description of how each task will be implemented and completed and a clear description of how the strategy advances the goals and objectives of the solicitation. The strategy makes use of time and cost saving methods for conducting project work

to achieving goals and objectives while not sacrificing quality outcomes. A clear description of deliverables and how the deliverables will be developed, including content, process steps, and outcomes. A clear description of how the deliverables contribute to the solicitation goals and objectives. Applicant describes a level of innovation or originality of the proposed project.

Impact on the Field. Applicants must identify the an approximate number of law enforcement agencies and communities that will directly benefit from the deliverables (for example, number of agencies receiving technical assistance, number of agencies and/or individuals receiving training, or number of agencies who may replicate programs). Projects must not result in unnecessary duplication of other efforts by the COPS Office or other DOJ components. Applicants must identify relevant performance measures and clearly describe the approach for collecting, analyzing, and reporting performance measures. Include a description of a marketing plan for the deliverable(s) to ensure broad dissemination of the product(s) to the target audience(s), where applicable.

**Project Management Plan.** Applicant must include a project management plan including a detailed work breakdown structure (WBS) that is aligned to solicitation goals and objectives. The project management plan clearly identifies project-specific risks and proposes methods for addressing risk and details quality control processes which are clearly linked to key processes and deliverables associated with the project. Applicant should provide a detailed breakdown linking of key personnel to clearly defined roles, tasks, deliverables, and time commitments necessary to complete the project, as well as limit unnecessary redundancies and makes efficient use of resources. Applicant must provide a timeline with a list of key activities and milestones to take place within the award performance period (24 months for all awards under this solicitation), grouped by month or quarter.

**Experience and Capacity.** Please detail the capacity of your organization to carry out the proposed plan in the proposed time frame of the project and explain your experience with other similar efforts. This must include a discussion of your key staff, what roles they will play, their education and experience in similar projects, and their understanding of community policing and related subject matter expertise. Applicant should include resumes or vitae for key staff (up to three). Identification of any key partnerships or stakeholders who will play a role in the implementation of this project and their responsibilities

Applicants should not expect that application reviewers will infer such expertise from resumes or curriculum vitae they submitted as attachments. In addition, for all proposed in-person training, the applicant should identify the instructor(s), provide examples of the subject matter expertise and training experience of the instructor(s), and do so expressly within the project narrative. In addition, applicants should attach resumes or curriculum vitae for all instructors.

## **Budget Narrative**

All applicants must attach a separate budget narrative. Your organization must create and attach a document that describes each item requested or group of similar items requested and links each item or group of items to the proposed project. All items will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis and in context of the allowable and unallowable costs lists. Budget narratives do not count toward the page limit of the project narrative. See section 14, "Budget detail worksheets and budget narrative," beginning on page 32, for instructions and the appendices for a sample budget narrative.

#### **Budget Documentation**

As applicable, your organization may need to upload your Indirect Cost Rate Agreement, Sole Source Justification, Consultant Rate Justification, and any other budget justification documentation such as pay scales, travel policies, etc. See Section 14 for more details on the requirements.

#### **Resumes/Vitae for Key Personnel**

Applicants must attach the vitae/resumes of up to three key project staff detailing work and educational history and highlighting any experience that is relevant to their ability to successfully carry out the proposed project. Resumes/vitae of key project personnel attachments do not count toward the page limit of the project narrative.

#### **Other Documentation**

As applicable other documents can be uploaded in this section.

**Letters of support from partners**—Can be signed by an executive that states their organization or agency's support of the project.

Additional Disclosure of Lobbying Activities form (SF-LLL)—The filing of a SF-LLL form is required for each payment or agreement to make payment to any lobbying entity for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with a covered Federal action. Please see section 16A "Disclosure of lobbying activities" beginning on page 56 for more details and the appendices for a copy of the SF-LLL with instructions for completing this form.

An explanation when the applicant is unable to certify to certain statements in the "Certifications Regarding Lobbying; Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters; and Drug-Free Workplace Requirements" form (if applicable)—When the applicant is unable to certify to specific statements identified in this Certifications form, the applicant must attach an explanation. The applicant is still required to sign the Certifications form to certify to all the other applicable statements. Please see appendix C on page 91 for a copy of this Certifications form.

Additional attachments attempting to summarize, explain, or add project details are strongly discouraged and will not be considered for review.

#### **Completing section 13**

- 1. **Project Description (Narrative)** (required). Search for the project narrative document using the "browse" function and upload. Only one document may be uploaded in this section.
- 2. **Budget Narrative** (required). Search for the budget narrative document using the "browse" function and upload. Only one document may be uploaded in this section.
- 3. **Budget Documentation**. As applicable, search for the appropriate budget document using the "browse" function, label the document with the drop-down options, and upload the file.
  - a. You may use the following drop-down labels:
    - Budget Justification Documentation
    - Consultant Rate Justification/Documentation
    - Indirect Cost Rate Agreement
    - Sole Source Justification/Documentation
- 4. Repeat step 3 for as many budget documents as needed.

- 5. **Resumes/Vitae for Key Personnel** (required). Search for the resumes/vitae document using the "browse" function and upload. Up to three documents may be uploaded in this section.
- 6. Repeat step 5 for up to two additional resumes/vita for key personnel.
- 7. **Other Documentation**. As applicable, search for the document using the "browse" function, label the document with the drop-down options, and upload the file.
  - a. You may use the following drop-down labels:
    - Catastrophic Event Description
    - Letters of Support
    - Memorandum of Understanding
    - Other
    - Position Description
    - Section 15B—Explanation when unable to certify to certain statements
    - Section 16A—Additional Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (SF-LLL) Forms
    - SF-424
- 8. Repeat step 7 for any other documents as appropriate.
- 9. **Documentation from Grants.gov**. Any documents included in your initial Grants.gov submission will appear in this section.
- 10. This completes Section 13. Please confirm that you have no validation errors; if so, please correct before moving away from this section. Once you are ready, please use the left-hand navigation to move to the next section.

NOTE - Files should not be larger than 4 MB.

## Section 14. Budget detail worksheets and budget narrative attachments

Applicants must submit reasonable budgets based on the resources needed to implement their proposed projects. The budget should display a clear link between the specific project activities and the proposed budget items. It should not contain any items that are not detailed in the project narrative.

The *separate* budget narrative should thoroughly and clearly describe every category of expense listed in the budget detail worksheets contained in section 14 of the application. The COPS Office expects proposed budgets to be complete, cost effective, and allowable (e.g., reasonable, allocable, and necessary for project activities).

An applicant should demonstrate in its *separate* budget narrative how it will maximize cost effectiveness of award expenditures. Budget narratives should generally describe cost effectiveness in relation to potential alternatives and the goals of the project. For example, a budget narrative should detail why planned in-person meetings are necessary, or how technology and collaboration with outside organizations could be used to reduce costs, without compromising quality. Consideration will be given to budget proposals that maximize the direct funding that supports project activities.

The budget narrative should be mathematically sound and correspond clearly with the information provided in the budget detail worksheets. The narrative should explain how the applicant estimated and calculated *all* costs and how those costs are necessary to the completion of the proposed project. The narrative may include tables for clarification purposes but need not be in a spreadsheet format. The budget should describe costs by year and should cover the full project period of two years.

In some circumstances, the budget and budget narrative will be reviewed separately from the proposed project narrative. Therefore, it is very important that the budget narrative be as comprehensive as possible and describe in a narrative format each line item requested in the budget. The budget narrative should not be used to explain deliverables or project activities that are not included in the project narrative. This information is to be attached as a separate document in section 13. Deliverables and activities that are solely listed in the budget narrative and not described in the project narrative (and vice versa) will be scored negatively during the peer review process.

For-profit organizations (as well as other recipients) must forgo any profit or management fee.

## **Instructions for Completing the Budget**

Budget requests may be made in the following categories:

- Civilian or nonsworn personnel (base salary and fringe benefits)
- Equipment/Technology
- Supplies
- Travel/Training/Conferences
- Contracts/Consultants
- Other costs
- Indirect costs

All items requested will be considered on a case-by-case basis during the budget review process. Items under the program must be purchased using the legislative guidelines established by the appropriations legislation that governs this funding. In addition, each item requested must programmatically link to the activities described in your application. To the greatest extent practical, all equipment and products purchased with these funds must be American-made.

Applicants should submit scalable proposals where appropriate. Note that the COPS Office may reduce funding for selected proposals based on the number of awards selected. The COPS Office may revise the proposed scope and modify the associated budget proposal accordingly.

Each requested budget item must be allowable, necessary, allocable, and reasonable to the project activities.

Pre-agreement costs are costs incurred by the applicant prior to the start date of the period of performance of the federal award. Requests for reimbursement of items purchased or expenses incurred prior to the award start date will not be funded. All such costs incurred prior to award and prior to approval of the costs are incurred at the sole risk of the applicant. NOTE: For awards made to states or units of local government (including law enforcement agencies), requests may be made only for items or positions that are not otherwise budgeted with state, local, or Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) funds and would not be funded in the absence of this COPS Office award (see award condition IV, "Nonsupplanting requirement," beginning on page 68).

Each of the categories does not include an exhaustive list of allowable and unallowable costs but rather includes frequent requests and guidance. The COPS Office reserves the right to deny funding for any items that may not be included in this application guide.

Some tips to help complete the budget forms:

- Any greyed-out areas in the COPS Office Online System Application are automatically calculated and cannot be manually changed.
- Do not hit backspace on your keyboard outside of a text or number box.
- Use whole numbers.
- Always round up.
- Do not use the back button in the browser.

Please see appendix K on page 113 for a sample budget narrative to help guide the development of your budget narrative.

#### Section 14.B. Base salary and fringe benefits for civilian or nonsworn personnel

#### Base salary

Salaries of personnel are costs based on the percentage of time spent (full time equivalent [FTE]) working directly on the project. The total salary percentage should be comparable and consistent with organizational policy. The total amount paid is comparable to industry standards and the type of work being performed.

A recipient may not use federal funds to pay total cash compensation to any employee of the recipient at a rate that exceeds 110 percent of the maximum annual salary payable to a member of the Federal Government's Senior Executive Service (SES) at an organization with a Certified SES Performance Appraisal System for that year. The 2019 salary table for SES employees is available at the Office of Personnel Management website:

https://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/pay-leave/salaries-wages/2019/executive-senior-level. Note: A recipient may compensate an employee at a greater rate, provided the amount in excess of this compensation limitation is paid with nonfederal funds. (Nonfederal funds used for any such additional compensation will not be considered matching funds.) If only a portion of an employee's time is charged to a COPS Office award, the maximum allowable compensation is equal to the percentage of time worked times the maximum salary limitation.

Typically, unallowable civilian or nonsworn personnel costs include the following:

- If your organization charges an indirect cost, those costs normally include the following positions and therefore these positions should not be charged as personnel costs to avoid possible duplication:
  - Administration (e.g., director or program head)
  - Clerical (e.g., secretary or administrative assistant)
  - Accounting (e.g., controller or bookkeeper)
  - Procurement (e.g., purchasing director or stockroom clerk)
  - Housekeeping and maintenance (e.g., custodial and janitorial, repairman, or grounds keeper)

NOTE: These positions can be charged directly if the individual is working a significant amount of time on the project. This will be approved on a case-by-case basis and your narrative should significantly articulate the need to charge these directly if applicable.

- For awards made to states or units of local government (including law enforcement agencies), salaries and benefits for positions that are already budgeted with state, local, or Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) funds and would be funded in the absence of this COPS Office award are also not allowed.
- Salaries and benefits of personnel that do not work directly on the project.
- Salaries and benefits for contract or consultant personnel (these should be placed under section 14.F "Contracts/Consultants;" see page 44).

#### Completing section 14.B. civilian or nonsworn base salary

- 1. If you are not requesting any civilian or nonsworn base salary move to the next section and skip the below steps.
- 2. **Position title**. Enter employee title and name of employee, if known.
- 3. **Description**. Describe the employee's roles, responsibilities, and activities related to the work to be completed on the project.
  - If the salary increases from one budget year to another because of cost of living increases, be sure to detail these increases in the budget description.
  - Each position should be added separately in the system. However, you may add multiple positions under subsection D "# of positions" for only positions with the same description, role, and salary and benefits (such as interns or fellows).
- 4. **Positions.** Enter the number of positions. If using the same information for more than one position, the positions must have the same description, role, and salary and benefits (such as interns or fellows).
- 5. **Salary**. Enter the annual base salary rate (no more than two decimal places).
- 6. **% of time on a project**. Enter the percentage of time to be devoted to the project per year (only whole numbers).
- 7. **Vacation costs**. Select "yes" or "no" whether the base salary includes vacation costs. If "yes," you will not be able to add any vacation costs under fringe benefits.
- 8. **Sick leave costs.** Select "yes" or "no" whether the base salary includes sick leave costs. If "yes," you will not be able to add any sick leave costs under fringe benefits.
- 9. Repeat steps 5 through 8 for year 2 salary.
- 10. Continue to "Fringe Benefits" instructions.

Additional documentation that may need to be uploaded to section 13 outside of the Budget Narrative includes the following:

- Job description
- Organizational pay scales or written annual salary per position
- Resumes/vitae

## Fringe benefits

Fringe benefits are allowances and services provided by the organization to its employees as compensation in addition to regular salary. Fringe benefits should be based on actual known costs or an established formula. Typical fringe benefits include the following:

- Federal Insurance Contributions Act (FICA) taxes—includes Social Security and Medicare and cannot exceed 7.65 percent (6.2 and 1.45 percent respectively)
- Health insurance—individual or family
- Life insurance

- Vacation
- Sick leave
- Retirement
- State unemployment compensation insurance
- Federal unemployment tax
- Worker's Compensation insurance
- Other fringe benefits may include holidays, military leave, bereavement leave, sabbatical leave, severance pay, jury duty, state disability insurance, pension plan, 401(k) plan

Typically unallowable fringe benefit costs include the following:

- Bonuses or commissions
- If your indirect cost rate agreement includes fringe benefits, you may not charge these costs directly to the project

## Completing section 14.B. fringe benefits

- 1. If you are not requesting any civilian or nonsworn base salary move to the next section and skip the below steps.
- 2. Enter the "% of salary" for each fringe benefit. The COPS Office Online Application System will automatically calculate the requested amount for each benefit based on the number entered.
- 3. **Social security expenses**. Select the box marked "6.2%" to automatically use the full social security amount; otherwise enter the appropriate percentage. The COPS Office Online Application System will not allow more than 6.2%
- 4. **Medicare expenses.** Select the box marked "1.45%" in order to automatically use the full Medicare amount; otherwise enter the appropriate percentage. The COPS Office Online Application System will not allow more than 1.45%
- 5. **Health insurance.** If applicable, provide the health insurance percentage.
- 6. **Life insurance.** If applicable, provide the life insurance percentage.
- 7. **Vacation.** If applicable, provide the vacation percentage. If the base salary includes vacation, you will not be able to add anything for this benefit.
- 8. **Sick leave.** If applicable, provide the sick leave percentage. If the base salary includes sick leave, you will not be able to add anything for this benefit.
- 9. **Retirement.** If applicable, provide the retirement percentage.
- 10. Worker's Compensation. If you are exempt, click on the "exempt" button.
- 11. **Unemployment Insurance.** If you are exempt, click on the "exempt" button.
- 12. **Other**. If you have other fringe benefits that are not listed, you may use this category. If you have a flat fringe rate, include the rate under the "Other" category titled "Flat fringe Benefits" and then upload your flat fringe benefit rate agreement in section 13. If you do not see the name for your fringe benefits, please select "Custom" and enter the name for this benefit.
- 13. Repeat steps 2 through 12 for year 2 costs.
- 14. **Add position**. Click to add additional personnel; repeat steps 2 through 10 under Base Salary and steps 2 through 12 under Fringe Benefits for any additional personnel.

- 15. Copy position. Click to copy the salary and fringe benefits for an additional personnel.
- 16. **Remove position**. Click to remove the selected personnel.
- 17. This completes Section 14B. Please confirm that you have no validation errors; if so, please correct before moving away from this section. Once you are ready, please use the left-hand navigation to move to the next section.

- Written organization policies regarding fringe benefits
- · Organizational fringe rate agreement

Figure 1 is a series of screenshots of the base salary and fringe benefits for civilian or nonsworn personnel budget worksheet from the online application.

Figure 1a. Base salary and fringe benefits for civilian and nonsworn personnel

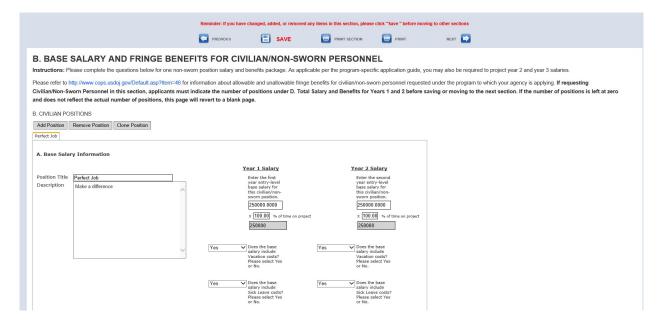


Figure 1b. Base salary and fringe benefits for civilian and nonsworn personnel

FRINGE BENEFITS:		Year 1 Fringe Benefits COST % OF BASE SALARY	Year 2 Fringe Benefits  COST % OF  BASE SALARY
Social security expenses cannot exceed 6.2%	☐ Exempt ☐ 6.2% ☐ Fixed Rate	0.00	0.00
Medicare expenses cannot exceed 1.45%	☐ Exempt ☐ 1.45% ☐ Fixed Rate	0.00	0.00
Health insurance		0.0000	0.0000
Life Insurance		0.0000	0 0.0000
Vacation	Number of Hours Annually: 0	0.0000	0.0000
Sick Leave	Number of Hours Annually: 0	0.0000	0.0000
Retirement		0.0000	0.0000
Worker's Compensation	□Exempt	0.0000	0.0000
Unemployment Insurance	□Exempt	0.0000	0.0000
Other	Flat Fringe Benefits (CPD Only)	125.0000 0.0500	6.2500 0.0025
Other	Select One 🗸	0.00	0.00
Other	Select One	0.0000	0.0000
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Benefits Sub-Total Per Year (1 Position)		125.0000	6.2500
C. Total Salary + Benefits	Per Year (1 Position)	250125.0000	250006.2500

## Section 14.C. Equipment/Technology

Necessary equipment must be specifically purchased to implement or enhance the proposed project. Equipment is tangible personal property (including information technology systems) having a useful life of more than one year and a per-unit acquisition cost that equals or exceeds \$5,000. Applicants should analyze the cost benefits of purchasing versus leasing equipment, especially high-cost items and those subject to rapid technical advances. Rented or leased equipment costs should be listed in section 14.F "Contracts/Consultants" (see page 44).

Typically unallowable equipment/technology costs include the following:

- Ammunition
- Automatic license plate recognition software
- Bayonets
- Bikes and associated equipment
- Biometric technology
- Body armor
- Body-worn cameras
- Bomb detection technology
- Bulletproof vests and accessories
- Buses/shuttles/transit vans
- Camouflage uniforms
- Closed-circuit televisions (CCTV)
- Communication boxes
- Computer aided dispatch (CAD) systems/records management systems (RMS)
- Copiers
- Electronic control weapons (ECW)/Tasers
- Explosives

- Firearms (including training firearms)
- Fitness equipment
- General law enforcement vehicles (including patrol cars and leased vehicles)
- Golf carts/motorized personal vehicles
- GPS devices
- Grenade launchers
- Handcuffs, weapons, and ammunition (including training ammunition)
- Laser spectroscopy devices
- License plate readers (LPR)
- Manned aircraft
- Metal detectors
- Mobile data terminals (MDT)
- Non-motorized vehicles
- Radios
- Recreation equipment (including tents and coolers)
- Robotic cameras
- Shared items between projects—if equipment is to be used for concurrent projects, this should be captured in your indirect costs. If your organization does not have an indirect cost rate agreement, this may be proportionally charged as direct with prior approval.
- Simulators/augmented reality programs
- Thermal imaging devices
- Tracked (armored) vehicles
- Traffic equipment (such as cones, message boards)
- Trailers
- Unmanned aerial vehicles (drones)
- Video surveillance (including security systems)
- Weaponized aircraft, vessels, and vehicles of any kind

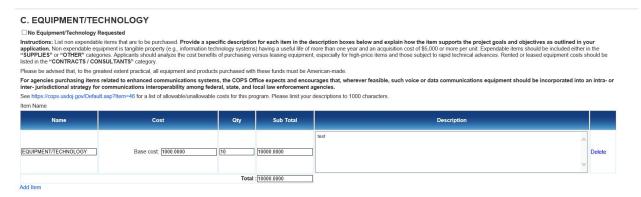
#### Completing section 14.C. Equipment/Technology

- 1. If you are not requesting any equipment or technology move to the next section and skip the below steps.
- 2. Name. Enter requested equipment name.
- 3. **Base cost**. Enter cost for the equipment.
- 4. Qty. Enter the quantity.
- 5. **Subtotal**. Automatically calculates (base cost times quantity).
- 6. **Description.** Enter the type of equipment with a description and justification explaining why the equipment is necessary for the success of the project (limited to 1,000 characters).
  - a. Provide any additional calculations that make up the base cost.
  - b. The justification should explain that this equipment is not available or accessible to project personnel without specifically purchasing through this award.
- 7. Add item. Click to add additional equipment requests (repeat steps 2 through 6).

- 8. Delete. Click to delete an item.
- 9. This completes Section 14C. Please confirm that you have no validation errors; if so, please correct before moving away from this section. Once you are ready, please use the left-hand navigation to move to the next section.
- 10. Additional documentation that may need to be uploaded to section 13 outside of the Budget Narrative includes the following:
  - Narrative of the procurement method
  - Sole Source Justification

Figure 2 is a screenshot of the equipment/technology budget worksheet from the online application.

Figure 2. Equipment/technology budget worksheet



## Section 14.D. Supplies

Supplies means all tangible personal property other than those described under section 14.C "Equipment/Technology." Supplies costs consist of those incurred for purchased goods and fabricated parts directly related to an award proposal. Supplies differ from equipment in that they are consumable, expendable, and of a relatively low unit cost, defined as less than \$5,000 per unit. Such costs may include paper, printer ink, pens, pencils, laptops, etc. A computing device is a supply if the acquisition cost is less than \$5,000, regardless of the length of its useful life.

For broad category requests (such as "office supplies"), explanation for project amounts should be provided with calculations. Broad grouping of items under supplies will be limited to \$40 per month; otherwise items must be individually captured and justified in the budget request.

For any training awards, the COPS Office allows the purchase of flash drives or USB devices to distribute training materials with approval prior to purchasing.

Typically unallowable supply costs include:

- Conference or event swag, including t-shirts, bags, or mugs
- Displays, demonstrations, or exhibits
- Entertainment, including amusement, diversion, social activities, and any associated costs (i.e. tickets to shows or sports events, meals, lodging, rentals, transportation, and gratuities)
- · Extracurricular expenses for youth programs, including t-shirts, meal plans, giveaways, swag bags, and games

- Narcan
- Promotional items and memorabilia, including models, gifts, and souvenirs
- Recreational supplies (such as Frisbees)
- Shared items between projects—if supplies are to be used for concurrent projects, then this should be captured in your indirect charges or you should only charge the percentage allocated to this project (for example, if a laptop is being purchased for a research assistant who works 40 percent of their time on this project, then only charge 40 percent of the laptop cost to this project)

#### **Completing section 14.D. Supplies**

- 1. If you are not requesting any supplies move to the next section and skip the below steps.
- 2. Name. Enter requested supply name.
- 3. **Base cost**. Enter cost for the specific supply. The cost should be broken down to the lowest form; therefore, if you are requesting \$30 per month for office supplies, the calculation should be  $12 \times 30$  and not  $1 \times 360$ .
- 4. **Qty**. Enter the quantity.
- 5. **Subtotal**. Automatically calculates (base cost times quantity).
- 6. **Description**. Enter the supply request with a description and justification explaining why the supplies are necessary for the success of the project (limited to 1,000 characters). Provide any additional calculations that make up the base cost.
- 7. Add item. Click to add additional supply requests (repeat steps 2 through 6).
- 8. Delete. Click to delete an item.
- 9. This completes Section 14E. Please confirm that you have no validation errors; if so, please correct before moving away from this section. Once you are ready, please use the left-hand navigation to move to the next section.

Figure 3 is a screenshot of the supplies budget worksheet from the online application.

Figure 3. Supplies budget worksheet



## Section 14.E. Travel/Training/Conferences

Travel costs include the costs of transportation, lodging, meals, temporary dependent care, and incidental expenses incurred by personnel while on official business, such as attendance at an award-related meeting or conference when travel is further than 50 miles from program location. Travel and subsistence estimates are based on the contemplated number of trips, places to be visited, length of stay, transportation costs, subsistence allowances, and the recipient's own travel policies. For additional guidance, please see the Uniform Guidance 2 C.F.R. § 200.474.

When charging travel costs to federal awards, award recipients must indicate the source of travel policies applied (applicant or federal travel regulations). If a recipient does not have a written travel policy, it must adhere to the Federal Travel Regulations (FTR). For information on the FTR and U.S. Government General Service Administration (GSA) per diem rates by geographic area, please visit <a href="https://www.gsa.gov/travel/plan-book/per-diem-rates">https://www.gsa.gov/travel/plan-book/per-diem-rates</a>. For all applicants (with or without a written travel policy), airfare travel costs must be one of the following: the lowest discount commercial airfare, standard coach airfare, or the Federal Government contract airfare (if authorized and available).

Temporary dependent care costs above and beyond regular dependent care that directly results from conference travels are allowable as long as the costs incurred (1) are a direct result of the individual's travel for the federal award; (2) are consistent with the recipient's documented travel policy for all entity travel; and (3) are only temporary during the travel period.

The only individuals traveling who should be charged in this section are those listed in section 14.B "Base salary and fringe benefits for civilian or nonsworn personnel" beginning on page 34. All other individuals traveling for the project, including participant and consultant travel, should be listed under section 14.F "Contracts/Consultants" beginning on page 44.

Typically unallowable travel/training/conference costs include the following:

- Bar charges/alcoholic beverages
- Costs exceeding Federal Travel Regulations if no other organizational written policy is supplied that supersedes these established rates
- Credit card fees
- Entertainment, including amusement, diversion, social activities, and any associated costs (i.e. tickets to shows or sports events, meals, lodging, rentals, transportation, and gratuities)
- · Food and beverages at conferences, meetings, or trainings your organization is hosting
- Foreign travel
- GPS and Easy Pass rentals (when renting a car)
- Laundry services while on travel
- Local travel costs (lodging, meals, per diem, or transportation costs) within a 50-mile radius of the project location
- Mileage reimbursement, rental cars, parking fees, and/or taxi fare for local travel within a 50-mile radius of the project location
- Paying for meals other than your own
- Tips/gratuity

## Completing section 14.E. Travel/Training/Conference

- 1. If you are not requesting any travel, training, or conferences move to the next section and skip the below steps.
- 2. **Item name.** Enter name/title/purpose of the trip. Each trip should be entered as an individual entry rather than a group of trips.

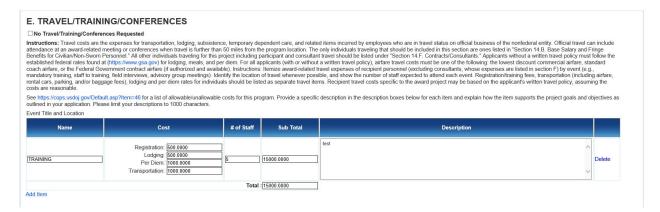
- 3. **Description**. Enter the purpose of the trip, proposed destination, trip duration by day/night, and list of individuals traveling as well as a detailed cost breakdown for each travel category (lodging, per diem, etc.) (limited to 1,000 characters).
  - a. Cost breakdown should include
  - mode of transportation and proposed fare per trip (airfare, train, etc.) broken down by day;
  - mileage allowances if private vehicle will be used;
  - per diem rates for the destination per day (including full per diem and travel day per diem);
  - lodging costs per night;
  - transportation fees per day;
  - parking fees per day.
  - b. For example, if the transportation is \$610, the description breakdown should include \$500/round trip flight + (3 days  $\times$  \$20/day = \$60) for parking + \$30/taxi to airport + \$30/taxi from airport = \$620. If two people are traveling, then "2" should be reflected in the quantity rather than the full amount in the transportation section.
- 4. Quantity. Enter number of staff traveling.
- 5. **Registration**. Enter the amount for the registration of the training/conference attendance.
- 6. **Lodging**. Enter the amount for the hotel and any associated taxes/fees.
- 7. **Per diem**. Enter the amount for GSA-approved meals and incidentals.
- 8. Transportation. Enter all ground and air transportation as well as public transportation and parking fees.
- 9. Total. Automatically calculates (# of staff x [registration + lodging + per diem + transportation]).
- 10. Add item. Click to add additional travel requests (repeat steps 2 through 9).
- 11. **Delete**. Click to delete an item.
- 12. This completes section 14E. Please confirm that you have no validation errors; if so, please correct before moving away from this section. Once you are ready, please use the left-hand navigation to move to the next section.

Additional documentation that may need to be uploaded to section 13 outside of the Budget Narrative:

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Figure 4 is a screenshot of the travel/training/conference budget worksheet from the online application.

Figure 4. Travel/training/conference budget worksheet



## Section 14.F. Contracts/Consultants

#### Contract costs

Contracts include goods or services that directly contribute to the implementation or enhancement of the project. The applicant should distinguish clearly between subawards and contracts in allocating any funds to other entities. Pursuant to 2 C.F.R. § 200.330, a subaward is for the purpose of carrying out a portion of the federal award, and a contract is for the purpose of obtaining goods and services for the recipient's own use. The substance of the relationship is more important than the form of the agreement in determining whether the recipient of the pass-through funds is a subrecipient or a contractor. Keep in mind that the awarding and monitoring of contracts must follow documented procurement procedures, including full and open competition, pursuant to the procurement standards in 2 C.F.R. §§ 200.317- 200.326, and the issuance of subawards must meet the requirements of 2 C.F.R. § 200.331.

In general, recipients are required to procure funded items through open and free competition when feasible. For the purchase of equipment, technology, or services under a COPS Office award, recipients must follow their own policies and procedures on procurement as long as those requirements conform to the federal procurement requirements set forth in the uniform administrative requirements (2 C.F.R. §§ 200.317 – 200.326). Consistent with the uniform administrative requirements that prohibit procurement practices that restrict competition, recipients and subrecipients may not discriminate against any person or entity on the basis of a person or entity's status as an "associate of the Federal Government" (or on the basis of a person or entity's status as a parent, affiliate, or subsidiary of an associate of the Federal Government). The term "associate of the Federal Government" means any person or entity engaged or employed (in the past or at present) by or on behalf of the Federal Government as an employee, contractor, subcontractor, award recipient, subrecipient, agent, or otherwise.

Any recipient of an award will be responsible for monitoring subawards and contracts in accordance with all applicable statutes, regulations, and guidelines. Primary recipients will be responsible for oversight of subrecipient/partner spending and monitoring specific performance measures and outcomes attributable to the use of COPS Office funds.

All sole source procurements of goods and services (those not awarded competitively) in excess of \$250,000 require prior approval from the COPS Office.

Typically unallowable contract costs include the following:

- Construction costs
- Maintenance and/or service contracts that extend the life of the award period (multiyear contracts and extended warranties are allowable but must be paid in full within the initial award period and must not exceed the award period)

## Completing section 14.F. contract costs

- 1. If you are not requesting any contract costs move to the next section and skip the below steps.
- 2. Name. Enter name of contract.
- 3. Base cost. Enter estimated cost for the specific contract.
- 4. Qty. Enter the quantity.
- 5. Subtotal. Automatically calculates (base cost times quantity).

- 6. Description. Enter the description and justification for the product or services to be procured by contract including the nature and scope of goods purchased, price proposals, and length of contract (limited to 1,000 characters). Provide any additional calculations that make up the base cost.
- 7. Add item. Click to add additional contract requests (repeat steps 2 through 6).
- 8. Delete. Click to delete an item.
- 9. Continue to "Consultant fees" if you are requesting consultant fees.

• Sole Source Justification

## Consultant fees

Consultant expenses include goods or services that directly contribute to the implementation or enhancement of the project. The use of a consultant should be more economical than direct employment. Compensation for individual consultant services procured under a COPS Office award must be reasonable and allocable in accordance with Office of Management and Budget (OMB) cost principles, and consistent with that paid for similar services in the marketplace. The services should be commensurate with the rate or salary paid by the primary employer.

Unless otherwise approved by the COPS Office, independent consultant rates will be approved based on the salary a consultant receives from his or her primary employer, as applicable, up to \$650 per day (or \$81.25 per hour). Please note that this does not mean that the rate can or should be as high as \$650 for all consultants. If individuals receive fringe benefits from their primary employer, such fringe benefit costs should not be included in the calculation of consultant rates. A consultant rate justification will need to be submitted for review and approval to the COPS Office for any consultants paid more than \$650 per day prior to incurring any costs. Determinations of approval will be made on a case-by-case basis.

Typically unallowable consultant costs include the following:

- Compensation of federal employees—this category of unallowable costs includes salary payments, consulting fees, or other compensation to full-time federal employees.
- Honoraria when the primary intent is to confer distinction on, or to symbolize respect, esteem, or admiration
  for the recipient of the honorarium. A payment for services rendered, such as speaker's fee under an award,
  is allowable.

## Completing section 14.F. consultant fees

- 1. If you are not requesting any consultant fees move to the next section and skip the below steps.
- 2. **Name**. Enter name of the consultant.
- 3. **Base cost**. Enter estimated cost for the specific consultant per day.
- 4. Qty. Enter the number of days.
- 5. **Subtotal**. Automatically calculates (base cost times quantity).
- 6. **Description**. Enter the description and justification for the services to be provided; include the nature and scope of services rendered in relation to the services required for the project; necessity of contracting these services regarding the organizations capability; whether services can be performed more economically by direct employment; and qualifications of individual (limited to 1,000 characters). Provide any additional calculations that make up the base cost.
- 7. Add item. Click to add additional consultant fee requests (repeat steps 2 through 6).

- 8. **Delete**. Click to delete an item.
- 9. Continue to "Consultant travel" if you are requesting consultant travel.

- Consultant Rate Justification
- Consultant resumes/vitae

#### Consultant Travel

Consultant travel costs follow the same guidelines as section 14.E "Travel/Training/Conferences" on page 41 but should be costs associated with consultant travel. These costs should not be reflected in the "Personnel" or "Travel" categories.

Typically unallowable consultant travel costs include the following:

- Bar charges/alcoholic beverages
- Costs exceeding Federal Travel Regulations if no other organizational written policy is supplied that supersedes these established rates
- Credit card fees
- Entertainment, including amusement, diversion, social activities, and any associated costs (i.e. tickets to shows or sports events, meals, lodging, rentals, transportation, and gratuities)
- Food and beverages at conferences, meetings, or trainings your organization is hosting
- Foreign travel
- GPS and Easy Pass rentals (when renting a car)
- Laundry services while on travel
- Local travel costs (lodging, meals, per diem, or transportation costs) within a 50-mile radius of the project location
- Mileage reimbursement, rental cars, parking fees, and/or taxi fare for local travel within a 50-mile radius of the project location
- Paying for meals other than your own
- Tips/gratuities

## Completing section 14.F. consultant travel

- 1. If you are not requesting any consultant travel move to the next section and skip the below steps.
- 2. **Name**. Enter name/title/purpose of the trip. Each trip should be entered as an individual entry rather than a group of trips
- 3. **Registration**. Enter the amount for the registration of the training/conference attendance.
- 4. **Lodging**. Enter the amount for the hotel and any taxes/fees associated.
- 5. **Per diem**. Enter the amount for GSA-approved meals and incidentals.
- 6. Transportation. Enter all ground and air transportation as well as public transportation and parking fees.
- 7. # of Staff. Enter number of consultants or participants traveling.
- 8. **Subtotal**. Automatically calculates (# of staff x [registration + lodging + per diem + transportation]).

- 9. **Description**. Enter the purpose of the trip, proposed destination, trip duration by day/night, and list of individuals traveling as well as a detailed cost breakdown for each travel category (lodging, per diem, etc.) (limited to 1,000 characters).
  - a. Cost breakdown should include
  - mode of transportation and proposed fare per trip (airfare, train, etc.) broken down by day;
  - mileage allowances if private vehicle will be used;
  - per diem rates for the destination per day (including full per diem and travel day per diem);
  - lodging costs per night;
  - transportation fees per day;
  - parking fees per day.
  - b. For example, if the transportation is \$620, the description breakdown should include \$500/round trip flight + (3 days x \$20/day = \$60) for parking + \$30/taxi to airport + \$30/taxi from airport = \$620. If two people are traveling, then "2" should be reflected in the quantity rather than the full amount in the transportation section.
- 10. Add item. Click to add additional travel requests (repeat steps 2 through 9).
- 11. Delete. Click to delete an item.
- 12. Continue to "Consultant expenses" if you are requesting consultant expenses.

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## Consultant expenses

All other consultant-related expenses should be included in this section such as supply and equipment requests. The same guidelines as previously stated in the above sections will apply.

If an applicant proposes a program or activity that would deliver services or benefits to individuals, the costs of taking reasonable steps to provide meaningful access to those services or benefits for individuals with limited English proficiency may be allowable. Reasonable steps to provide meaningful access to services or benefits may include interpretation or translation services, where appropriate. For additional information, see the "Civil Rights Compliance."

Typically, unallowable consultant expenses include the following:

- Conference or event swag, including t-shirts, bags, or mugs
- Displays, demonstrations, or exhibits
- Entertainment, including amusement, diversion, social activities, and any associated costs (i.e. tickets to shows or sports events, meals, lodging, rentals, transportation, and gratuities)
- Narcan
- Promotional items and memorabilia, including models, gifts, and souvenirs
- Shared items between projects—if supplies are to be used for concurrent projects, then this should be captured in your indirect charges or you should only charge the percentage allocated to this project (for example, if a laptop is being purchased for a research assistant who works 40 percent of their time on this project, then only charge 40 percent of the laptop cost to this project)

#### Completing section 14.F. consultant expenses

- 1. If you are not requesting any consultant expenses move to the next section and skip the below steps.
- 2. **Name**. Enter requested name of consultant-expense.
- 3. **Base cost**. Enter cost for the specific consultant-expense. The cost should be broken down to the lowest form.
- 4. **Qty.** Enter the quantity.
- 5. **Subtotal**. Automatically calculates (base cost times quantity).
- 6. **Description**. Enter the consultant-expense request with a description and justification for why the consultant-expense is necessary for the success of the project (limited to 1,000 characters). Provide any additional calculations that make up the base cost.
- 7. Add item. Click to add additional consultant expense requests (repeat steps 2 through 6).
- 8. Delete. Click to delete an item.
- 9. This completes Section 14F. Please confirm that you have no validation errors; if so, please correct before moving away from this section. Once you are ready, please use the left-hand navigation to move to the next section.

Figure 5 is a series of screenshots of the contracts and consultants budget worksheets from the online application.

Figure 5a. Contracts/consultant costs budget worksheet



Figure 5b. Contracts/consultant fees budget worksheet

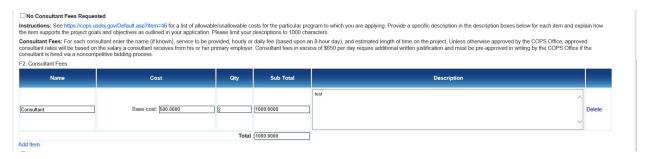


Figure 5c. Contracts/consultant travel budget worksheet



Figure 5d. Contracts/consultant expenses budget worksheet



#### Section 14.G. Other costs

Items not included in the previous categories but that have a direct correlation to the overall success of a recipient's project objectives and are necessary for the project to reach full implementation will be considered on a case-by-case basis by the COPS Office. Requests that may fall under the "other" category include officer overtime, rent (see next paragraph for more details), or software purchases.

Rental costs are generally allowable under the TRGP-TA program when the costs are not included in indirect costs. Applicants should list square footage cost in the budget. The amount must be based on the space that will be allocated to implement the COPS Office project, not the costs of the entire rental space. **Rental costs are not allowable for property owned by the applicant or if the applicant has a financial interest in the property**. In this case only the costs of ownership, including maintenance costs, insurance, depreciation, utilities, etc., are allowable costs. The applicant must indicate in the budget narrative whether or not they own the space that will be rented.

For applicants that anticipate using COPS Office funds to cover only a portion of a particular service they provide, the budget should prorate operational costs like rent and phone service accordingly.

Typically unallowable other costs include the following:

- Advertising and public relations designed solely to promote the recipient
- Conference or event swag, including t-shirts, bags, or mugs
- Construction costs
- Corporate formation (startup costs)
- Costs for audits not required or performed in accordance with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133 or 2 C.F.R. Part 200 Subpart F Audit Requirement are unallowable. If the applicant organization did not meet the applicable expenditure threshold during the organization's fiscal year, the cost of any audit performed may not be charged to the award.
- Costs incurred for intramural activities, student publications, student clubs, and other student activities

- Entertainment, including amusement, diversion, social activities, and any associated costs (i.e., tickets to shows or sports events, meals, lodging, rentals, transportation, and gratuities)
- Extracurricular expenses for youth programs, including t-shirts, meal plans, giveaways, swag bags, and games
- Fuel for general patrol vehicles
- Health screenings
- · Land acquisition including renting, leasing, or construction of buildings or other physical facilities
- Live animals (including dogs and horses) including associated supplies, food, transportation, and veterinary expenses
- Maintenance of vehicles and enhancements (such as mounts)
- Membership fees to organizations whose primary activity is lobbying
- Office rental/lease space, except for costs proportionate to work conducted under the TRGP-TA award (if
  included within an indirect cost rate negotiated agreement)
- Promotional items and memorabilia, including models, gifts, and souvenirs
- Psychological screenings
- Publishing services—the COPS Office provides editing, graphic design, and printing services for deliverables
  and other project materials; therefore, these costs cannot be directly charged unless approved on a case-bycase basis
- Scholarships, fellowships, and other programs for student aid (exceptions are for institutions for higher education)
- Uniforms (including helmets, boots)

## **Completing section 14.G. Other Costs**

- 1. If you are not requesting any other costs move to the next section and skip the below steps.
- 2. Name. Enter requested name of item.
- 3. Base cost. Enter cost for the specific item. The cost should be broken down to the lowest form.
- 4. **Qty.** Enter the quantity.
- 5. **Subtotal.** Automatically calculates (base cost times quantity).
- 6. **Description.** Enter the item request with a description and justification for why the item is necessary for the success of the project (limited to 1,000 characters). Provide any additional calculations that make up the base cost.
- 7. Add item. Click to add additional requests (repeat steps 2 through 6).
- 8. **Delete.** Click to delete an item.
- 9. This completes Section 14G. Please confirm that you have no validation errors; if so, please correct before moving away from this section. Once you are ready, please use the left-hand navigation to move to the next section.

Figure 6 on page 51 is a screenshot of the other costs budget worksheet from the online application.

Figure 6. Other costs budget worksheet



#### Section 14.H. Indirect costs

## Overview of indirect costs

Indirect costs means those costs incurred for a common or joint purpose benefiting more than one cost objective, and not readily assignable to a particular project but necessary to the operation of the organization and the performance of the project. Examples of costs usually treated as indirect include those incurred for facility operation and maintenance, depreciation, and administrative salaries.

If a cognizant federal agency has approved your negotiated indirect cost rate, the negotiated rate must be accepted by all federal awarding agencies, unless otherwise capped by federal statute or regulation.

Indirect cost rates may vary depending on your cognizant federal agency determinations. In some cases, project budgets may include more than one rate, particularly when offsite activity is conducted at a location other than the organizations premises. **Note:** Ensure the indirect calculation is in accordance with your organization's indirect cost rate agreement.

## Expired indirect cost rate agreement

If your indirect cost rate agreement has expired, either you must renegotiate the rate or you may request a one-time extension from your cognizant agency. The negotiated cost rate may be extended for up to four years. Once the cognizant federal agency has approved your extension, you must abide by the rate for the agreed-upon time period. No further negotiations regarding indirect cost rates may occur until the extension has expired. At the end of the extension period, you must then negotiate a new indirect cost rate.

#### No approved plan

If you are a nonfederal entity that has never received a negotiated indirect cost rate, except for those nonfederal entities described in 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Appendix VII to Part 200, paragraph D.1.b., you may elect to charge a de minimis rate of 10 percent of modified total direct costs (MTDC) which may be used indefinitely. When using this method, cost must be consistently charged as either indirect or direct costs, but may not be double charged or inconsistently charged as both. Also, if this method is chosen, then it must be used consistently for all Federal awards until such time as you choose to negotiate an indirect cost rate (which may be done at any time). See 2 C.F.R. § 200.414(f).

If you elect to negotiate an indirect cost rate with your cognizant federal agency, a special condition will be added to the award prohibiting the obligation, expenditure, or drawdown of funds reimbursement for indirect costs until an indirect cost rate has been approved by your cognizant Federal agency, and the appropriate notification has been made retiring the special condition.

For assistance with identifying the appropriate cognizant federal agency for indirect costs, please contact the OCFO Customer Service Center at 800-458-0786 or at <a href="mailto:ask.ocfo@usdoj.gov">ask.ocfo@usdoj.gov</a>. If DOJ is the cognizant federal agency, applicants may obtain information needed to submit an indirect cost rate proposal at <a href="https://www.ojp.gov/funding/Apply/Resources/IndirectCosts.pdf">https://www.ojp.gov/funding/Apply/Resources/IndirectCosts.pdf</a>.

**Exception:** If you are a unit of local government in which the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has not assigned a cognizant Federal agency, then you are not required to submit your indirect cost proposal, unless the awarding agency requires a copy of the proposal. Please see the appropriate Appendix section in 2 C.F.R. Part 200 as listed above.

Approval of indirect cost rates for subrecipients

As the direct recipient, you are responsible for approving indirect cost rates for your subrecipients if funded. Such rates must be consistent with the requirements of 2 C.F.R. Part 200. The COPS Office will not approve indirect cost rates beyond the direct recipient level; however, subrecipients who are also direct recipients of Federal awards may already have a Federally approved indirect cost rate. If your subrecipient has negotiated an indirect cost rate with the Federal government, then that rate applies.

The subrecipient rates should not be included in this section, but rather under Section 14.F.

Calculating direct cost base

The following direct cost bases may be used as a distribution base:

- Modified total direct cost (MTDC)—This base includes all direct salaries and wages, applicable fringe benefits, materials and supplies, services, travel, and subawards up to the first \$25,000 of each subaward (regardless of the period of performance of the subawards under the award). MTDC excludes equipment, capital expenditures, charges for patient care, rental costs, tuition remission, scholarships and fellowships, participant support costs, and the portion of each subaward in excess of \$25,000. Other items may only be excluded when necessary to avoid a serious inequity in the distribution of indirect costs, and with the approval of the cognizant agency.
- **Direct salaries and wages**—This base includes only the costs of direct salaries and wages incurred by the organization.
- **Direct salaries and wages plus fringe benefits**—This base includes the costs of direct salary, wages and fringe benefits incurred by the organization.

#### Exclusions in direct cost bases

Applicants should pay particular attention to the two areas listed below to ensure that their indirect cost rate application is in compliance with the existing requirements of the government-wide award rules set out in the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) circular and regulations:

- \$25,000 Subcontract/Subaward limitation. For institutions of higher education and nonprofit organizations, indirect cost rates negotiated on the basis of modified total direct costs may only be applied against the first \$25,000 of any subcontract or subaward under the agreement. This limitation must be applied to all conference related subcontracts and subawards, including those with hotels and travel agents. (Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, 2 C.F.R. § 200.400 et seq.)
- Participant support costs. For nonprofit organizations, in accordance with 2 C.F.R. part 200, Appendix IV to 2
  Part 200, paragraph B.2.c.—Indirect (F&A) Costs Identification and Assignment and Rate Determination for
  Nonprofit Organizations: "The distribution base may be total direct costs (excluding capital expenditures and
  other distorting items, such as [contracts or] subawards for \$25,000 or more), direct salaries and wages, or
  other base which results in an equitable distribution. The distribution base must exclude participant support
  costs as defined in § 200.75 Participant support costs."

Please note that only employees of the nonprofit organization are excluded from the definition of participant support costs. Costs related to contractors of the nonprofit organization who are acting in the capacity of a conference trainer/instructor/presenter/facilitator are considered participant support costs. For more information on allowable costs for conferences and training, please visit

https://ojp.gov/financialguide/doj/pdfs/DOJ\_FinancialGuide.pdf.

If you need additional information on an indirect cost rate negotiated agreement, go to the DOJ Grants Financial Guide at https://ojp.gov/financialguide/doj/index.htm.

#### **Completing section 14.H. Indirect Costs**

- 1. If you are not requesting any indirect costs move to the next section and skip the below steps.
- 2. Indirect cost description. Enter type of indirect cost rate (provisional, final, predetermined, fixed, etc.).
- 3. Budget base total (\$). Enter base direct cost (see previous guidance on how to determine the direct cost).
- 4. Indirect rate (%). Enter the indirect cost rate percentage (no more than two decimal points).
- 5. **Approved indirect cost**. Automatically calculates (budget base total x indirect rate %). The calculation should be entered for both base costs and indirect rate % (for example, .25 x 100,000), rather than 1 multiplied by the indirect cost rate (for example, 1 x 25,000).
- 6. **Description**. Enter the description and breakdown of calculation (limited to 1,000 characters). Provide any additional calculations that make up the base cost. Include the expiration date and the cognizant agency name.
- 7. **Add item**. Click to add additional indirect cost rate requests (repeat steps 2 through 6). For institutions of higher education and other institutions where multiple indirect rates are applied, please enter each indirect rate as a separate line item with calculation breakdown and description for which each rate applies.
- 8. **Delete**. Click to delete an item.
- 9. This completes Section 14H. Please confirm that you have no validation errors; if so, please correct before moving away from this section. Once you are ready, please use the left-hand navigation to move to the next section.

- Current, signed, federally approved indirect cost rate negotiated agreement
- If your organization does not have a provisional or current indirect cost rate negotiated agreement or it is
  expired and under review, the applicant must submit supporting documents to show the applicant's
  cognizant federal agency is reviewing the request. The COPS Office may disallow or freeze access to indirect
  funds until a provisional or current indirect cost rate negotiated agreement is provided.

Figure 7 is a screenshot of the indirect costs budget worksheet from the online application.

Figure 7. Indirect costs budget worksheet



#### Section 14.S. Budget Summary

You will be able to review the category totals and the total project costs under this section. Note – You are required to submit at least \$10,000 in requested costs.

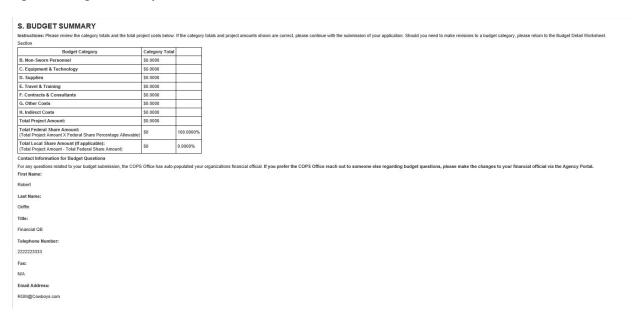
## Completing section 14.S.

- 1. Verify the budget category totals. If you need to revise a budget category, you can use the "Navigation Menu" on the left to skip to different sections.
- 2. **Contact information for budget questions** (required). For any questions related to your budget submission, the COPS Office has prepopulated your organization's financial official. If you prefer the COPS Office reach out to someone else regarding budget questions, please make the changes to your financial official via the COPS Office Agency Portal. As part of "Application review information section," you may be contacted regarding your budget. *This should not be interpreted as an indication of funding*.
- 3. This completes Section 14S. Please confirm that you have no validation errors; if so, please correct before moving away from this section. Once you are ready, please use the left-hand navigation to move to the next section.

NOTE: Do not use hyphens (-) when entering phone numbers.

Figure 8 on page 55 is a screenshot of the budget summary from the online application.

Figure 8. Budget summary



## Section 15. Assurances and Certifications

Applicants to COPS Office programs are required to sign the standard Assurances and Certifications forms. Signing these documents assures the COPS Office that you have read and understood and that you accept the award terms and conditions as outlined in the Assurances and Certifications.

Please read these documents carefully, as signatures on these documents are treated as material representation of fact upon which reliance will be placed when the U.S. Department of Justice determines to award the covered award. See "Award Terms and Conditions/Funding Restrictions/Administrative Requirements" beginning on page 66, appendix B on page 89, and appendix C on page 91 for the full assurances and certifications.

#### Section 15.A. U.S. Department of Justice Certified Standard Assurances

#### Completing section 15.A.

- 1. Review each provision carefully.
- 2. **Signature of Law Enforcement Executive/Agency Executive** (required). Enter the name of the law enforcement executive/agency executive. It must match exactly with the name in the COPS Office Online Agency Portal and the name displayed in this section.
- 3. **Date** (required). The timestamp will automatically populate once you sign step 2.
- 4. **Signature of Government Executive/Financial Official** (required). Enter the name of the government executive/financial official. It must match exactly with the name in the COPS Office Online Agency Portal and the name displayed in this section.
- 5. **Date** (required). The timestamp will automatically populate once you sign step 4.
- 6. This completes Section 15A. Please confirm that you have no validation errors; if so, please correct before moving away from this section. Once you are ready, please use the left-hand navigation to move to the next section.

**NOTE:** When entering the signatures, they must match exactly with the name in the COPS Office Agency Portal including capitalizations.

Section 15.B. U.S. Department of Justice Certifications Regarding Lobbying; Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters; and Drug-Free Workplace Requirements

#### Completing section 15.B.

- 1. Review each provision carefully. Please note that if the applicant is unable to certify to any of the statements in the DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS and FEDERAL TAXES sections of this certification form, it must attach an explanation in section 13 of this application. If the applicant or any of its principals was convicted, within a three-year period preceding this application, of a felony criminal violation under any Federal law, it must disclosure such felony criminal conviction in writing to the COPS Office at <a href="mask-copsRC@usdoj.gov">AskCopsRC@usdoj.gov</a>, unless such disclosure has already been made. If the applicant is a corporation, it must also provide written notice of any unpaid tax liability (or liabilities) to the COPS Office at <a href="mask-copsRC@usdoj.gov">AskCopsRC@usdoj.gov</a>.
- 2. **Signature of Law Enforcement Executive/Agency Executive** (required). Enter the name of the law enforcement executive/agency executive. It must match exactly with the name in the COPS Office Online Agency Portal and the name displayed in this section.
- 3. **Date** (required). The timestamp will automatically populate once you sign step 2.
- 4. **Signature of Government Executive/Financial Official** (required). Enter the name of the government executive/financial official. It must match exactly with the name in the COPS Office Online Agency Portal and the name displayed in this section.
- 5. **Date** (required). The timestamp will automatically populate once you sign step 4.
- 6. This completes Section 15B. Please confirm that you have no validation errors; if so, please correct before moving away from this section. Once you are ready, please use the left-hand navigation to move to the next section.

**NOTE:** When entering the signatures, they must match exactly with the name in the COPS Office Agency Portal including capitalizations.

## Section 16A. Disclosure of lobbying activities

This disclosure form shall be completed by the reporting entity, whether subawardee or prime federal recipient, at the initiation or receipt of a covered federal action, or a material change to a previous filing, pursuant to title 31 U.S.C. § 1352. The filing of a form is required for each payment or agreement to make payment to any lobbying entity for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with a covered federal action. Complete all items that apply for both the initial filing and material change report. Refer to the implementing guidance published by the Office of Management and Budget for additional information.

If this applies to your agency, you are required to complete the disclosure form. If you need to submit additional forms, please submit them as attachments to your application online in section 13, "Application attachments."

Please see appendix D on page 94 for a blank SF-LLL, Disclosure of Lobbying Activities form.

#### Completing section 16.A.

- 1. Review each provision carefully.
- 2. If you do not need to disclose lobbying activities pursuant to 31 U.S.C. § 1352, continue to step 3. If you do need to disclose, skip to step 4.
- 3. Click the "Not Applicable" box at the bottom of the page if there is no need to disclose lobbying activities. Skip to step 22 to continue.
- 4. **Type of Federal Action.** Select the appropriate type of federal action.
- 5. **Status of Federal Action.** Select the appropriate status.
- 6. **Report Type**. Select the appropriate report.
- 7. If you selected "material change" in step 6, continue to step 8. If you did not, skip to step 11.
- 8. **Year.** Enter the year (YYYY).
- 9. **Quarter.** Enter the quarter.
- 10. Date of last report. Enter the date of the last report (MM-DD-YYYY).
- 11. Name and Address of Reporting Entity. Enter the name and address for the reporting entity.
  - a. Prime or Subawardee. Select the appropriate reporting entity.
  - b. Subawardee Tier, if known. If Subawardee is selected, enter the subawardee tier, if known (no more than 10 characters).
  - c. *Congressional District*. Enter the Congressional District (number) if known (no more than 10 characters).
- 12. **If Reporting Entity in No. 4 is Subawardee, Enter Name and Address of Prime**. Enter the name and address for the subawardee.
  - a. Congressional District. Enter the Congressional District (number) if known.
  - b. Federal Department/Agency. Enter the Federal Department/Agency (no more than 30 characters).
- 13. **Federal Program Name/Description**. Enter the federal program name/description (no more than 30 characters). *CFDA Number*. If applicable, enter the CFDA Number.
- 14. **Federal Action Number, if known.** Enter the federal action number.
- 15. Award Amount, if known. Enter the award amount to the nearest dollar.
- 16. **Name and Address of Lobbying Registrant.** Enter the name and address of the lobbying registrant. If the registrant is an individual, include the last name, first name, and middle initial (no more than 250 characters).
- 17. **Individuals Performing Services.** Enter the individuals performing the services. If this is different from Step 16, include the last name, first name, and middle initial (no more than 250 characters).
- 18. **Signature** (required). Enter the name of the certifying official. It must match exactly with the name in the COPS Office Online Agency Portal and the name displayed in this section.
- 19. **Title** (required). Enter the title for the signatory (no more than 40 characters).
- 20. **Telephone Number** (required). Enter the phone number (XXXXXXXXX).
- 21. **Date** (required). The timestamp will automatically populate once you sign step 20.
- 22. This completes Section 16A. Please confirm that you have no validation errors; if so, please correct before moving away from this section. Once you are ready, please use the left-hand navigation to move to the next section.

## Section 17. Reviews and Certifications

Please be advised that an application may not be funded or, if awarded, a hold may be placed on this application if it is deemed that the applicant is not in compliance with federal civil rights laws, is not cooperating with an ongoing federal civil rights investigation, or is not cooperating with a U.S. Department of Justice award review or audit.

Applicants must certify whether or not their agency will use COPS Office funds (if awarded) to operate an interjurisdictional criminal intelligence system. If yes, the applicant assures the COPS Office that it will comply with the requirements of 28 C.F.R. Part 23.

The signatures of the law enforcement executive/agency executive, government executive/financial official, and the person submitting this application on the reviews and certifications represent to the COPS Office that

- the signatories have been legally and officially authorized by the appropriate governing body to submit this application and act on behalf of the award applicant entity;
- 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 application guide,
  the COPS Office award owner's manual, Assurances, Certifications, and all other applicable program
  regulations, laws, orders, and circulars;
- the applicant understands that false statements or claims made in connection with COPS Office programs may result in fines; imprisonment; debarment from participating in federal awards, cooperative agreements, or contracts; and/or any other remedy available by law to the Federal Government;
- the information provided in this application, including any amendments, shall be treated as material representations of fact upon which reliance will be placed when the U.S. Department of Justice determines to award the covered award;
- 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;
- the applicant and any required or identified official partner(s) listed in section 12 are partners in this award project and mutually agreed to this partnership prior to this award application.

The signatures of the law enforcement executive/agency executive and the government executive/financial official in the application must be the same as those identified in section 4 of the application. Applications with missing, incomplete, or inaccurate signatories or responses may not be considered for funding.

The use of typed names in this application and the required forms, including the Assurances, Certifications, and Disclosure of Lobbying Activities form, constitute electronic signatures and the electronic signatures are the legal equivalent of handwritten signatures.

## **Completing section 17**

- 1. Review each provision carefully.
- 2. **Certification of Review of 28 C.F.R. Part 23/Criminal Intelligence Systems** (required). Check the appropriate option of the agency's intended use of this award.
- 3. **Signature of Law Enforcement Executive/Agency Executive** (required). Enter the name of the law enforcement executive/agency executive. It must match exactly with the name in the COPS Office Online Agency Portal and the name displayed in this section.
- 4. **Date** (required). The timestamp will automatically populate once you sign step 3.

- 5. **Signature of Government Executive/Financial Official** (required). Enter the name of the government executive/financial official. It must match exactly with the name in the COPS Office Online Agency Portal and the name displayed in this section.
- 6. **Date** (required). The timestamp will automatically populate once you sign step 5.
- 7. Click on the box at the end of the page stating that the applicant understands that the use of typed names in this application and the required forms, including the Assurances, Certifications, and Disclosures of Lobbying Activities form, constitute electronic signatures and that the electronic signatures are the legal equivalent of handwritten signatures.
- 8. This completes Section 17. Please confirm that you have no validation errors; if so, please correct before moving away from this section. Once you are ready, please use the left-hand navigation to move to the next section.

**NOTE:** When entering the signatures, they must match exactly with the name in the COPS Office Online Application System including capitalizations.

## Section 18. Application Data Verification—Not applicable at time of application

After submission of this application, the COPS Office may require your organization to verify data provided in the application. This section is to be completed once the data has been reviewed, confirmed, and/or updated. Failure to respond to the request may eliminate the application from funding consideration. The purpose of this section is to confirm the following:

- That the person reviewing, confirming, or updating the data is authorized by the appropriate governing body to act on behalf of the award applicant entity
- That the information provided, including any amendments, be treated as material representations of fact upon which reliance will be placed when the U.S. Department of Justice determines to award the covered award
- That the applicant understands that false statements or claims made in connection with COPS Office programs may result in fines; imprisonment; debarment from participating in federal awards, cooperative agreements, or contracts; or other remedy available to by law to the Federal Government

# Submitting the application

Before you submit your application, each section much have a checkbox to the right of the name. If not, please return to each identified page using the table of contents on the left side of the page. If any required fields are unanswered, they will be flagged with warning messages. In this case, answer these required fields. You will not be able to submit your application until all validation issues are corrected and all sections have a checkmark to the right of the name.

Once you are ready to submit your application, please locate the "Application Status Bar" at the top of the screen. Select "Submit" and click "Go." After completing the second part of the application and clicking "Submit," applicants will receive a message stating "Your application has been successfully recorded." The confirmation page will also provide the submission date, ORI number, confirmation number, and program type.

Applicants will have the opportunity to print a copy of the application prior to submission and another copy of the application after it has been submitted. **Note**: If Internet access is not available to print a copy of the application package, please contact the Response Center at 800-421-6770 to request that a printed copy be sent to you.

The COPS Office will not accept applications submitted via mail or email. Printing off the application is only for reference.

If you "edit" your application once it is submitted and prior to the application deadline, you will need to resubmit the application in order to rerun the validation checks and to ensure the application submission timestamp reflects the most currents edits.

# Application deadline

All completed applications must be submitted by **April 14, 2020 at 7:59 p.m. EDT**. Applications submitted after 7:59 p.m. EDT on **April 14, 2020** will not be considered for funding.

## Late submissions

The COPS Office offers a process for TRGP-TA applicants to provide advance notice to the COPS Office if receipt of their application will be delayed due to unforeseen COPS Office Online Application System technical issues. **Applicants must provide notice prior to the close of the solicitation.** If applicants do not provide advance notice to the COPS Office about an issue that may cause a delay in the submission of the application, the application will not be considered for funding. If applicants follow the steps outlined as follows, submission may be considered. Extension of deadlines is not guaranteed.

## Experiencing unforeseen COPS Office Online Application System technical issues

If you experience unforeseen COPS Office Online Application System technical issues beyond your control that prevent you from submitting your application by the deadline, **please immediately contact the COPS Office Response Center at 800-421-6770 to create a record of the issue.** You will need to provide the following information to the COPS Office Response Center:

- ORI
- Organization name
- Point of contact name and contact information
- Application ID
- Nature of technical issues

The COPS Office will respond to each applicant as soon as possible with an approval and instructions for submission, or a rejection. If the technical issues you reported cannot be validated, your request for an extension will be rejected. Any requests to submit applications after the deadline because of technical issues will be rejected as untimely.

To ensure a fair competition for limited discretionary funds, the following conditions are *not* valid reasons for extensions of the submission deadline: (1) failure to begin the registration process in sufficient time; (2) failure to follow the COPS Office Online Application System instructions on how to register and apply as posted on its website; (3) failure to follow all of the instructions in the TRGP-TA solicitation, including the TRGP-TA application guide; (4) failure to register or update information on the SAM website; and (5) failure to register or complete SF-424 in Grants.gov.

Notifications regarding known technical problems with COPS Office Online Application System will be posted on <a href="https://portal.cops.usdoj.gov/">https://portal.cops.usdoj.gov/</a> and <a href="https://cops.usdoj.gov/grants">https://cops.usdoj.gov/</a> and <a href="https://cops.usdoj.gov/grants">https://cops.usdoj.gov/</a> and <a href="https://cops.usdoj.gov/grants">https://cops.usdoj.gov/grants</a>.

No late submission requests will be considered once the application closes.

## Extraordinary natural or manmade disasters

In cases of extraordinary natural or manmade disasters, such as extreme weather emergencies or mass casualty events, applicants may request to submit late applications by sending an email to <a href="mailto:AskCopsRC@usdoj.gov">AskCopsRC@usdoj.gov</a>. Applicants will need to follow these directions:

- Send email directly to <u>AskCopsRC@usdoj.gov</u>
- The subject line should read "FY20 TRGP-TA Extraordinary Circumstances: ORI, Organization Name, Application ID," with your specific ORI, organization name, and application ID included in the subject line.
- Message: The message should include the following information:
  - ORI
  - Organization name
  - Application ID
  - Nature of the disaster and how it affected the applicant's ability to submit an application on time

The email message must be sent by the deadline or as soon as possible given the specific emergency. The COPS Office will respond to each applicant as soon as possible with an approval and instructions for submission or a rejection of the request for late submission.

# **Application Review Information**

The COPS Office is committed to ensuring a fair and open process for making awards.

The COPS Office will review the application to make sure that the information presented is reasonable, understandable, measurable, achievable, and consistent with the solicitation.

To maintain the integrity of the competitive solicitation process, the COPS Office can provide publicly available technical assistance regarding the mechanics of the application but cannot evaluate the merits of an application during the open solicitation period.

## Review and selection process overview

Applications will undergo a standard review and selection process, which includes a review of basic minimum requirements, peer review panel ratings, administrative compliance review, a senior leadership review and recommendation panel, and director's selection. A description of each phase is provided in the following sections. Applicants are encouraged to review their own applications prior to submission, with particular attention given to the Basic Minimum Requirements and each of the Review Criteria specified in the descriptions that follow.

## Basic Minimum Requirements review

Once the solicitation closes, COPS Office staff screen and score applications for compliance with basic minimum requirements (BMR). Applications should be written with clarity, organization, and soundness in the proposed work, with all mandatory attachments.

# Disqualifying BMR criteria

Applications that are missing any of the following basic minimum requirements will be disqualified, without exception, and therefore not scored by review panels.

- 1. Applications must be submitted by organizations that are allowable applicants, as per the solicitation.
- 2. Applications must include a project narrative attached in section 13.
- 3. Applications must include a budget narrative which is separate from the detailed budget worksheet.

# Application evaluation: Peer Review Panel

Peer Review Panels will evaluate, score, and rank applications that meet the basic minimum requirements. The COPS Office may use internal peer reviewers, external peer reviewers, or a combination to assess applications on technical merit using the solicitation's review. An external peer reviewer is an expert in the subject matter of a given topic area who is not a current federal employee. An internal peer reviewer is a current federal employee who is well-versed or has expertise in the subject matter of the topic area. Peer reviewers' ratings are advisory only, although reviewer views are considered carefully.

TRGP-TA applications that meet eligibility and basic minimum requirements will be evaluated and ranked by peer reviewers. Peer reviewers will be asked to review applications based on the application topic and the goal of the TRGP-TA program to develop the capacity of law enforcement to implement community policing strategies by

providing guidance on promising practices through the development and testing of innovative strategies; building knowledge about effective practices and outcomes; and supporting new, creative approaches to preventing crime and promoting safe communities. Reviewers will also be asked to consider the topic-specific solicited goals, objectives, and deliverables described in the solicitation language.

Upon completion of their reviews, Peer Review Panels will recommend highly rated applications to advance to the Senior Leadership Review and Recommendation Panel.

## Review criteria

TRGP-TA applications will be evaluated based on the following merit criteria, which the applicant addresses in their application, project narrative, budget narrative, budget worksheets, and other attachments. Applications that are not responsive to the solicitation or duplicative of past or ongoing federally funded work will be scored accordingly. Although not an exhaustive list, at a minimum, reviewers will be asked to evaluate applications according to the following criteria:

- 1. Issue Identification and Strategy (25 percent)
  - Applicant clearly identifies the issue they propose to address, the gap in existing knowledge, and why
    this project is necessary
  - Strategy provides comprehensive, logical, and clear description of how each task will be implemented and completed
  - Clear description of how the strategy advances the goals and objectives of the solicitation
  - Strategy makes use of time and cost saving methods for conducting project work to achieving goals and objectives while not sacrificing quality outcomes
  - Clear description of deliverables and how the deliverables will be developed, including content, process steps, and outcomes
  - Clear description of how the deliverables contribute to the solicitation goals and objectives
  - Innovation or originality of the proposed project
- 2. Impact on the Field (25 percent)
  - Estimates number of law enforcement agencies and communities that will directly benefit from the deliverables (for example, number of agencies receiving technical assistance, number of agencies and/or individuals receiving training, or number of agencies who may replicate programs)
  - Project will not result in unnecessary duplication of other efforts by the COPS Office or other DOJ components
  - Identifies relevant performance measures
  - Clearly describes approach for collecting, analyzing, and reporting performance measures
  - Description of a marketing plan for the deliverable(s) to ensure broad dissemination of the product(s) to the target audience(s), where applicable
- 3. Project Management Plan (20 percent)
  - Project management plan includes a detailed work breakdown structure (WBS) that is aligned to solicitation goals and objectives
  - Project management plan clearly identifies project-specific risks and proposes methods for addressing
  - Project management plan details quality control processes which are clearly linked to key processes and deliverables associated with the project

- Provides detailed breakdown linking of key personnel to clearly defined roles, tasks, deliverables, and time commitments necessary to complete the project
- Limits unnecessary redundancies and makes efficient use of resources
- Provides a timeline with a list of key activities and milestones to take place within the award performance period (24 months for all awards under this solicitation), grouped by month or quarter
- 4. Experience and Capacity (15 percent)
  - Demonstrated experience and capacity to carry out the proposed activities (e.g., the ability to conduct
    a substantive programmatic meeting, produce practitioner friendly reports, facilitate meetings or
    forums of varying sizes with law enforcement professionals, produce curriculum and/or deliver
    effective training on a specified topic as relevant to the topic-specific goals and proposed deliverables).
  - Inclusion of resumes or vitae for key staff (up to three)
  - Project staff, contractors, or consultants have relevant subject matter expertise, knowledge, and skills to achieve project goals and produce proposed deliverables
  - Identification of any key partnerships or stakeholders who will play a role in the implementation of this project and their responsibilities
  - Demonstrated history of success in achieving similar outcomes in past work performance
- 5. Budget (15 percent)
  - Provides a detailed budget narrative with costs that are allowable, appropriate, and reasonable relative to the level of effort
  - Provides a detailed budget that matches the tasks and deliverables outlined in the project narrative
  - Provides detailed breakdown of each budget category
  - Provides justification for amount requested detailing how costs were estimated and how these costs are critical to the completion of the project
  - Provides appropriate budget justification documentation which may include a current indirect cost rate agreement, sole source justification, and consultant rate justification

# Administrative compliance review

All advancing applications will undergo an administrative compliance review. Past financial and programmatic performance with DOJ award funding will be considered in this review process. Past performance may affect the overall rating and ranking of an application. Factors that may be included in the past performance review are: the extent to which the applicant has adhered to all special conditions in the prior awards, the extent to which the applicant has complied with programmatic and financial reporting requirements, the extent to which the applicant has completed closeout of prior awards in a timely manner, whether the applicant has received financial clearances in a timely manner, whether the applicant has resolved any issues identified in an audit or on-site monitoring visit in a timely manner, whether the applicant has adhered to single audit requirements and the extent to which the applicant has completed work and spent prior grant funds in a timely manner.

Pursuant to 2 C.F.R. Part 200 ("Uniform Guidance"), before award decisions are made, the COPS Office also reviews information related to the degree of risk posed by applicants. Among other things to help assess whether an applicant with one or more prior federal awards has a satisfactory record with respect to performance, integrity, and business ethics, the COPS Office checks whether the applicant is listed in SAM as excluded from receiving a federal award. The COPS Office also must review and consider any information about the applicant that appears in the nonpublic segment of the integrity and performance system accessible through SAM (currently, the Federal

Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System, "FAPIIS"). Applicants may review and comment on any information about them in SAM that a federal awarding agency previously entered in the designated integrity and performance system, and such applicant comments will also be reviewed and considered.

The COPS Office may contact applicants regarding budget and financial questions as part of the review process. This outreach is not an indication of funds or awarding decisions.

## Senior Leadership Review and Recommendation Panel

The Senior Leadership Review and Recommendation Panel is composed of senior-ranking federal employees. The panel will review all advancing applications from the Peer Review Panel and make recommendations for funding based on Peer Review Panel scores, administrative compliance review, past performance, project scope, and budget.

The Senior Leadership Review and Recommendation Panel will submit formal recommendations for funding to the COPS Office Director.

## Director's selection

Absent explicit statutory authorization or written delegation of authority to the contrary, all final award decisions will be made by the Director of the COPS Office, who may also give consideration to factors including prior funding history, current award balances, underserved populations, population served, geographic diversity, strategic priorities, past performance, significant concerns regarding ability of the applicant to administer federal funds, and available funding when making awards.

All award decisions are final and not subject to appeal.

# Award Terms and Conditions/Funding Restrictions/Administrative Requirements

## Terms and conditions

The following section describes the compliance terms and conditions that applicants should be aware of before applying to COPS Office programs. Table 3 further defines which of the requirements are applicable to the program for which you are applying. Please review each section carefully. The signatures of the applicant's Authorized Organizational Representative, Law Enforcement Executive/Program Official, and Government Executive/Financial Official on section 17: Reviews and certifications assure the COPS Office that your organization will comply with all legal and administrative requirements that govern the applicant for acceptance and use of federal award funds.

Table 3. Compliance terms and conditions

Key: Y = Yes; N = No

FY 2020 Program	TRGP-TA
I. U.S. Department of Justice Certified Standard Assurances	Υ
II. U.S. Department of Justice Certifications Regarding Lobbying; Debarment,	Υ
Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters; And Drug-Free Workplace	
III. Disclosure of Lobbying Activities	Y (if applicable)
IV. Supplementing, Not Supplanting	Υ
V. Procurement and Sole Source Justification	Υ
VI. Criminal Intelligence Systems	Υ
VII. Certification to Mitigate Possible Adverse Health Safety & Environment Impacts (if applicable)	N
VIII. Community Policing Self-Assessment Tool (CP-SAT)	N
IX. System for Award Management (SAM) and Universal Identifier Requirements	Υ
X. Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA) - Reporting Subaward	Υ
and Executive Compensation	Ť
XI. Contract Provisions	Υ
XII. Prior Approval Planning and Reporting of Conference/Meeting/Training Costs	Υ
XIII. Curriculum Development	Υ
XIV. Restriction on Internal Confidentiality Agreements	Υ
XV. Mandatory Disclosure	Υ
XVI. Debarment and Suspension	Υ
XVII. Recipient Integrity and Performance Matters	Υ
XVIII. False Statements	Υ
XIX. Duplicative Funding	Υ
XX. Additional High-Risk Awardee Requirements	Υ
XXI. Modification	Υ
XXII. Evaluations	Υ
XXIII. Allowable Costs	Υ
XXIV. Local Match	N
XXV. Equal Employment Opportunity Plan	Υ
XXVI. Employment Eligibility	Υ

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XXVII. Enhancement of contractor protection from reprisal for disclosure of certain information	Υ
XXVIII. Federal Civil Rights	Υ
XXIX. Conflict of Interest	Υ
XXX. Reports/Performance Goals	Υ
XXXI. Extensions	Υ
XXXII. Computer Network Requirement	Υ
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XXXIV. Community Policing	N
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XLIV. Citizenship and Immigration Status Communications	N

I. & II. Assurances and Certifications (also refer to "section 15: U.S. Department of Justice Certified Standard Assurances and U.S. Department of Justice Certifications Regarding Lobbying; Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters; And Drug-Free Workplace Requirements" of this application guide and Standard Application forms.)

Applicants to COPS Office programs are required to sign the standard Assurances and Certifications forms. Signing these documents assures the COPS Office that you have read and understood and that you accept the terms and conditions as outlined in the Assurances and Certifications. Please read these documents carefully, as signatures on these documents are treated as material representation of fact upon which reliance will be placed when the U.S. Department of Justice determines to make an award.

III. Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (also refer to section 16A "Disclosure of lobbying activities" of this Application Guide and Standard Application forms.)

This disclosure form shall be completed by the reporting entity, whether subrecipient or prime federal recipient, at the initiation or receipt of a covered federal action, or a material change to a previous filing, pursuant to title 31 U.S.C. § 1352. The filing of a form is required for each payment or agreement to make payment to any lobbying entity for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with a covered federal action. Complete all items that apply for both the initial filing and material change reports. Refer to the implementing guidance published by the Office of Management and Budget for additional information.

If this applies to your organization, you are required to complete the disclosure form in section 16A of the application. If you need to complete and submit additional forms, please complete and submit them as attachments to your application online.

Please be advised that all recipients and subrecipients must comply with the provisions of 2 C.F.R. § 200.450 Lobbying, as appropriate, regarding unallowable costs under the Federal award associated with lobbying or influencing activities. Additional restrictions in 2 C.F.R. § 200.450(c) are applicable to nonprofit organizations and institutions of higher education.

# IV. Nonsupplanting requirement

COPS Office funds awarded to states or units of local government (including law enforcement agencies) may not be used to supplant (replace) state, local, or Bureau of Indian (BIA) funds that would, in the absence of federal assistance, be made available for award purposes (hiring, training, purchases, and/or other activities). Instead, COPS Office funds must be used to supplement (increase) the total amount of funds that would otherwise be made available for award purposes. 34 U.S.C. § 10384(a).

A recipient may not use COPS Office funds to pay for any item or cost associated with this funding request that the recipient is already obligated to pay. Nonfederal funds allocated to pay for award purposes may not be reallocated to other purposes or refunded should COPS Office funding be awarded. Nonfederal funds must remain available for and devoted to that purpose, with COPS Office funds supplementing those nonfederal funds. Funding awarded cannot be obligated until after the award start date (unless an exception is authorized in writing by the COPS Office). This means that COPS Office funds cannot be applied to any agency cost incurred prior to the award start date.

The possibility of supplanting will be the subject of careful application review, possible pre-award review, and post-award monitoring and audit. Any supplanting of nonfederal funds by COPS Office funds may be grounds for potential suspension or termination of award funding, recovery of misused funds, and/or other applicable legal sanctions.

If you have questions concerning the nonsupplanting requirement while completing this application, please contact the COPS Office Response Center at 800-421-6770 or <a href="mailto:AskCopsRC@usdoj.gov">AskCopsRC@usdoj.gov</a> for further information.

# V. Procurement and sole source justification

Sole source procurement, or procurement by noncompetitive proposals, is procurement through solicitation of a proposal from only one source. Sole source procurements must adhere to the standards set forth in the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, 2 C.F.R. § 200.318.

For the purchase of equipment, technology, or services under a COPS Office award, recipients must follow their own policies and procedures on procurement as long as those requirements conform to the federal procurement requirements set forth in 2 C.F.R. § 200.320. A sole source procurement request should be submitted if a recipient determines that the award of a contract through a competitive process is infeasible. If a recipient determines that the award of a contract through a competitive process is infeasible, and if any one of the following circumstances applies:

- 1. The item or service is available only from one source.
- 2. The public exigency or emergency for the requirement will not permit a delay resulting from competitive solicitation.
- 3. Competition is determined inadequate after solicitation of a number of sources.
- 4. The COPS Office expressly authorizes noncompetitive proposals in response to a written request from the law enforcement entity.

The recipient must include this information in the sole source procurement request and submit it to the COPS Office. The award recipient must seek written authorization from the COPS Office for sole source procurements in excess of \$250,000. Written approval for sole source procurements from the COPS Office must be received prior to purchasing equipment, technology or services; obligating funding for a contract; or entering into a contract with award funds.

Requests for sole source procurements of equipment, technology, or services in excess of \$250,000 must be submitted to the COPS Office in writing certifying that the award of the contract through full and open competition is infeasible. The sole source procurement request must be signed and submitted on department letterhead.

The request should also include the following information:

**Section I** – A brief description of the project, the amount to be designated for the sole source procurement, and the purpose of the contract.

**Section II** – A statement identifying which one (or more) of the four circumstances identified below apply to the procurement transaction and an explanation as to why it is necessary to contract in a noncompetitive manner. Include supporting information as identified below under the applicable section(s).

- 1. The item or service is available only from one source.
  - Uniqueness of items or services to be procured from the proposed contractor or vendor (compatibility, patent issues, etc.)
  - How the agency determined that the item or service is only available from one source (market survey results, independent agency research, patented or proprietary system, etc.)
  - Explanation of need for contractor's expertise linked to the current project (knowledge of project management, responsiveness, experience of contractor personnel, prior work on earlier phases of project, etc.)
  - Any additional information that would support the case
- 2. The public exigency or emergency for the requirement will not permit a delay resulting from competitive solicitation.
  - When the contractual coverage is required by your organization and why
  - Impact on project if deadline dates are not met
  - How long it would take an alternate contractor to reach the same required level of competence (equate to dollar amounts, if desired)
  - Any additional information that would support the case
- 3. Competition is determined inadequate after solicitation of a number of sources.
  - Results of a market survey to determine competition availability; if no survey is conducted, please explain why not
  - Any additional information that would support the case
- 4. The COPS Office authorizes noncompetitive proposals in response to a written request from the recipient.

**Section III** – A budget breakdown for the contract.

**Section IV** – A declaration that this action or choice is in the best interest of the agency.

Upon receipt of the request for sole source authorization, the COPS Office will review to determine if competition is infeasible, and your organization will be contacted if any of the identified information is missing or if additional supporting information is required. If the COPS Office determines that the request does not meet the standards set forth above, the request will be denied.

Please be advised that conflicts of interest are prohibited under the federal procurement standards set forth in 2 C.F.R. § 200.318(c).

If you have any questions regarding the federal requirements that guide procurement procedures, please contact the COPS Office Response Center at **AskCopsRC@usdoj.gov** or 800-421-6770.

# VI. Criminal intelligence systems/28 C.F.R. Part 23 compliance

If your agency is receiving COPS Office funding for equipment or technology that will be used to operate an interjurisdictional criminal intelligence system, you must agree to comply with the operating principles found at 28 C.F.R Part 23. An interjurisdictional criminal intelligence system is generally defined as a system that receives, stores, analyzes, exchanges, or disseminates data regarding ongoing criminal activities (such activities may include loan sharking, drug or stolen property trafficking, gambling, extortion, smuggling, bribery, and public corruption) and shares this data with other law enforcement jurisdictions. 28 C.F.R. Part 23 contains operating principles for these interjurisdictional criminal information systems that protect individual privacy and constitutional rights.

If you are simply using the 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 to this award.

VII. Certification to mitigate possible adverse health, safety, and environmental impacts—Not applicable to any COPS Office programs

VIII. Community Policing Self-Assessment Tool (CP-SAT)—Not applicable under the TRGP-TA program

# IX. System for Award Management (SAM) and Universal Identifier requirements

Unless exempted from this requirement under 2 C.F.R. § 25.110, the recipients must maintain the currency of their information in the SAM until submission of the final financial report required under this award or receipt of the final payment, whichever is later. This requires recipients to review and update the information at least annually after the initial registration and more frequently if required by changes in information or other award term.

To review the System for Award Management and Universal Identifier Award Term, please see appendix J on page 111.

# X. Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA)—Reporting subaward and executive compensation information

The Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 (FFATA) requires, among other things, that information on federal awards (federal financial assistance and expenditures) be made available to the public via a single, searchable website, which is **www.USASpending.gov**.

Applicants should note that all recipients of awards of \$25,000 or more under this solicitation, consistent with FFATA, will be required to report award information on any first-tier subawards totaling \$25,000 or more and, in certain cases, to report information on the names and total compensation of the five most highly compensated executives of the recipient and first-tier subrecipients. If applicable, the FFATA Subaward Reporting System (FSRS), accessible via the Internet at <a href="www.fsrs.gov">www.fsrs.gov</a>, is the reporting tool recipients under this solicitation will use to capture and report subaward information and any executive compensation data required by FFATA.

The subaward information entered in FSRS will then be displayed on <u>www.USASpending.gov</u>, associated with the prime award, furthering federal spending transparency.

Each applicant entity must ensure that it has the necessary processes and systems in place to comply with the applicable reporting requirements should it receive funding.

To review the FFATA Reporting Subaward and Executive Compensation Award Term, please see the appendices of this guide.

# XI. Contract provision under federal award

All contracts made by the recipients under the Federal award must contain the provisions required under 2 C.F.R. part 200 (Appendix II to Part 200—Contract Provisions for Non-Federal Entity Contracts Under Federal Awards.)

The full text of the contract provision may be found in the appendices.

# XII. Prior approval, planning, and reporting of conference/meetings/training costs

Recipients are required to obtain written approval from the COPS Office prior to entering into any contract, agreement or other obligation for costs related to any conference, meeting, retreat, seminar, symposium, training activity, or similar event funded under this award. Submit all request to the Conference Cost Request mailbox at COPS.Conferencecosts@usdoi.gov and copy your program manager.

For more information on allowable costs, please visit

#### https://ojp.gov/financialguide/doj/pdfs/DOJ\_FinancialGuide.pdf.

Submit the Conference Cost Request/Reporting Form (CCR) at least 90 days prior to event. The document will have you breakout each event or training deliveries and ensures that all costs comply with current guidelines and policies on event/training planning, food and beverages, minimizing costs. Training or events should not be scheduled or delivered prior to receiving notice from your program manager that the CCR is approved.

All cooperative agreement award recipients must submit reports on conferences with total costs that exceed \$20,000, exceed cost thresholds, or for any conference at which more than 50 percent of the attendees were U.S. Department of Justice employees. The report must be submitted within 45 days of the end of the event. Award recipients are encouraged to establish policies regarding timely submission of invoices to ensure that they can meet the conference reporting deadline.

The reporting form is on the same form as the conference request.

# XIII. Curriculum development

The COPS Office defines training as the teaching and learning activities carried out for the primary purpose of helping members of an organization acquire and apply the knowledge, skills, abilities, and attitudes needed by a particular job or organization. Training is driven by specific goals and objectives; it is not a single event but rather an ongoing process that requires continuous self-reflection and evaluation.

The COPS Office trainings are national in scope and should have a specific law enforcement audience: executives, first line supervisors, line officers, dispatchers, joint community and officers, etc. COPS Office training supports the needs of the law enforcement field and strives to increase public safety.

The COPS Office has a series of requirements for the development and delivery of in-person and online training. These requirements can be found in the *Curriculum Standards, Review, and Approval Guides,* which were established to provide guidance to COPS Office training providers and program managers on instructional design, promising practices, and the process by which curricula will be reviewed and approved by the COPS Office. There are two guides separated by training type: (1) online training and (2) in-person training. They can be found at <a href="https://cops.usdoj.gov/training">https://cops.usdoj.gov/training</a>.

The COPS Office also has a series of requirements that instructors must meet prior to becoming instructors for COPS Office courses and for the duration of their instructor tenure. Those requirements can be found in the COPS Office Instructor Quality Assurance Guide, which can be accessed at https://cops.usdoj.gov/training.

In addition, the COPS Office has a series of technical requirements for online courses. Those requirements can be found at https://cops.usdoj.gov/training.

Applicants that propose the development and/or delivery of in-person training or development and/or online launch of training should clearly articulate the steps they propose to ensure all content, instructors, and technical requirements meet the requirements set forth by the COPS Office. Applicants should not assume that reviewers are experts in the course they are proposing in the application and should provide specific process steps and information pertinent to achieve effective training outcomes.

If awarded funds to develop and/or deliver training under a cooperative agreement, recipients will be required to follow these guides and comply with all terms outlined in the cooperative agreement.

# XIV. Restrictions on internal confidentiality agreements

Recipients, subrecipients, or entities that receive a contract or subcontract with any funds under this award may not require any employee or contractor to sign an internal confidentiality agreement or statement that prohibits or otherwise restricts the lawful reporting waste, fraud, or abuse to an investigative or law enforcement representative of a federal department or agency authorized to receive such information.

# XV. Mandatory disclosure

Recipients and subrecipients are required to timely disclose in writing to the COPS Office or pass-through entity, as applicable, all federal criminal law violations involving fraud, bribery, or gratuity that may potentially affect the awarded federal funding. Recipients that receive an award over \$500,000 must also report certain civil, criminal, or

administrative proceedings in SAM, and are required to comply with the Term and Condition for Recipient Integrity and Performance Matters as set out in 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Appendix XII to Part 200. Failure to make required disclosures can result in any of the remedies, including suspension and debarment, described in 2 C.F.R. § 200.338.

# XVI. Debarment and Suspension

Recipients agree not to award federal funds under this program to any party which is debarred or suspended from participation in federal assistance programs. 2 C.F.R. Part 180 (Governmentwide Nonprocurement Debarment and Suspension) and 2 C.F.R. Part 2867 (DOJ Nonprocurement Debarment and Suspension).

# XVII. Recipient Integrity and Performance Matters

Recipients that received \$500,000 or more in a federal award agree to comply with the terms and conditions outlined in 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Appendix XII to part 200 - Award Term and Condition for Recipient Integrity and Performance Matters.

For the full text of 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Appendix XII to part 200, please refer to appendix F on page 100.

#### XVIII. False Statements

False statements or claims made in connection with COPS Office awards may result in fines, imprisonment, or debarment from participating in federal awards or contracts, and/or any other remedy available by law.

# XIX. Duplicative Funding

Recipients agree to notify the COPS Office if they receive, from any other source, funding for the same item(s) or service(s) also funded under this award.

# XX. Additional High-Risk Award Recipient Requirements

Recipients agree to comply with any additional requirements that may be imposed during the award performance period if the awarding agency determines that the recipient is a high-risk award recipient (Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, 2 C.F.R. § 200.207).

#### XXI. Modifications

Award modifications are evaluated on a case-by-case basis in accordance with 2 C.F.R. § 200.308. For federal awards in excess of \$250,000, any modification request involving the reallocation of funding between budget categories that exceed or are expected to exceed 10 percent of the total approved budget requires prior written approval by the COPS Office. Regardless of the federal award amount or budget modification percentage, any reallocation of funding is limited to approved budget categories. In addition, any budget modification that changes the scope of the project requires prior written approval by the COPS Office. The COPS Office will not approve any modification request that results in an increase of federal funds.

## XXII. Evaluations

The COPS Office may conduct monitoring or sponsor national evaluations of COPS Office award programs. Recipients agree to cooperate with the monitors and evaluators. 34 U.S.C. § 10385(b).

## XXIII. Allowable Costs

The funding under this award is for the payment of approved costs identified in the Financial Clearance Memorandum (FCM). Recipients must forgo any profit or management fees in accordance with 2 C.F.R. § 200.400(g).

# XXIV. Local Match—Not applicable under the TRGP-TA program

# XXV. Equal Employment Opportunity Plan

Recipients agree to comply with the federal regulations pertaining to the development and implementation of an Equal Employment Opportunity Plan. 28 C.F.R. Part 42 subpart E.

# XXVI. Employment Eligibility

Recipients agree to complete and keep on file, as appropriate, the Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) Employment Eligibility Verification Form (I-9). This form is to be used by recipients of federal funds to verify that persons are eligible to work in the United States. See Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 (IRCA), Public Law 99-603.

# XXVII. Enhancement of Contractor Protection from Reprisal for Disclosure of Certain Information

Recipients agree not to discharge, demote, or otherwise discriminate against an employee as reprisal for the employee disclosing information that he or she reasonably believes is evidence of gross mismanagement of a federal contract or grant; a gross waste of federal funds; an abuse of authority relating to a federal contract or grant; a substantial and specific danger to public health or safety; or a violation of law, rule, or regulation related to a federal contract (including the competition for or negotiation of a contract) or grant. Recipients also agree to provide to their employees in writing (in the predominant native language of the workforce) of the rights and remedies provided in 41 U.S.C. § 4712. Please see appendix G on page 102 for a full text of the statute.

# XXVIII. Federal Civil Rights

The Applicant understands that the federal statutes and regulations applicable to the award (if any) made by the Department based on the application specifically include statutes and regulations pertaining to civil rights and nondiscrimination, and, in addition—

- a. the Applicant understands that the applicable statutes pertaining to civil rights will include section 601 of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. § 2000d); section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. § 794); section 901 of the Education Amendments of 1972 (20 U.S.C. § 1681); and section 303 of the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 U.S.C. § 6102);
- b. the Applicant understands that the applicable statutes pertaining to nondiscrimination may include section 809(c) of Title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10228(c)); section 1407(e) of the Victims of Crime Act of 1984 (34 U.S.C. § 20110(e)); section 299A(b) of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 2002 (34 U.S.C. § 11182(b)); and that the

- grant condition set out at section 40002(b)(13) of the Violence Against Women Act (34 U.S.C. § 12291(b)(13)), which will apply to all awards made by the Office on Violence Against Women, also may apply to an award made otherwise;
- c. the Applicant understands that it must require any subrecipient to comply with all such applicable statutes (and associated regulations); and
- d. on behalf of the Applicant, I make the specific assurances set out in 28 C.F.R. §§ 42.105 and 42.204.

The Applicant also understands that (in addition to any applicable program-specific regulations and to applicable federal regulations that pertain to civil rights and nondiscrimination) the federal regulations applicable to the award (if any) made by the Department based on the application may include, but are not limited to, 2 C.F.R. Part 2800 (the DOJ "Part 200 Uniform Requirements") and 28 C.F.R. Parts 22 (confidentiality - research and statistical information), 23 (criminal intelligence systems), 38 (regarding faith-based or religious organizations participating in federal financial assistance programs), and 46 (human subjects protection).

#### XXIX. Conflict of Interest

Recipients must disclose in writing to the COPS Office or pass-through entity, as applicable, any potential conflict of interest affecting the awarded federal funding in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, 2 C.F.R. § 200.112.

# XXX. Reports/Performance Goals

Recipients are responsible for submitting quarterly programmatic progress reports that describe project activities during the reporting period and quarterly Federal Financial Reports using Standard Form 425 (SF-425) 2 C.F.R. § 200.327 and 2 C.F.R. § 200.328. The progress report is used to track recipients' progress toward implementing community policing strategies and to collect data to gauge the effectiveness of increasing your agency's community policing capacity through COPS Office funding. The Federal Financial Report is used to track the expenditures of the recipient's award funds on a cumulative basis throughout the life of the award.

## XXXI. Extensions

Recipients may request an extension of their award period to receive additional time to implement their award. Such extensions do not provide additional funding. Only recipients that can provide a reasonable justification for delays will be granted no-cost extensions. Extension requests must be received prior to the end date of the award and should be requested in the COPS Office Online System.

# XXXII. Computer Network Requirement

Recipients agree that no award funds may be used to maintain or establish a computer network unless such network blocks the viewing, downloading, and exchanging of pornography. Nothing in this requirement limits the use of funds necessary for any federal, state, tribal, or local law enforcement agency or any other entity carrying out criminal investigations, prosecution, or adjudication activities.

# XXXIII. Award Monitoring Activities

Federal law requires that recipients receiving federal funding from the COPS Office must be monitored to ensure compliance with their award conditions and other applicable statutes and regulations. The COPS Office is also interested in tracking the progress of our programs and the advancement of community policing. Both aspects of award implementation—compliance and programmatic benefits—are part of the monitoring process coordinated by the U.S. Department of Justice. Award monitoring activities conducted by the COPS Office may include site visits, enhanced office-based award reviews, alleged noncompliance reviews, financial and programmatic reporting, and audit resolution. Recipients agree to cooperate with and respond to any requests for information pertaining to their award. This includes all financial records, such as general accounting ledgers and all supporting documents. All information pertinent to the implementation of the award is subject to agency review throughout the life of the award, during the close-out process and for three-years after submission of the final expenditure report. 34 U.S.C. § 10385(a) and 2 C.F.R. §§ 200.333 and 200.336.

XXXIV. Community Policing—Not applicable under the TRGP-TA program

XXXV. Retention—Not applicable under the TRGP-TA program

XXXVI. Contracts and/or MOUs with Other Jurisdictions—Not applicable under the TRGP-TA program

# **XXXVII. Travel Costs**

Travel costs for transportation, lodging and subsistence, and related items are allowable under the Tribal Resources Grant Program – Technical Assistance program with prior approval from the COPS Office. Payment for allowable travel costs will be in accordance with 2 C.F.R. § 200.474.

# XXXVIII. State Information Technology Point of Contact

Recipients agree to ensure that the appropriate State Information Technology Point of Contact receives written notification regarding any information sharing or technology project funded by a COPS Office award. This is to facilitate communication among local and state governmental entities regarding various information technology projects being conducted with these award funds. In addition, recipients agree to maintain an administrative file documenting the meeting of this requirement. For a list of State Information Technology Points of Contact, go to <a href="https://it.ojp.gov/technology-contacts">https://it.ojp.gov/technology-contacts</a>.

#### XXXIX. Public Release Information

Recipients agree to submit one copy of all reports and proposed publications resulting from the award ninety (90) days prior to public release. Any publications (written, curricula, visual, sound, or websites) or computer programs, whether or not published at government expense, shall contain the following statement:

This project was supported, in whole or in part, by federal award number 2020-XX-XX-XXXX awarded to [entity] by the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services. The opinions contained herein are those of the author(s) or contributor(s) and do not necessarily represent the official

position or policies of the U.S. Department of Justice. References to specific individuals, agencies, companies, products, or services should not be considered an endorsement by the author(s) or the U.S. Department of Justice. Rather, the references are illustrations to supplement discussion of the issues.

The Internet references cited in this publication were valid as of the date of publication. Given that URLs and websites are in constant flux, neither the author(s) nor the COPS Office can vouch for their current validity.

#### XL. News Media

Recipients agree to comply with the COPS Office policy on contact with the news media. The policy establishes the COPS Office Communications Division as the principal point of contact for the news media for issues relevant to the COPS Office and/or parameters of the award. Recipients agree to refer all media inquiries on these topics directly to the COPS Office Communications Division at 202-514-9079.

## XLI. Paperwork Reduction Act Clearance and Privacy Act Review

Recipients agree, if required, to submit all surveys, interview protocols, and other information collections to the COPS Office for submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA). Before submission to OMB, all information collections that request personally identifiable information must be reviewed by the COPS Office to ensure compliance with the Privacy Act. The Privacy Act compliance review and the PRA clearance process may take several months to complete. 44 U.S.C. §§ 3501-3520 and 5 U.S.C. § 552a.

# XLII. Copyright

In accordance with 2 C.F.R. § 200.315(b), recipients may copyright any work that is subject to copyright and was developed, or for which ownership was purchased, under an award. The COPS Office reserves a royalty-free, nonexclusive, and irrevocable license to reproduce, publish, or otherwise use the work, in whole or in part (including create derivative works), for Federal Government purposes and to authorize others to do so. The COPS Office license applies to (1) the copyright in any work developed under the award including any related subaward or contract and (2) any rights of copyright to which the recipient, including its subrecipient or contractor, purchases ownership with award funds.

Recipients agree that they are responsible for acquiring the rights, and ensuring that their subrecipients/contractors/authors acquire the rights, to copyrighted material for inclusion in U.S. Department of Justice publications and other deliverables developed under the award, including the payment of required fees. The COPS Office may make available for reproduction material produced under the award by any means, including a DOJ website, a hard copy, or in electronic form, without restriction. The COPS Office reserves the right, at its discretion, not to publish products and deliverables developed under the award as a U.S. Department of Justice resource. Products and deliverables developed with award funds and published as a U.S. Department of Justice resource will contain the following copyright notice: "This resource was developed under a federal award and may be subject to copyright. The U.S. Department of Justice reserves a royalty-free, nonexclusive, and irrevocable license to reproduce, publish, or otherwise use the work for Federal Government purposes and to authorize others to do so. This resource may be freely distributed and used for noncommercial and educational purposes only."

# XLIII. Human Subjects Research

Recipients agree to comply with 28 C.F.R. Part 46 Protection of Human Subjects prior to expending award funds to perform human subjects research. Recipients also agree to comply with 28 C.F.R. Part 22 Confidentiality of Identifiable Research and Statistical Information to safeguard certain personally identifiable information.

XLIV. Citizenship and Immigration Status Communications—Not applicable under the TRGP-TA program

# Federal award administration information

#### Federal award notices

Award notification will be sent electronically. To officially accept and begin your award, your organization must access <a href="www.cops.usdoj.gov">www.cops.usdoj.gov</a> and select the "Account Access" tab in the upper right corner to log in, review, and electronically sign the award document (including award terms and conditions) and, if applicable, the special award conditions or high risk conditions within 90 days of the date shown on the award congratulatory letter, unless an extension is requested and granted.

Your organization will not be able to draw down award funds until the COPS Office receives your signed award document.

For more information, please contact the COPS Office Response Center at AskCopsRC@usdoj.gov or 800-421-6770.

# The award document

The award document is the document indicating your official award funding amount, the award number, the award terms and conditions, and award start and end dates.

The award document is preprinted with your organization's law enforcement and government executives' names. If this information is incorrect or has changed, please update your "Agency Contacts" online at <a href="www.cops.usdoj.gov">wwww.cops.usdoj.gov</a> through the "Account Access" tab. If the law enforcement or government official has changed since the time of application, please have the current law enforcement executive or government executive for your organization create an account through the "Account Access" tab, log in, and sign the award document once your organization contacts have been updated online. Once you have reviewed your award document, please electronically sign it and make a copy of all pages of the document for your records, along with all award condition pages, within 90 days of the date shown on the award congratulatory letter.

The award start date indicated on the award document/cooperative agreement means that your organization may be reimbursed for any allowable costs incurred on or after this date. The duration of awards is 24 months.

Your FY 2020 award number is in the following format: 2020-CKWXK-000 or 2020-CKWX-0000. The COPS Office tracks award information based upon this number. Therefore, it is important to have your organization's award number (or your organization's ORI number) readily available when corresponding with the COPS Office.

The award conditions are listed on your organization's Award Document and, if applicable, the Award Document Supplement. By accepting this award, you are acknowledging that you are obtaining federal funds from the COPS

Office. As part of that agreement, if awarded funds, your organization will acknowledge that it will comply with these conditions (and, if applicable, additional special conditions or high risk conditions in the Award Document Supplement specific to your organization).

In limited circumstances, your award may be subject to special conditions or high risk conditions that prevent your organization from drawing down or accessing award funds until the special conditions or high risk conditions are satisfied as determined by the COPS Office. Any special conditions or high risk conditions will be included in your Award Document Supplement.

# Administrative and national policy requirements

If selected for funding, in addition to implementing the funded project consistent with the approved project proposal and budget, the recipient must comply with award terms and conditions, and other legal requirements including, but not limited to, OMB, DOJ, or other federal regulations that will be included in the award or incorporated into the award by reference or are otherwise applicable to the award.

Please see general terms and conditions beginning on page 66.

# Suspension or termination of funding

The COPS Office may suspend, in whole or in part, or terminate funding or impose other sanctions on a recipient for the following reasons:

- Failure to substantially comply with the requirements or objectives of the Public Safety Partnership and Community Policing Act of 1994, program guidelines, or other provisions of federal law
- Failure to make satisfactory progress toward the goals or strategies set forth in this application
- Failure to adhere to award agreement requirements or special conditions
- Proposing substantial plan changes to the extent that, if originally submitted, would have resulted in the application not being selected for funding
- Failure to submit required or requested reports
- Filing a false statement or certification in this application or other report or document
- Other good cause shown

Prior to imposing sanctions, the COPS Office will provide reasonable notice to the recipient of its intent to impose sanctions and will attempt to resolve the problem informally. Appeal procedures will follow those in the U.S. Department of Justice regulations in 28 C.F.R. Part 18.

Awards terminated due to noncompliance with the federal statutes, regulations, or award terms and conditions will be reported to the integrity and performance system accessible through SAM (currently FAPIIS).

False statements or claims made in connection with COPS Office awards may result in fines, imprisonment, debarment from participating in federal awards or contracts, and any other remedy available by law.

Please be advised that recipients may not use COPS Office funding for the same item or service also funded by another U.S. Department of Justice award.

# Reporting, Monitoring, and Evaluation Requirements

# Reporting

If awarded, your organization will be required to submit quarterly Federal Financial Reports as well as semiannual Programmatic Progress Reports. Recipient should be prepared to track and report TRGP-TA program award funding separately from other funding sources (including other COPS Office federal awards) to ensure accurate financial and programmatic reporting on a timely basis. Recipients should ensure that they have financial internal controls in place to monitor the use of TRGP-TA program funding and ensure that its use is consistent with the award terms and conditions. Good stewardship in this area includes written accounting practices, and use of an accounting system that tracks all award drawdowns and expenditures, and the ability to track when TRGP-TA program award-funded positions are filled or approved purchases are made. Failure to submit complete reports or submit them in a timely manner may result in the suspension and possible termination of a recipient's COPS Office award funding or other remedial actions.

# Monitoring

Federal law requires that law enforcement agencies receiving federal funding from the COPS Office be monitored to ensure compliance with their award conditions and other applicable statutory regulations. The COPS Office is also interested in tracking the progress of our programs and the advancement of community policing. Both aspects of award implementation—compliance and programmatic benefits—are part of the monitoring process coordinated by the U.S. Department of Justice.

Awarded agencies will be responsible for submitting Programmatic Progress Reports on a semi-annual basis and Federal Financial Reports on a quarterly basis. In addition, awarded agencies will be responsible for the timely submission of a final Closeout Report and any other required final reports. All COPS Office recipients will be required to participate in such award monitoring activities of the U.S. Department of Justice, including but not limited to the COPS Office, the Office of the Inspector General, or any entity designated by the COPS Office.

Please note that the COPS Office may take a number of monitoring approaches, such as site visits, enhanced office-based award reviews, alleged noncompliance reviews, and periodic surveys to gather information and to ensure compliance. The COPS Office may seek information including, but not limited to, your organization's compliance with nonsupplanting and both programmatic and financial requirements of the award, and your organization's progress toward achieving your community policing strategy. Program and monitoring specialists as well as auditors are particularly interested in confirming that the purchase of items and/or services is consistent with the applicant's approved award budget as reflected on the Financial Clearance Memorandum and Final Funding Memorandum.

If awarded funds, you agree to cooperate with and respond to any requests for information pertaining to your award in preparation for any of the above-referenced award monitoring activities.

Please feel free to contact your COPS Office Program Manager to discuss any questions or concerns you may have regarding the monitoring, reporting, and evaluation requirements.

# Program evaluation

Though a formal assessment is not a requirement, awarded organizations are strongly encouraged to conduct an independent assessment of their respective award-funded projects. Project evaluations have proven to be valuable tools in helping organizations identify areas in need of improvement, providing data of successful processes, and reducing vulnerabilities.

Selected award recipients shall be evaluated on the local level or as part of a national evaluation, pursuant to guidelines established by the Attorney General. Such evaluations may include assessments of individual program implementations. In selected jurisdictions that are able to support outcome evaluations, the effectiveness of funded programs, projects, and activities may be required. Outcome measures may include crime and victimization indicators, quality of life measures, community perceptions, and police perceptions of their own work.

# **Audit Requirement**

The Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards at 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Subpart F – Audit Requirements, available at www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-

<u>idx?tpl=/ecfrbrowse/Title02/2cfr200\_main\_02.tpl</u>, establish the requirements for organizational audits that apply to COPS Office award recipients. Recipients must arrange for the required organization-wide (not award-by-award) audit in accordance with the requirements of Subpart F.

# Civil rights

All recipients are required to comply with nondiscrimination requirements contained in various federal laws. A memorandum addressing federal civil rights statutes and regulations from the Office for Civil Rights, Office of Justice Programs will be included in the award package for award recipients. All applicants should consult the Assurances form to understand the applicable legal and administrative requirements.

Please be advised that a hold may be placed on this application if it is deemed that the applicant organization is not in compliance with federal civil rights law or is not cooperating with an ongoing federal civil rights investigation.

# 28 C.F.R. Part 38 Partnerships with Faith-Based and Other Neighborhood Organizations

Recipients, and subrecipients at any tier, must comply with all applicable requirements of the DOJ regulation entitled "Partnerships with Faith-Based and Other Neighborhood Organizations" at 28 C.F.R. Part 38, specifically including any applicable requirements regarding written notice to program beneficiaries and prospective program beneficiaries.

Among other things, Part 38 includes rules that prohibit specific forms of discrimination on the basis of religion, a religious belief, a refusal to hold a religious belief, or refusal to attend or participate in a religious practice. Part 38 also sets out rules and requirements that pertain to recipients and subrecipients that engage in or conduct explicitly religious activities, as well as rules and requirements that pertain to recipients and subrecipients that are faith-based organizations.

For more information on the regulation, please see the Office for Civil Rights website at <a href="https://ojp.gov/about/ocr/partnerships.htm">https://ojp.gov/about/ocr/partnerships.htm</a>.

# Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act

If you are an applicant using assistive technology and you encounter difficulty when applying using the COPS Office online system (<a href="www.cops.usdoj.gov">www.cops.usdoj.gov</a>), please contact the COPS Office Response Center at <a href="maskCopsRC@usdoj.gov">AskCopsRC@usdoj.gov</a> or 800-421-6770.

The department is committed to ensuring equal access to all applicants and will assist any applicant who may experience difficulties with assistive technology when applying for awards using the COPS Office Online System.

# **Other Award Information**

# Award decisions

It is anticipated that TRGP-TA awards will be announced on or after October 1, 2020. Notifications will be sent electronically. Any public announcements will be posted on the COPS Office website at <a href="www.cops.usdoj.gov">www.cops.usdoj.gov</a>.

All award decisions are final and not subject to appeal.

# Freedom of Information Act and Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. § 552 and 5 U.S.C. § 552a)

All applications submitted to the COPS Office (including all attachments to applications) are subject to the federal Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and to the Privacy Act. By law, DOJ may withhold information that is responsive to a request if DOJ determines that the responsive information is protected from disclosure under the Privacy Act or falls within the scope of one or more of the nine statutory exemptions under FOIA. DOJ cannot agree in advance of a request pursuant to the FOIA not to release some or all portions of an application/award file.

In its review of records that are responsive to a FOIA request, the COPS Office will withhold information in those records that plainly falls within the scope of the Privacy Act or one of the statutory exemptions under FOIA. (Some examples include certain types of information in budgets, and names and contact information for project staff other than certain key personnel.) In appropriate circumstances, the COPS Office will request the views of the applicant/recipient that submitted a responsive document.

For example, if the COPS Office receives a request pursuant to the FOIA for an application submitted by a nonprofit organization, for-profit organization, or an institution of higher education, or a request for an application that involves research, the COPS Office typically will contact the applicant/recipient that submitted the application. The COPS Office ask the applicant/recipient to identify—quite precisely—any particular information in the application that the applicant/recipient believes falls under a FOIA exemption, the specific exemption it believes applies, and why. After considering the submission by the applicant/recipient, the COPS Office makes an independent assessment regarding withholding information.

# Feedback to the COPS Office

To assist the COPS Office in improving its application and award processes, we encourage applicants to provide feedback on this solicitation, the application submission process, and/or the application review/peer review process. Provide feedback via email to <a href="mailto:AskCopsRC@usdoj.gov">AskCopsRC@usdoj.gov</a> with the following subject line "FY20 TRGP-TA Program Feedback."

**IMPORTANT**: This email is for feedback and suggestions only. Replies are **not** sent from this mailbox. If you have specific questions on any program or technical aspect of the solicitation, **you must** contact the COPS Office Response Center at **AskCopsRC@usdoj.gov** or 800-421-6770.

# **Appendices**

Appendix A. Blank SF-424

This appendix contains a blank copy of form SF-424.

View Burden Statement

OMB Number: 4040-0004 Expiration Date: 10/31/2019

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424				
* 1. Type of Submission:  Preapplication  Application  Changed/Corrected Application	* 2. Type of Application:  New Continuation Revision	* If Revision, select appropriate letter(s):  * Other (Specify):		
* 3. Date Received:  4. Applicant Identifier:				
5a. Federal Entity Identifier:		5b. Federal Award Identifier:		
State Use Only:		•		
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Application for Federal Assistance SF-424		
* 9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type:		
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* Other (specify):		
* 10. Name of Federal Agency:		
11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:		
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* 12. Funding Opportunity Number:		
* Title:		
13. Competition Identification Number:		
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14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):		
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* 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:		
Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.		
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Application for Federal Assistance SF-424				
16. Congressional Districts Of:				
* a. Applicant				
Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed.				
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17. Proposed Project:				
* a. Start Date: * b. End Date:				
18. Estimated Funding (\$):				
* a. Federal				
* b. Applicant				
* c. State				
* d. Local				
* e. Other				
* f. Program Income				
* g. TOTAL				
* 19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process?				
a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on				
b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review.				
c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.				
* 20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes," provide explanation in attachment.)				
Yes No				
If "Yes", provide explanation and attach				
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21. *By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications** and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances** and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 218, Section 1001)  ** I AGREE  ** The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions.				
Authorized Representative:				
Prefix: * First Name:				
Middle Name:				
* Last Name:				
Suffix:				
* Title:				
* Telephone Number: Fax Number:				
* Email:				
* Signature of Authorized Representative:				

# Appendix B. U.S. Department of Justice Certified Standard Assurances

On behalf of the Applicant, and in support of this application for a grant or cooperative agreement, I certify under penalty of perjury to the U.S. Department of Justice ("Department"), that all of the following are true and correct:

- (1) I have the authority to make the following representations on behalf of myself and the Applicant. I understand that these representations will be relied upon as material in any Department decision to make an award to the Applicant based on its application.
- (2) I certify that the Applicant has the legal authority to apply for the federal assistance sought by the application, and that it has the institutional, managerial, and financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay any required non-federal share of project costs) to plan, manage, and complete the project described in the application properly.
- (3) I assure that, throughout the period of performance for the award (if any) made by the Department based on the application-
  - a. the Applicant will comply with all award requirements and all federal statutes and regulations applicable to the award:
  - b. the Applicant will require all subrecipients to comply with all applicable award requirements and all applicable federal statutes and regulations; and
  - c. the Applicant will maintain safeguards to address and prevent any organizational conflict of interest, and also to prohibit employees from using their positions in any manner that poses, or appears to pose, a personal or financial conflict of interest.
- (4) The Applicant understands that the federal statutes and regulations applicable to the award (if any) made by the Department based on the application specifically include statutes and regulations pertaining to civil rights and nondiscrimination, and, in addition--
  - a. the Applicant understands that the applicable statutes pertaining to civil rights will include section 601 of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. § 2000d); section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. § 794); section 901 of the Education Amendments of 1972 (20 U.S.C. § 1681); and section 303 of the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 U.S.C. § 6102);
  - b. the Applicant understands that the applicable statutes pertaining to nondiscrimination may include section 809(c) of Title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10228(c)); section 1407(e) of the Victims of Crime Act of 1984 (34 U.S.C. § 20110(e)); section 299A(b) of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 2002 (34 U.S.C. § 11182(b)); and that the grant condition set out at section 40002(b)(13) of the Violence Against Women Act (34 U.S.C. § 12291(b)(13)), which will apply to all awards made by the Office on Violence Against Women, also may apply to an award made otherwise;
  - c. the Applicant understands that it must require any subrecipient to comply with all such applicable statutes (and associated regulations); and
  - d. on behalf of the Applicant, I make the specific assurances set out in 28 C.F.R. §§ 42.105 and 42.204.
- (5) The Applicant also understands that (in addition to any applicable program-specific regulations and to applicable federal regulations that pertain to civil rights and nondiscrimination) the federal regulations applicable to the award (if any) made by the Department based on the application may include, but are not limited to, 2 C.F.R. Part 2800 (the DOJ "Part 200 Uniform Requirements") and 28 C.F.R. Parts 22 (confidentiality research and statistical information), 23 (criminal intelligence systems), 38 (regarding faith-based or religious organizations participating in federal financial assistance programs), and 46 (human subjects protection).

- (6) I assure that the Applicant will assist the Department as necessary (and will require subrecipients and contractors to assist as necessary) with the Department's compliance with section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (54 U.S.C. § 306108), the Archeological and Historical Preservation Act of 1974 (54 U.S.C. §§ 312501-312508), and the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. §§ 4321-4335), and 28 C.F.R. Parts 61 (NEPA) and 63 (floodplains and wetlands).
- (7) I assure that the Applicant will give the Department and the Government Accountability Office, through any authorized representative, access to, and opportunity to examine, all paper or electronic records related to the award (if any) made by the Department based on the application.
- (8) I assure that, if the Applicant is a governmental entity, with respect to the award (if any) made by the Department based on the application--
  - a. it will comply with the requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisitions
    Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. §§ 4601-4655), which govern the treatment of persons displaced as a result of
    federal and federally-assisted programs; and
  - b. it will comply with requirements of 5 U.S.C. §§ 1501-1508 and 7324-7328, which limit certain political activities of State or local government employees whose principal employment is in connection with an activity financed in whole or in part by federal assistance.
- (9) If the Applicant applies for and receives an award from the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office), I assure that as required by 34 U.S.C. § 10382(c)(11), it will, to the extent practicable and consistent with applicable law—including, but not limited to, the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act—seek, recruit, and hire qualified members of racial and ethnic minority groups and qualified women in order to further effective law enforcement by increasing their ranks within the sworn positions, as provided under 34 U.S.C. § 10382(c)(11).
- (10) If the Applicant applies for and receives a DOJ award under the STOP School Violence Act program, I assure as required by 34 U.S.C. § 10552(a)(3), that it will maintain and report such data, records, and information (programmatic and financial) as DOJ may reasonably require.

I acknowledge that a materially false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement (or concealment or omission of a material fact) in this certification, or in the application that it supports, may be the subject of criminal prosecution (including under 18 U.S.C. §§ 1001 and/or 1621, and/or 34 U.S.C. §§ 10271-10273), and also may subject me and the Applicant to civil penalties and administrative remedies for false claims or otherwise (including under 31 U.S.C. §§ 3729-3730 and 3801-3812). I also acknowledge that the Department's awards, including certifications provided in connection with such awards, are subject to review by the Department, including by its Office of the Inspector General.

Signature of Law Enforcement Executive/Agency Executive (For your electronic signature, please type in your name)	Date	
Signature of Government Executive/Financial Official (For your electronic signature, please type in your name)	Date	

# Appendix C. U.S. Department of Justice Certifications Regarding Lobbying; Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters; And Drug-Free Workplace Requirements

Applicants should refer to the regulations cited below to determine the certification to which they are required to attest. Applicants should also review the instructions for certification included in the regulations before completing this form. The certifications shall be treated as a material representation of fact upon which reliance will be placed when the U.S. Department of Justice ("Department") determines to award the covered transaction, grant, or cooperative agreement.

#### 1. LOBBYING

As required by 31 U.S.C. § 1352, as implemented by 28 C.F.R. Part 69, the Applicant certifies and assures (to the extent applicable) the following:

- (a) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the Applicant, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the making of any Federal grant, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, or the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal grant or cooperative agreement;
- (b) If the Applicant's request for Federal funds is in excess of \$100,000, and any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with this Federal grant or cooperative agreement, the Applicant shall complete and submit Standard Form LLL, "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities" in accordance with its (and any DOJ awarding agency's) instructions; and
- (c) The Applicant shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subgrants and procurement contracts (and their subcontracts) funded with Federal award funds and shall ensure that any certifications or lobbying disclosures required of recipients of such subgrants and procurement contracts (or their subcontractors) are made and filed in accordance with 31 U.S.C. § 1352.

# 2. DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS

- A. Pursuant to Department regulations on nonprocurement debarment and suspension implemented at 2 C.F.R. Part 2867, and to other related requirements, the Applicant certifies, with respect to prospective participants in a primary tier "covered transaction," as defined at 2 C.F.R. § 2867.20(a), that neither it nor any of its principals—
  - (a) is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, sentenced to a denial of Federal benefits by a State or Federal court, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Federal department or agency;
  - (b) has within a three-year period preceding this application been convicted of a felony criminal violation under any Federal law, or been convicted or had a civil judgment rendered against it for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State, tribal, or local) transaction or private agreement or transaction; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or

- destruction of records, making false statements, tax evasion or receiving stolen property, making false claims, or obstruction of justice, or commission of any offense indicating a lack of business integrity or business honesty that seriously and directly affects its (or its principals') present responsibility;
- (c) is presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State, tribal, or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (b) of this certification; and/or
- (d) has within a three-year period preceding this application had one or more public transactions (Federal, State, tribal, or local) terminated for cause or default.
- B. Where the Applicant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, it shall attach an explanation to this application. Where the Applicant or any of its principals was convicted, within a three-year period preceding this application, of a felony criminal violation under any Federal law, the Applicant also must disclose such felony criminal conviction in writing to the Department (for OJP Applicants, to OJP at Ojpcompliancereporting@usdoj.gov; for OVW Applicants, to OVW at OVW.GFMD@usdoj.gov; or for COPS Applicants, to COPS at AskCOPSRC@usdoj.gov), unless such disclosure has already been made.

#### 3. FEDERAL TAXES

- A. If the Applicant is a corporation, it certifies either that (1) the corporation has no unpaid Federal tax liability that has been assessed, for which all judicial and administrative remedies have been exhausted or have lapsed, that is not being paid in a timely manner pursuant to an agreement with the authority responsible for collecting the tax liability, or (2) the corporation has provided written notice of such an unpaid tax liability (or liabilities) to the Department (for OJP Applicants, to OJP at Ojpcompliancereporting@usdoj.gov; for OVW Applicants, to OVW at OVW.GFMD@usdoj.gov; or for COPS Applicants, to COPS at AskCOPSRC@usdoj.gov).
- B. Where the Applicant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, it shall attach an explanation to this application.
- 4. DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE (GRANTEES OTHER THAN INDIVIDUALS)
  - As required by the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988, as implemented at 28 C.F.R. Part 83, Subpart F, for grantees, as defined at 28 C.F.R. §§ 83.620 and 83.650:
  - A. The Applicant certifies and assures that it will, or will continue to, provide a drug-free workplace by—
    - (a) Publishing a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in its workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violation of such prohibition;
    - (b) Establishing an on-going drug-free awareness program to inform employees about—
      - (1) The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;
      - (2) The Applicant's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;
      - (3) Any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; and
      - (4) The penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations occurring in the workplace;
    - (c) Making it a requirement that each employee to be engaged in the performance of the award be given a copy of the statement required by paragraph (a);
    - (d) Notifying the employee in the statement required by paragraph (a) that, as a condition of employment under the award, the employee will—
      - (1) Abide by the terms of the statement; and
      - (2) Notify the employer in writing of the employee's conviction for a violation of a criminal drug statute occurring in the workplace no later than five calendar days after such conviction;

(e) Notifying the Department, in writing, within 10 calendar days after receiving notice under subparagraph (d)(2) from an employee or otherwise receiving actual notice of such conviction. Employers of convicted employees must provide notice, including position title of any such convicted employee to the Department, as follows:

For COPS award recipients - COPS Office, 145 N Street, NE, Washington, DC, 20530; For OJP and OVW award recipients - U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, ATTN: Control Desk, 810 h Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20531.

Notice shall include the identification number(s) of each affected award;

- (f) Taking one of the following actions, within 30 calendar days of receiving notice under subparagraph (d)(2), with respect to any employee who is so convicted:
  - (1) Taking appropriate personnel action against such an employee, up to and including termination, consistent with the requirements of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; or
  - (2) Requiring such employee to participate satisfactorily in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved for such purposes by a Federal, State, or local health, law enforcement, or other appropriate agency; and
- (g) Making a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of paragraphs (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), and (f).
- 5. COORDINATION REQUIRED UNDER PUBLIC SAFETY AND COMMUNITY POLICING PROGRAMS
  As required by the Public Safety Partnership and Community Policing Act of 1994, at 34 U.S.C. § 10382(c)(5), if this application is for a COPS award, the Applicant certifies that there has been appropriate coordination with all agencies that may be affected by its award. Affected agencies may include, among others, Offices of the United States Attorneys; State, local, or tribal prosecutors; or correctional agencies.

I acknowledge that a materially false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement (or concealment or omission of a material fact) in this certification, or in the application that it supports, may be the subject of criminal prosecution (including under 18 U.S.C. §§ 1001 and/or 1621, and/or 34 U.S.C. §§ 10271-10273), and also may subject me and the Applicant to civil penalties and administrative remedies for false claims or otherwise (including under 31 U.S.C. §§ 3729-3730 and 3801-3812). I also acknowledge that the Department's awards, including certifications provided in connection with such awards, are subject to review by the Department, including by its Office of the Inspector General.

Signature of Law Enforcement Executive/Agency Executive (For your electronic signature, please type in your name)	Date	
Signature of Government Executive/Financial Official	Date	
(For your electronic signature, please type in your name)		

This appendix contains a blank copy of form SF-LLL and instructions for completing it.

# **DISCLOSURE OF LOBBYING ACTIVITIES**

Approved by OMB

Complete this form to disclose lobbying activities pursuant to 31 U.S.C.1352

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# **Review Public Burden Disclosure Statement**

1. * Type of Federal Action:	2. * Status of Federal Action:	3. * Report Type:			
a. contract	a. bid/offer/application	a. initial filing			
b. grant	b. initial award	b. material change			
c. cooperative agreement	c. post-award	For Material Change Only:			
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e. loan guarantee		year quarter			
f. loan insurance		date of last report			
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* City	State	Zip			
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* City	State	Zip			
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* City	State	Zip			
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11. Information requested through this form is authorized by	by title 31 U.S.C. section 1352. This disclosure of lobbying	ng activities is a material representation of fact upon which			
reliance was placed by the tier above when the trans-	action was made or entered into. This disclosure is requir	ed pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1352. This information will be reported to			
the Congress semi-annually and will be available for public inspection. Any person who fails to file the required disclosure shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.					
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# Instructions for completion of SF-LLL, Disclosure of Lobbying Activities

This disclosure form shall be completed by the reporting entity, whether subawardee or prime Federal recipient, at the initiation or receipt of a covered Federal action, or a material change to a previous filing, pursuant to title 31 U.S.C. section 1352. The filing of a form is required for each payment or agreement to make payment to any lobbying entity for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with a covered Federal action. Complete all items that apply for both the initial filing and material change report. Refer to the implementing guidance published by the Office of Management and Budget for additional information.

- 1. Identify the type of covered Federal action for which lobbying activity is and/or has been secured to influence the outcome of a covered Federal action.
- 2. Identify the status of the covered Federal action.
- 3. Identify the appropriate classification of this report. If this is a followup report caused by a material change to the information previously reported, enter the year and quarter in which the change occurred. Enter the date of the last previously submitted report by this reporting entity for this covered Federal action.
- 4. Enter the full name, address, city, State and zip code of the reporting entity. Include Congressional District, if known. Check the appropriate classification of the reporting entity that designates if it is, or expects to be, a prime or subaward recipient. Identify the tier of the subawardee, e.g., the first subawardee of the prime is the 1st tier. Subawards include but are not limited to subcontracts, subgrants and contract awards under grants.
- 5. If the organization filing the report in item 4 checks "Subawardee," then enter the full name, address, city, State and zip code of the prime Federal recipient. Include Congressional District, if known.
- 6. Enter the name of the federal agency making the award or loan commitment. Include at least one organizational level below agency name, if known. For example, Department of Transportation, United States Coast Guard.
- 7. Enter the Federal program name or description for the covered Federal action (item 1). If known, enter the full Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number for grants, cooperative agreements, loans, and loan commitments.
- 8. Enter the most appropriate Federal identifying number available for the Federal action identified in item 1 (e.g., Request for Proposal (RFP) number; Invitations for Bid (IFB) number; grant announcement number; the contract, grant, or loan award number; the application/proposal control number assigned by the Federal agency). Included prefixes, e.g., "RFP-DE-90-001."
- 9. For a covered Federal action where there has been an award or loan commitment by the Federal agency, enter the Federal amount of the award/loan commitment for the prime entity identified in item 4 or 5.
- 10. (a) Enter the full name, address, city, State and zip code of the lobbying registrant under the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 engaged by the reporting entity identified in item 4 to influence the covered Federal action.
  - (b) Enter the full names of the individual(s) performing services, and include full address if different from 10(a). Enter Last Name, First Name, and Middle Initial (MI).
- 11. The certifying official shall sign and date the form, print his/her name, title, and telephone number.

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act, as amended, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control Number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is OMB No. 4040-0013. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 10 minutes per response, including time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and

maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project (4040-0013), Washington, DC 20503.

# Appendix E. 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Appendix II to Part 200—CONTRACT PROVISIONS FOR NON-FEDERAL ENTITY CONTRACTS UNDER FEDERAL AWARDS

NOTE: The National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2018 (NDAA), Public Law 115–91, Division A, Title VIII, Section 805, raised the simplified acquisition threshold to \$250,000 for all recipients. The OMB Memorandum M-18-18 entitled Implementing Statutory Changes to the Micro-purchase and the Simplified Acquisition Threshold for Financial Assistance granted an exception for recipients to use the higher simplified acquisition threshold of \$250,000 effective as of June 20, 2018, in advance of revisions to the Uniform Guidance.

In addition to other provisions required by the Federal agency or non-Federal entity, all contracts made by the non-Federal entity under the Federal award must contain provisions covering the following, as applicable.

- (B) Contracts for more than the simplified acquisition threshold currently set at \$250,000, which is the inflation adjusted amount determined by the Civilian Agency Acquisition Council and the Defense Acquisition Regulations Council (Councils) as authorized by 41 U.S.C. § 1908, must address administrative, contractual, or legal remedies in instances where contractors violate or breach contract terms, and provide for such sanctions and penalties as appropriate.
- (C) All contracts in excess of \$10,000 must address termination for cause and for convenience by the non-Federal entity including the manner by which it will be effected and the basis for settlement.
- (D) Equal Employment Opportunity. Except as otherwise provided under 41 C.F.R. Part 60, all contracts that meet the definition of "federally assisted construction contract" in 41 C.F.R. Part 60-1.3 must include the equal opportunity clause provided under 41 C.F.R. 60-1.4(b), in accordance with Executive Order 11246, "Equal Employment Opportunity" (30 FR 12319, 12935, 3 C.F.R. Part, 1964-1965 Comp., p. 339), as amended by Executive Order 11375, "Amending Executive Order 11246 Relating to Equal Employment Opportunity," and implementing regulations at 41 C.F.R. part 60, "Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, Department of Labor."
- (E) Davis-Bacon Act, as amended (40 U.S.C. §§ 3141-3148). When required by Federal program legislation, all prime construction contracts in excess of \$2,000 awarded by non-Federal entities must include a provision for compliance with the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. §§ 3141-3144, and 3146-3148) as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 C.F.R. Part 5, "Labor Standards Provisions Applicable to Contracts Covering Federally Financed and Assisted Construction"). In accordance with the statute, contractors must be required to pay wages to laborers and mechanics at a rate not less than the prevailing wages specified in a wage determination made by the Secretary of Labor. In addition, contractors must be required to pay wages not less than once a week. The non-Federal entity must place a copy of the current prevailing wage determination issued by the Department of Labor in each solicitation. The decision to award a contract or subcontract must be conditioned upon the acceptance of the wage determination. The non-Federal entity must report all suspected or reported violations to the Federal awarding agency. The contracts must also include a provision for compliance with the Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act (40 U.S.C. § 3145), as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 C.F.R. Part 3, "Contractors and Subcontractors on Public Building or Public Work Financed in Whole or in Part by Loans or Grants from the United States"). The Act provides that each contractor or subrecipient must be

- prohibited from inducing, by any means, any person employed in the construction, completion, or repair of public work, to give up any part of the compensation to which he or she is otherwise entitled. The non-Federal entity must report all suspected or reported violations to the Federal awarding agency.
- (F) Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. §§ 3701-3708). Where applicable, all contracts awarded by the non-Federal entity in excess of \$100,000 that involve the employment of mechanics or laborers must include a provision for compliance with 40 U.S.C. §§ 3702 and 3704, as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 C.F.R. Part 5). Under 40 U.S.C. § 3702 of the Act, each contractor must be required to compute the wages of every mechanic and laborer on the basis of a standard work week of 40 hours. Work in excess of the standard work week is permissible provided that the worker is compensated at a rate of not less than one and a half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of 40 hours in the work week. The requirements of 40 U.S.C. § 3704 are applicable to construction work and provide that no laborer or mechanic must be required to work in surroundings or under working conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous or dangerous. These requirements do not apply to the purchases of supplies or materials or articles ordinarily available on the open market, or contracts for transportation or transmission of intelligence.
- (G) Rights to Inventions Made Under a Contract or Agreement. If the Federal award meets the definition of "funding agreement" under 37 C.F.R. § 401.2 (a) and the recipient or subrecipient wishes to enter into a contract with a small business firm or nonprofit organization regarding the substitution of parties, assignment or performance of experimental, developmental, or research work under that "funding agreement," the recipient or subrecipient must comply with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. Part 401, "Rights to Inventions Made by Nonprofit Organizations and Small Business Firms Under Government Grants, Contracts and Cooperative Agreements," and any implementing regulations issued by the awarding agency.
- (H) Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. §§ 7401-7671q.) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. §§ 1251-1387), as amended—Contracts and subgrants of amounts in excess of \$150,000 must contain a provision that requires the non-Federal award to agree to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. §§ 7401-7671q) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act as amended (33 U.S.C. §§ 1251-1387). Violations must be reported to the Federal awarding agency and the Regional Office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).
- (I) Debarment and Suspension (Executive Orders 12549 and 12689)—A contract award (see 2 C.F.R. § 180.220) must not be made to parties listed on the government-wide exclusions in the System for Award Management (SAM), in accordance with the OMB guidelines at 2 C.F.R. Part 180 that implement Executive Orders 12549 (3 C.F.R. Part 1986 Comp., p. 189) and 12689 (3 C.F.R. Part 1989 Comp., p. 235), "Debarment and Suspension." SAM Exclusions contains the names of parties debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded by agencies, as well as parties declared ineligible under statutory or regulatory authority other than Executive Order 12549.
- (J) Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment (31 U.S.C. § 1352)—Contractors that apply or bid for an award exceeding \$100,000 must file the required certification. Each tier certifies to the tier above that it will not and has not used Federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with obtaining any Federal contract or any other award covered by 31 U.S.C. § 1352. Each tier must also disclose any lobbying with non-Federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any Federal award. Such disclosures are forwarded from tier to tier up to the non-Federal award.
- (K) See §200.322 Procurement of recovered materials.

[78 FR 78608, Dec. 26, 2013, as amended at 79 FR 75888, Dec. 19, 2014]

# Appendix F. 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Appendix XII to Part 200—AWARD TERM AND CONDITION FOR RECIPIENT INTEGRITY AND PERFORMANCE MATTERS

## A. REPORTING OF MATTERS RELATED TO RECIPIENT INTEGRITY AND PERFORMANCE

# 1. General Reporting Requirement

If the total value of your currently active grants, cooperative agreements, and procurement contracts from all Federal awarding agencies exceeds \$10,000,000 for any period of time during the period of performance of this Federal award, then you as the recipient during that period of time must maintain the currency of information reported to the System for Award Management (SAM) that is made available in the designated integrity and performance system (currently the Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System (FAPIIS)) about civil, criminal, or administrative proceedings described in paragraph 2 of this award term and condition. This is a statutory requirement under section 872 of Public Law 110-417, as amended (41 U.S.C. 2313). As required by section 3010 of Public Law 111-212, all information posted in the designated integrity and performance system on or after April 15, 2011, except past performance reviews required for Federal procurement contracts, will be publicly available.

# 2. Proceedings About Which You Must Report

Submit the information required about each proceeding that:

- a. Is in connection with the award or performance of a grant, cooperative agreement, or procurement contract from the Federal Government;
- b. Reached its final disposition during the most recent five year period; and
- c. Is one of the following:
- (1) A criminal proceeding that resulted in a conviction, as defined in paragraph 5 of this award term and condition;
- (2) A civil proceeding that resulted in a finding of fault and liability and payment of a monetary fine, penalty, reimbursement, restitution, or damages of \$5,000 or more;
- (3) An administrative proceeding, as defined in paragraph 5. of this award term and condition, that resulted in a finding of fault and liability and your payment of either a monetary fine or penalty of \$5,000 or more or reimbursement, restitution, or damages in excess of \$100,000; or
- (4) Any other criminal, civil, or administrative proceeding if:
- (i) It could have led to an outcome described in paragraph 2.c.(1), (2), or (3) of this award term and condition;
- (ii) It had a different disposition arrived at by consent or compromise with an acknowledgment of fault on your part; and

(iii) The requirement in this award term and condition to disclose information about the proceeding does not conflict with applicable laws and regulations.

## 3. Reporting Procedures

Enter in the SAM Entity Management area the information that SAM requires about each proceeding described in paragraph 2 of this award term and condition. You do not need to submit the information a second time under assistance awards that you received if you already provided the information through SAM because you were required to do so under Federal procurement contracts that you were awarded.

## 4. Reporting Frequency

During any period of time when you are subject to the requirement in paragraph 1 of this award term and condition, you must report proceedings information through SAM for the most recent five year period, either to report new information about any proceeding(s) that you have not reported previously or affirm that there is no new information to report. Recipients that have Federal contract, grant, and cooperative agreement awards with a cumulative total value greater than \$10,000,000 must disclose semiannually any information about the criminal, civil, and administrative proceedings.

## 5. Definitions

For purposes of this award term and condition:

- a. Administrative proceeding means a non-judicial process that is adjudicatory in nature in order to make a determination of fault or liability (e.g., Securities and Exchange Commission Administrative proceedings, Civilian Board of Contract Appeals proceedings, and Armed Services Board of Contract Appeals proceedings). This includes proceedings at the Federal and State level but only in connection with performance of a Federal contract or grant. It does not include audits, site visits, corrective plans, or inspection of deliverables.
- b. Conviction, for purposes of this award term and condition, means a judgment or conviction of a criminal offense by any court of competent jurisdiction, whether entered upon a verdict or a plea, and includes a conviction entered upon a plea of nolo contendere.
- c. Total value of currently active grants, cooperative agreements, and procurement contracts includes—
- (1) Only the Federal share of the funding under any Federal award with a recipient cost share or match; and
- (2) The value of all expected funding increments under a Federal award and options, even if not yet exercised.
- B. [Reserved]

[80 FR 43310, July 22, 2015]

# Appendix G. 41 U.S.C. § 4712 - Enhancement of contractor protection from reprisal for disclosure of certain information

# (a) Prohibition of reprisals .--

- (1) In general.—An employee of a contractor, subcontractor, grantee, or subgrantee or personal services contractor may not be discharged, demoted, or otherwise discriminated against as a reprisal for disclosing to a person or body described in paragraph (2) information that the employee reasonably believes is evidence of gross mismanagement of a Federal contract or grant, a gross waste of Federal funds, an abuse of authority relating to a Federal contract or grant, a substantial and specific danger to public health or safety, or a violation of law, rule, or regulation related to a Federal contract (including the competition for or negotiation of a contract) or grant.
- **(2) Persons and bodies covered.**--The persons and bodies described in this paragraph are the persons and bodies as follows:
- (A) A Member of Congress or a representative of a committee of Congress.
- (B) An Inspector General.
- (C) The Government Accountability Office.
- (D) A Federal employee responsible for contract or grant oversight or management at the relevant agency.
- (E) An authorized official of the Department of Justice or other law enforcement agency.
- **(F)** A court or grand jury.
- **(G)** A management official or other employee of the contractor, subcontractor, or grantee who has the responsibility to investigate, discover, or address misconduct.
- (3) Rules of construction.--For the purposes of paragraph (1)--
- (A) an employee who initiates or provides evidence of contractor, subcontractor, or grantee misconduct in any judicial or administrative proceeding relating to waste, fraud, or abuse on a Federal contract or grant shall be deemed to have made a disclosure covered by such paragraph; and
- (B) a reprisal described in paragraph (1) is prohibited even if it is undertaken at the request of an executive branch official, unless the request takes the form of a non-discretionary directive and is within the authority of the executive branch official making the request.
- (b) Investigation of complaints.--
- (1) Submission of complaint.--A person who believes that the person has been subjected to a reprisal prohibited by subsection (a) may submit a complaint to the Inspector General of the executive agency involved. Unless the Inspector General determines that the complaint is frivolous, fails to allege a violation of the prohibition in subsection (a), or has previously been addressed in another Federal or State judicial or administrative proceeding

initiated by the complainant, the Inspector General shall investigate the complaint and, upon completion of such investigation, submit a report of the findings of the investigation to the person, the contractor or grantee concerned, and the head of the agency.

## (2) Inspector General action.--

- (A) Determination or submission of report on findings.--Except as provided under subparagraph (B), the Inspector General shall make a determination that a complaint is frivolous, fails to allege a violation of the prohibition in subsection (a), or has previously been addressed in another Federal or State judicial or administrative proceeding initiated by the complainant or submit a report under paragraph (1) within 180 days after receiving the complaint.
- **(B) Extension of time.**—If the Inspector General is unable to complete an investigation in time to submit a report within the 180-day period specified in subparagraph (A) and the person submitting the complaint agrees to an extension of time, the Inspector General shall submit a report under paragraph (1) within such additional period of time, up to 180 days, as shall be agreed upon between the Inspector General and the person submitting the complaint.
- **(3) Prohibition on disclosure.**--The Inspector General may not respond to any inquiry or disclose any information from or about any person alleging the reprisal, except to the extent that such response or disclosure is--
- (A) made with the consent of the person alleging the reprisal;
- **(B)** made in accordance with the provisions of <u>section 552a of title 5</u> or as required by any other applicable Federal law; or
- (C) necessary to conduct an investigation of the alleged reprisal.
- **(4) Time limitation.**--A complaint may not be brought under this subsection more than three years after the date on which the alleged reprisal took place.
- (c) Remedy and enforcement authority.--
- (1) In general.--Not later than 30 days after receiving an Inspector General report pursuant to subsection (b), the head of the executive agency concerned shall determine whether there is sufficient basis to conclude that the contractor or grantee concerned has subjected the complainant to a reprisal prohibited by subsection (a) and shall either issue an order denying relief or shall take one or more of the following actions:
- (A) Order the contractor or grantee to take affirmative action to abate the reprisal.
- **(B)** Order the contractor or grantee to reinstate the person to the position that the person held before the reprisal, together with compensatory damages (including back pay), employment benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment that would apply to the person in that position if the reprisal had not been taken.
- **(C)** Order the contractor or grantee to pay the complainant an amount equal to the aggregate amount of all costs and expenses (including attorneys' fees and expert witnesses' fees) that were reasonably incurred by the complainant for, or in connection with, bringing the complaint regarding the reprisal, as determined by the head of the executive agency.

- (2) Exhaustion of remedies.--If the head of an executive agency issues an order denying relief under paragraph (1) or has not issued an order within 210 days after the submission of a complaint under subsection (b), or in the case of an extension of time under paragraph (b)(2)(B), not later than 30 days after the expiration of the extension of time, and there is no showing that such delay is due to the bad faith of the complainant, the complainant shall be deemed to have exhausted all administrative remedies with respect to the complaint, and the complainant may bring a de novo action at law or equity against the contractor or grantee to seek compensatory damages and other relief available under this section in the appropriate district court of the United States, which shall have jurisdiction over such an action without regard to the amount in controversy. Such an action shall, at the request of either party to the action, be tried by the court with a jury. An action under this paragraph may not be brought more than two years after the date on which remedies are deemed to have been exhausted.
- (3) Admissibility of evidence.--An Inspector General determination and an agency head order denying relief under paragraph (2) shall be admissible in evidence in any de novo action at law or equity brought pursuant to this subsection.
- (4) Enforcement of orders.--Whenever a person fails to comply with an order issued under paragraph (1), the head of the executive agency concerned shall file an action for enforcement of such order in the United States district court for a district in which the reprisal was found to have occurred. In any action brought under this paragraph, the court may grant appropriate relief, including injunctive relief, compensatory and exemplary damages, and attorney fees and costs. The person upon whose behalf an order was issued may also file such an action or join in an action filed by the head of the executive agency.
- **(5) Judicial review.**--Any person adversely affected or aggrieved by an order issued under paragraph (1) may obtain review of the order's conformance with this subsection, and any regulations issued to carry out this section, in the United States court of appeals for a circuit in which the reprisal is alleged in the order to have occurred. No petition seeking such review may be filed more than 60 days after issuance of the order by the head of the executive agency. Review shall conform to chapter 7 of title 5. Filing such an appeal shall not act to stay the enforcement of the order of the head of an executive agency, unless a stay is specifically entered by the court.
- **(6) Burdens of proof.**--The legal burdens of proof specified in <u>section 1221(e) of title 5</u> shall be controlling for the purposes of any investigation conducted by an Inspector General, decision by the head of an executive agency, or judicial or administrative proceeding to determine whether discrimination prohibited under this section has occurred.
- (7) Rights and remedies not waivable.--The rights and remedies provided for in this section may not be waived by any agreement, policy, form, or condition of employment.
- (d) Notification of employees.--The head of each executive agency shall ensure that contractors, subcontractors, and grantees of the agency inform their employees in writing of the rights and remedies provided under this section, in the predominant native language of the workforce.
- **(e) Construction.**--Nothing in this section may be construed to authorize the discharge of, demotion of, or discrimination against an employee for a disclosure other than a disclosure protected by subsection (a) or to modify or derogate from a right or remedy otherwise available to the employee.
- (f) Exceptions.--(1) This section shall not apply to any element of the intelligence community, as defined in section 3(4) of the National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 401a(4)).

- (2) This section shall not apply to any disclosure made by an employee of a contractor, subcontractor, or grantee of an element of the intelligence community if such disclosure--
- (A) relates to an activity of an element of the intelligence community; or
- **(B)** was discovered during contract, subcontract, or grantee services provided to an element of the intelligence community.
- (g) **Definitions.**--In this section:
- (1) The term "abuse of authority" means an arbitrary and capricious exercise of authority that is inconsistent with the mission of the executive agency concerned or the successful performance of a contract or grant of such agency.
- (2) The term "Inspector General" means an Inspector General appointed under the Inspector General Act of 1978 and any Inspector General that receives funding from, or has oversight over contracts or grants awarded for or on behalf of, the executive agency concerned.
- **(h) Construction.**--Nothing in this section, or the amendments made by this section, shall be construed to provide any rights to disclose classified information not otherwise provided by law.
- (i) Repealed by Pub.L. 114-261, § 1(a)(3)(A)(ii), Dec. 14, 2016, 130 Stat. 1362]

# Appendix H. Intergovernmental review process, points of contact by state

Executive Order 12372 requires applicants from state and local units of government or other organizations or individuals providing service within a state to submit a copy of the application to the state single point of contact (SPOC), if one exists and if this program has been selected for review by the state. Before the application due date, you must contact your state SPOC to find out if this program has been selected for review and comply with the state's process under Executive Order 12372. The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance reference for this program is number 16.710, "Public Safety and Community Policing Grants."

A current list of state SPOCs is listed at <a href="https://www.archives.gov/federal-register/codification/executive-order/12372.html">https://www.archives.gov/federal-register/codification/executive-order/12372.html</a>. States that are not listed have chosen not to participate in the intergovernmental review process and therefore do not have an SPOC.

# Appendix I. Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA)—Reporting subaward and executive compensation award term

2 C.F.R. Part 170, Appendix A to Part 170—Award term

- I. Reporting Subawards and Executive Compensation.
  - a. Reporting of first-tier subawards.
    - 1. Applicability. Unless you are exempt as provided in paragraph d. of this award term, you must report each action that obligates \$25,000 or more in Federal funds that does not include Recovery funds (as defined in section 1512(a)(2) of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Pub. L. 111-5) for a subaward to an entity (see definitions in paragraph e. of this award term).
    - 2. Where and when to report.
      - i. You must report each obligating action described in paragraph a.1. of this award term to https://www.fsrs.gov.
      - ii. For subaward information, report no later than the end of the month following the month in which the obligation was made. (For example, if the obligation was made on November 7, 2010, the obligation must be reported by no later than December 31, 2010.)
    - 3. What to report. You must report the information about each obligating action that the submission instructions posted at <a href="https://www.fsrs.gov">https://www.fsrs.gov</a> specify.
  - b. Reporting Total Compensation of Recipient Executives.
    - 1. Applicability and what to report. You must report total compensation for each of your five most highly compensated executives for the preceding completed fiscal year, if
      - i. the total Federal funding authorized to date under this award is \$25,000 or more;
      - ii. in the preceding fiscal year, you received—
        - (A) 80 percent or more of your annual gross revenues from Federal procurement contracts (and subcontracts) and Federal financial assistance subject to the Transparency Act, as defined at 2 CFR 170.320 (and subawards); and
        - (B) \$25,000,000 or more in annual gross revenues from Federal procurement contracts (and subcontracts) and Federal financial assistance subject to the Transparency Act, as defined at 2 CFR 170.320 (and subawards); and
      - iii. The public does not have access to information about the compensation of the executives through periodic reports filed under section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78m(a), 78o(d)) or section 6104 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. (To determine if the public has access to the compensation information, see the U.S. Security and Exchange Commission total compensation filings at

https://www.sec.gov/answers/execomp.htm.)

- 2. Where and when to report. You must report executive total compensation described in paragraph b.1. of this award term:
  - i. As part of your registration profile at <a href="https://www.sam.gov">https://www.sam.gov</a>.
  - ii. By the end of the month following the month in which this award is made, and annually thereafter.
- c. Reporting of Total Compensation of Subrecipient Executives.
  - Applicability and what to report. Unless you are exempt as provided in paragraph d. of this award term, for each first-tier subrecipient under this award, you shall report the names and total compensation of each of the subrecipient's five most highly compensated executives for the subrecipient's preceding completed fiscal year, if
    - i. in the subrecipient's preceding fiscal year, the subrecipient received—
      - (A) 80 percent or more of its annual gross revenues from Federal procurement contracts (and subcontracts) and Federal financial assistance subject to the Transparency Act, as defined at 2 CFR 170.320 (and subawards); and
      - (B) \$25,000,000 or more in annual gross revenues from Federal procurement contracts (and subcontracts), and Federal financial assistance subject to the Transparency Act (and subawards); and
    - ii. The public does not have access to information about the compensation of the executives through periodic reports filed under section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78m(a), 78o(d)) or section 6104 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. (To determine if the public has access to the compensation information, see the U.S. Security and Exchange Commission total compensation filings at

https://www.sec.gov/answers/execomp.htm.)

- 2. Where and when to report. You must report subrecipient executive total compensation described in paragraph c.1. of this award term:
  - i. To the recipient.
  - ii. By the end of the month following the month during which you make the subaward. For example, if a subaward is obligated on any date during the month of October of a given year (i.e., between October 1 and 31), you must report any required compensation information of the subrecipient by November 30 of that year.

#### d. Exemptions

If, in the previous tax year, you had gross income, from all sources, under \$300,000, you are exempt from the requirements to report:

i. Subawards,

and

- ii. The total compensation of the five most highly compensated executives of any subrecipient.
- e. Definitions. For purposes of this award term:
  - 1. Entity means all of the following, as defined in 2 C.F.R. Part 25:
    - i. A Governmental organization, which is a State, local government, or Indian tribe;
    - ii. A foreign public entity;
    - iii. A domestic or foreign nonprofit organization;
    - iv. A domestic or foreign for-profit organization;
    - v. A Federal agency, but only as a subrecipient under an award or subaward to a non-Federal entity.
  - 2. Executive means officers, managing partners, or any other employees in management positions.
  - 3. Subaward:
    - This term means a legal instrument to provide support for the performance of any portion of the substantive project or program for which you received this award and that you as the recipient award to an eligible subrecipient.
    - ii. The term does not include your procurement of property and services needed to carry out the project or program (for further explanation, see Sec. \_\_\_ .210 of the attachment to OMB Circular A-133, "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations").
    - iii. A subaward may be provided through any legal agreement, including an agreement that you or a subrecipient considers a contract.
  - 4. Subrecipient means an entity that:
    - i. Receives a subaward from you (the recipient) under this award; and
    - ii. Is accountable to you for the use of the Federal funds provided by the subaward.

- 5. Total compensation means the cash and noncash dollar value earned by the executive during the recipient's or subrecipient's preceding fiscal year and includes the following (for more information see 17 CFR 229.402(c)(2)):
  - i. Salary and bonus.
  - ii. Awards of stock, stock options, and stock appreciation rights. Use the dollar amount recognized for financial statement reporting purposes with respect to the fiscal year in accordance with the Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123 (Revised 2004) (FAS 123R), Shared Based Payments.
  - iii. Earnings for services under non-equity incentive plans. This does not include group life, health, hospitalization or medical reimbursement plans that do not discriminate in favor of executives, and are available generally to all salaried employees.
  - iv. *Change in pension value.* This is the change in present value of defined benefit and actuarial pension plans.
  - v. Above-market earnings on deferred compensation which is not tax-qualified.
  - vi. Other compensation, if the aggregate value of all such other compensation (e.g. severance, termination payments, value of life insurance paid on behalf of the employee, perquisites or property) for the executive exceeds \$10,000.

[75 FR 55669, Sept. 14, 2010, as amended at 79 FR 75879, Dec. 19, 2014]

# Appendix J. System for Award Management (SAM) and universal identifier award term

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2 C.F.R. Part 25, Appendix A to Part 25—Award Term

#### I. SYSTEM FOR AWARD MANAGEMENT AND UNIVERSAL IDENTIFIER REQUIREMENTS

A. Requirement for System for Award Management
Unless you are exempted from this requirement under 2 CFR 25.110, you as the recipient must maintain
the currency of your information in the SAM until you submit the final financial report required under this
award or receive the final payment, whichever is later. This requires that you review and update the
information at least annually after the initial registration, and more frequently if required by changes in
your information or another award term.

B. Requirement for unique entity identifier

If you are authorized to make subawards under this award, you:

- 1. Must notify potential subrecipients that no entity (see definition in paragraph C of this award term) may receive a subaward from you unless the entity has provided its unique entity identifier to you.
- 2. May not make a subaward to an entity unless the entity has provided its unique entity identifier to you.

#### C. Definitions

For purposes of this award term:

- System for Award Management (SAM) means the Federal repository into which an entity must provide
  information required for the conduct of business as a recipient. Additional information about
  registration procedures may be found at the SAM Internet site (currently at https://www.sam.gov).
- 2. Unique entity identifier means the identifier required for SAM registration to uniquely identify business entities.
- 3. Entity, as it is used in this award term, means all of the following, as defined at 2 CFR Part 25, subpart C:
  - a. A Governmental organization, which is a State, local government, or Indian Tribe;
  - b. A foreign public entity;
  - c. A domestic or foreign nonprofit organization;
  - d. A domestic or foreign for-profit organization; and
  - e. A Federal agency, but only as a subrecipient under an award or subaward to a non-Federal entity.

#### 4. Subaward:

- a. This term means a legal instrument to provide support for the performance of any portion of the substantive project or program for which you received this award and that you as the recipient award to an eligible subrecipient.
- b. The term does not include your procurement of property and services needed to carry out the project or program (for further explanation, see 2 CFR 200.330).
- c. A subaward may be provided through any legal agreement, including an agreement that you consider a contract.

- 5. Subrecipient means an entity that:
  - a. Receives a subaward from you under this award; and
  - b. Is accountable to you for the use of the Federal funds provided by the subaward.

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## Appendix K. Sample budget narrative

This appendix contains a sample fictitious budget and budget narrative to assist with the development of your budget and budget narrative. This should only be used as a reference.

Base salary and fringe benefits for civilian or nonsworn personnel—\$63,556.25

#### Program coordinator (Amanda Weinstein)

Amanda Weinstein will serve as the program coordinator. As the program coordinator, she will coordinate the project between all personnel and consultants, ensuring compliance with program requirements, and serving as the central point of contact for all project activities. Resume has been provided to demonstrate experience and knowledge (see attachment in section 13). Year 2 salary estimates are based on a 4 percent cost of living increase as determined by our institutional policy (see attachment in section 13).

Year  $1 - $40,560 \times 35\% = $14,196$ 

- Social Security—6.2% x \$14,196 = \$880.15
- Medicare—1.45% x \$14,196 = \$205.84
- Health insurance—10.5% x \$14,196 = \$1,490.58
- Retirement—6.15% x \$14,196 = \$873.05
- Total fringe year 1 = \$3,449.62 (\$17,645.62 with salary)

Year 2-\$42,182 x 35% = \$14,763.70

- Social Security—6.2% x \$14,763.70 = \$915.35
- Medicare—1.45% x \$14,763.70 = \$214.07
- Health insurance—10.5% x \$14,763.70 = \$1,550.19
- Retirement—6.15% x \$14,763.70 = \$907.97
- Total fringe year 1 = \$3,587.58 (\$18,351.28 with salary)

Total-\$35,996.90

#### Research associate (Patrick Murphy)

Patrick Murphy will serve as the research associate. As the research associate, he will write and analyze all pre and post assessments and will assist in all evaluation strategies for the project including the training. Resume has been provided to demonstrate experience and knowledge (see attachment in section 13). Year 2 salary estimates are based on a 4 percent cost of living increase as determined by our institutional policy (see attachment in section 13).

Year 1—\$39,520 x 10% = \$3,952

- Social Security—6.2% x \$3,952 = \$245.02
- Medicare—1.45% x \$3,952 = \$57.30
- Health insurance—10.5% x \$3,952 = \$414.96
- Retirement—6.15% x \$3,952 = \$243.05
- Total fringe year 1 = \$960.33 (\$4,912.33 with salary)

 $Year 2 - $41,101 \times 10\% = $4,110.10$ 

- Social Security—6.2% x \$4,110.10 = \$254.83
- Medicare—1.45% x \$4,110.10 = \$59.60
- Health insurance—10.5% x \$4,110.10 = \$431.56
- Retirement—6.15% x \$4,110.10 = \$252.77
- Total fringe year 1 = \$998.76 (\$5,108.86 with salary)

Total-\$10,021.19

#### Senior trainer (Kyle Morale)

Kyle Morale will serve as the senior trainer. He will develop and deliver the law enforcement trainings. He will serve as the lead trainer for the two pilot sites and will provide technical assistance when needed. Resume has been provided to demonstrate experience and knowledge (see attachment in section 13). Year 2 salary estimates are based on a 4 percent cost of living increase as determined by our institutional policy (see attachment in section 13).

- Year 1—\$65,770 x 5% = \$3,288.50
  - Social Security—6.2% x \$3,288.50 = \$203.89
  - Medicare—1.45% x \$3,288.50 = \$47.68
  - Health insurance—10.5% x \$3,288.50 = \$345.29
  - Retirement—6.15% x \$3,288.50 = \$202.24
  - Total fringe year 1 = \$799.10 (\$4,087.60 with salary)
- Year 2—\$68,401 x 5% = \$3,420.05
  - Social Security—6.2% x \$3,420.05 = \$212.04
  - Medicare—1.45% x \$3,420.05 = \$49.59
  - Health insurance—10.5% x \$3,420.05 = \$359.11
  - Retirement—6.15% x \$3,420.05 = \$210.33
  - Total fringe year 1 = \$831.07 (\$4,251.12 with salary)

Total—\$8,338.72

#### Executive director (Susan Gold)

As the executive director of the organization, Susan Gold has final oversight and approval of all project deliverables. Year 2 salary estimates are based on a 4 percent cost of living increase as determined by our institutional policy (see attachment in section 13).

- Year 1—\$181,397 x 2% = \$3,627.94
  - Social Security—6.2% x \$3,627.94 = \$224.93
  - Medicare—1.45% x \$3,627.94 = \$52.61
  - Health insurance—10.5% x \$3,627.94 = \$380.93
  - Retirement—6.15% x \$3,627.94 = \$223.12
  - Total fringe year 1 = \$881.59 (\$4,509.53 with salary)

- Year 2—\$188,653 x 2% = \$3,773.06
  - Social Security—6.2% x \$3,773.06 = \$233.93
  - Medicare—1.45% x \$3,773.06 = \$54.71
  - Health insurance—10.5% x \$3,773.06 = \$396.17
  - Retirement—6.15% x \$3,773.06 = \$232.04
  - Total fringe year 1 = \$916.85 (\$4,689.91 with salary)

Total-\$9,199.44

#### Equipment/Technology—\$0

Supplies-\$1,920

#### Office supplies

Based on previous awards for similar work, general office supplies (paper, pens, pencils, staplers, file folders) –cost approximately \$30 per month.

\$30 x 24 months = \$720

#### Postage

Postage—training materials, technical assistance resources and other materials will be mailed to pilot sites in connection with project activities. The estimate is based on previous awards for similar work.

\$50 x 24 months = \$1,200

#### Travel/Training/Conferences—\$6,635

#### Staff travel for pilot 1

An initial training will prepare the participants from the two pilot sites to use the program to implement these crime prevention strategies in their agencies and communities. Two staff members will conduct the pilot site training. As the location of each training has not been decided at this time, average costs have been used based on the GSA Federal Travel Regulations. Travel estimates are based on previous projects for similar work.

- Registration—\$0
- Lodging—\$93/night x 3 nights/trip x 2 people = \$558
- Per diem—[(\$51/day x 2 full days) + (\$38.25/travel day x 2 travel days)] x 2 people = \$357
- Transportation—[\$500 (airfare) + \$50 (baggage) + \$40 (ground transportation) + \$60 (rental car) + \$20 (fuel)] x
   2 people = \$1,340
  - Airfare—\$500
  - Baggage fees—\$50
  - Ground transportation (estimated costs for cab fare to and from airport)—\$40
  - Rental car (shared between two participants)—\$30/day x 4 days = \$120 (\$60/person)
  - Fuel (shared between two participants)—\$40 (\$20/person)

Total staff travel for pilot 1—\$2,255

#### Staff travel for pilot 2

An initial training will prepare the participants from the two pilot sites to use the program to implement these crime prevention strategies in their agencies and communities. Two staff members will conduct the pilot site training. As the location of each training has not been decided at this time, average costs have been used based on the GSA Federal Travel Regulations. Travel estimates are based on previous projects for similar work.

- Registration—\$0
- Lodging—\$93/night x 3 nights/trip x 2 people = \$558
- Per diem—[(\$51/day x 2 full days) + (\$38.25/travel day x 2 travel days] x 2 people = \$357
- Transportation—[\$500 (airfare) + \$50 (baggage) + \$40 (ground transportation) + \$60 (rental car) + \$20 (fuel)] x
   2 people = \$1,340
  - Airfare-\$500
  - Baggage fees—\$50
  - Ground transportation (estimated costs for cab fare to and from airport)—\$40
  - Rental car (shared between two participants)—\$30/day x 4 days = \$120 (\$60/person)
  - Fuel (shared between two participants)—\$40 (\$20/person)

Total staff travel for pilot 2—\$2,255

#### Focus group travel

A focus group will be held in Washington, D.C., around July 2019. Two staff members will attend. Average costs have been used based on the GSA Federal Travel Regulations. Travel estimates are based on previous projects for similar work.

- Registration—\$0
- Lodging—\$175/night x 2 nights/trip x 2 people = \$700
- Per diem—[(\$69/day x 1 full day) + (\$51.75/travel day x 2 travel days] x 2 people = \$345
- Transportation—[\$500 (airfare) + \$40 (ground transportation)] x 2 people = \$1,080
  - Airfare—\$500
  - Ground transportation (estimated costs for cab fare to and from airport)—\$40

Total staff travel for focus group—\$2,125

Contracts/Consultants—\$44,625

Contract costs—\$30,000

Roll call video creation

Ten roll call videos will be created as part of the training packages for the pilot sites. The contractor will be procured through free and open competition. The contract estimate is based on previous projects with similar work. \$30,000

Consultant fees—\$4,000

#### Consultant (Sergeant Eric Matthews (ret.), Driscoll Township)

Sergeant Matthews will provide his expertise on the law enforcement training development and review the promising practices guidebook. The rate of \$400 is based on Sgt. Matthews' annual salary of \$60,000. Resume has been provided to demonstrate experience and knowledge (see attachment in section 13).

 $400/day \times 10 days = 4,000$ 

Consultant travel—\$10,625

#### Participant travel for focus group

Ten focus group participants will be brought in for the focus group meeting in in Washington, D.C. around July 2019. The focus group participants will be geographically diverse, so the airfare is estimated. Travel estimates are based on previous projects for similar work.

- Registration—\$0
- Lodging—\$175/night x 2 nights/trip x 10 people = \$3,500
- Per diem—[(\$69/day x 1 full day) + (\$51.75/travel day x 2 travel days] x 10 people = \$1,725
- Transportation—[\$500 (airfare) + \$40 (ground transportation)] x 10 people = \$5,400
  - Airfare—\$500
  - Ground transportation (estimated costs for cab fare to and from airport)—\$40

Total staff travel for focus group—\$10,625

Consultant expenses—\$0

Other costs—\$624

#### Phone

Local and long distance phone service will facilitate the delivery of technical assistance and help accomplish project tasks. Phone services are \$50 a month per staff line. The percentage of all staff on this project equals .52 FTE/year

\$50/month x .52 FTE = \$26 x 24 months = \$624

Indirect costs—\$32,355.60

The organization's indirect cost is calculated at a rate of 32 percent of modified total direct costs (see indirect cost rate agreement attached to section 13). Modified total direct costs consist of all salaries and wages, fringe benefits, materials, supplies, services, travel and subgrants and subcontracts up to the first \$25,000 of each subgrant or subcontract. Modified total direct costs shall exclude equipment, capital expenditures, charges for patient care, tuition remission, rental costs of off-site facilities, scholarships, and fellowships as well as the portion of each subgrant and subcontract in excess of \$25,000.

Indirect cost calculation—\$101,111.25 x 32% = \$32,355.60

Total direct base costs = \$63,556.25 (salary/fringe) + \$1,920 (supplies) + \$6,635 (travel) + \$25,000 (contract) + \$4,000 (consultant) = \$101,111.25

Excludes = \$5,000 (subcontract in excess of \$25,000); \$10,625 (participant travel costs)

### **Budget summary**

Base salary and fringe benefits for civilian or nonsworn personnel	\$63,556.25
Equipment/Technology	\$0
Supplies	\$1,920
Travel/Training/Conferences	\$6,635
Contracts/Consultants	\$44,625
Other costs	\$624
Indirect costs	\$32,355.60
TOTAL BUDGET REQUEST	\$149,715.85

## Appendix L. Conference and event guidance

#### Conference and Event Approval, Planning, and Reporting FAQ

#### Prior Approval

## I. Approximately how long should it take to adequately complete the Conference & Events Submission form?

The amount of time required to adequately complete the Conference & Events Submission Form will vary depending on the complexity of the proposed event. A small event (in terms of number of attendees, total cost, etc.) may require only an hour or two to complete the form because the event is basic/routine and data are not required in all of the available categories. On the other hand, a large event (in terms of number of attendees, multiple sessions occurring at the same time, etc.) may require several hours or days depending on the amount of required data (categories) and level of justification needed to support the event. Regardless of the size of any event, the supporting justification should be sufficient to support the agency's mission for conducting the event.

#### II. Which types of events do not require prior approval?

Currently there are six types of events that do not require prior approval:

- 1. Conferences held by grant recipients. (Note: Conferences held by cooperative agreement recipients do require prior approval.)
- 2. Law enforcement operational activities, including staging, surveillance, investigation, intelligence, and undercover activities.
- 3. Routine operational meetings (e.g., staff meetings or all-hands meetings) if held in a federal facility, if held by cooperative agreement recipients in a non-federal facility that does not charge for its use, and if there are neither costs to the DOJ for logistical conference planning nor government-provided food or beverages. In all three of these instances, the answer to all the questions on the Prior Approval Not Required Checklist must be "No." Site visits are considered routine operational meetings regardless of location so long as there are no costs to the DOJ for meeting rooms, logistical conference planning, or food and beverages.
- 4. Testing activities where the primary purpose of the event is to evaluate an applicant's qualifications to perform certain duties necessary to his or her job. This includes firearms and weaponry proficiency testing and certifications. A majority of the event must be devoted to administering and taking the test. Testing activities that are incidental to a training course or conference or are given upon its completion do require prior approval.
- 5. Video conferences and webinars where there are neither costs to the DOJ for logistical conference planning nor government-provided food or beverages.
- 6. Technical assistance visits where travel was made by an individual or a small group of project staff members to provide training or technical assistance to a particular entity; in this instance, the answer to all the questions on the Prior Approval Not Required Checklist must be "No."

#### III. Where should time staff spent working on the conference that is not related to planning be captured?

Time spent working on a conference by staff or contractors can be classified as either logistical planning time or programmatic planning time. Programmatic planning includes time spent on activities such as

developing the conference content and agenda, identifying and recruiting subject matter experts, and preparing written materials. Logistical planning includes time spent on tasks such as selecting a venue, ordering and setting up audio-video equipment, securing hotel rooms, processing registrations, providing onsite support during the event, and undertaking other non-programmatic functions.

IV. If a cooperative agreement recipient or contractor is able to obtain a no-cost site for the event, are we still required to look into other facilities and provide justification for not selecting the other facilities?

Yes. Cooperative agreement recipients and contractors should compare three or more facilities in a location. Facilities being compared should have provided a cost estimate and be able to accommodate the event as detailed in the requirements. A desired hotel may offer an incentive of no overall facility cost (e.g., for meeting rooms or audio-visual equipment) but may not be economical in other cost comparison items such as the availability of lodging at per diem rates, travel distance for attendees, etc. Also, recipients and contractors should maintain written documentation justifying their decision to select the chosen location in the event of a future audit.

V. Is there a timeframe after the COPS Office accepts a conference request that a cooperative agreement recipient or contractor can expect notification of approval?

Each event request (meeting, conference, webinar, etc.) is unique in reference to how it will accomplish the COPS Office's mission. The key to any conference request moving through the review process depends on whether the package is complete. A complete package contains a detailed cost analysis and sufficient justification to support all categories within the package.

Example: An event is submitted for approval and consists of the following categories: printing and distribution, meals and incidental expenses (M&IE), lodging, transportation, and trainer or facilitator costs. The package contains a detailed cost analysis of each cost category (e.g., one trainer at \$450 per day x 2 days = \$900) and adequate justification explaining the purpose of the event and the role of the trainer. This package can move through the review process in a few days and allow ample time for travelers to make reservations, if the package was submitted within the required timeframe. However, if the trainer or facilitator's costs in the submitted package exceed the COPS Office's threshold and if supporting justification was not included, a delay may occur while this justification is being retrieved.

To avoid delays in the approval process, all recipients and contractors should adhere to the timeframe requirements for the dollar amount of their proposed event.

VI. Once an event is approved, how do we handle any increases or decreases in the amount of attendees originally proposed on the cost analysis spreadsheet submitted to the DOJ for approval?

After receiving notification of approval from the COPS Office, all subsequent changes prior to the start day of the event should be sent to the <u>COPS Office Conference Costs email address</u>, as appropriate. **Example:** If the COPS Office approved on 9/1/2019 an event scheduled for 12/15/2019, the cooperative agreement recipient or contractor should notify the COPS Office of any changes in attendees as soon as possible (preferably 30 days or more in advance). This scenario holds true for changes to the start and end date, location, and any other cost-related category.

VII. Does the \$25 per person per day limit for meeting rooms and audio-visual costs also include service fees and taxes?

Yes. The cost allowed for conference space and audio-visual equipment and services (fees and taxes) is limited to \$25 per day per attendee and is not to exceed a cumulative total cost of \$20,000. Total costs are defined as direct and indirect costs.

VIII. What if there are multiple meetings occurring within the larger event offered to all the attendees? Is the \$25 per day per attendee limit applicable to each meeting? Example: A general session meeting contains all attendees and later breakout sessions are offered to the groups. Can each breakout session have its own \$25 per person per day limit?

No. Despite the multiple meetings offered within the larger event, the COPS Office considers and approves this type of situation to be a single event.

#### IX. Can we accept complimentary food and beverage?

Yes. Complimentary food and beverages may be accepted if offered to everyone. **Example:** Hotel W offers a complimentary continental breakfast to all its overnight customers regardless of any status they may have with the hotel chain. This type of complimentary offer is considered a business strategy of the hotel to promote an increase in overnight stays. You are not required to reduce your M&IE by the value of the food and beverage it offered to all customers as noted in this example.

X. Are the thresholds (\$8,750 for logistical planner, \$35,000 for programmatic planner, and \$20,000 for conference space and audio-visual equipment and services) a cumulative cost for the entire event or a per day cost?

The cost allowed for conference space and audio-visual equipment and services (fees and taxes) is limited to \$25 per day per attendee and is not to exceed a cumulative total cost of \$20,000. The cost allowed for a logistical planner is the lesser of \$50 per attendee or \$8,750 per event. The cost allowed for a programmatic planner is the lesser of \$200 per attendee or \$35,000 per event.

#### XI. To whom should I submit event requests?

For all COPS Office events, the form should be sent to the <u>COPS Office Conference Costs email address</u>. Please do not send questions or other correspondence to this email address. This mailbox should be used only for the submission of conference forms and supporting documentation (e.g., hotel contracts).

XII. How far in advance do I have to submit an event for review and approval?

Requests for conferences costing \$100,000 or less, and not exceeding any cost thresholds (conference space and audio-visual equipment and services, logistical conference planner, and programmatic conference planner), must be submitted to the COPS Office 90 calendar days in advance of the earliest of the following:

Start date of the conference;

Deadline for signing conference-related contracts; or

Obligation of funds for conference costs (except for minimal costs required to assemble and submit the approval request).

Requests for conferences costing more than \$100,000, or exceeding any one cost threshold (conference space and audio-visual equipment and services, logistical conference planner, or programmatic conference planner), must be submitted to the COPS Office 120 calendar days in advance of the earliest of the following:

Start date of the conference;

Deadline for signing conference-related contracts; or

Obligation of funds for conference costs (except for minimal costs required to assemble and submit the approval request).

If approval requests are submitted less than the required number of days in advance (as noted above), the COPS Office, in its sole discretion, may consider the late requests but cannot ensure the requests will receive a decision in time to avoid having to cancel the conference (particularly if any issues arise with specific items of cost in the request). Cancellation costs associated with conference requests that are submitted for late prior approval may be determined to be unallowable costs by the COPS Office.

## XIII. What are the most common mistakes made on the forms so that I can avoid them in the future and increase the likelihood of a quick review and approval decision for my event?

The following are the most common mistakes found:

Inaccurate calculation of daily per diem. Daily per diem rates for locations across the nation can be found on the GSA website. Ensure the daily rate used in the calculations corresponds to the specific location and dates of the meeting. In addition, remember that travel days are reimbursed at a slightly lower rate than meeting days. The lower rates must be used for days of travel both before and after the event. Table 1 includes these lower rates:

Table 1. Per diem rates

Full per diem rate	Corresponding travel day rate (75%)	
\$46.00	\$34.50	
\$51.00	\$38.25	
\$56.00	\$42.00	
\$61.00	\$45.75	
\$66.00	\$49.50	
\$71.00	\$53.25	

**EXCEPTION:** If your organization has its own formal, written travel policy, your event submissions can reflect that policy instead of the rates in the chart above. In these instances, state that you have a formal, written travel policy, and clearly explain the rates in the policy and how the corresponding numbers in your submission were derived.

Insufficient explanation and justification of transportation costs. Remember to break out and briefly describe and justify the transportation costs that are included. **Example:** If participants are flying to your event and the tickets are being paid for with DOJ funding, you should include the anticipated number of people flying multiplied by the estimated cost per ticket. If cars will be rented, you should include a brief justification for why rental cars are being used instead of another form of ground transportation, such as taxis or shuttles.

Insufficient explanation and justification of audio-visual costs. All audio-visual costs should be broken out and briefly described. The quantity of equipment to be rented (number of microphones, projectors, etc.) should be included, along with relevant costs and a brief justification for why the proposed equipment is required to conduct a successful meeting. A discussion of how the audio-visual services provider was selected should be included (for example, did you obtain three quotes?).

Insufficient explanation and justification of printing costs. Proposed printing costs for participant materials should also be itemized and briefly described. Specifically, it is important to articulate why printed materials are needed instead of making materials available electronically (at low or no cost) to attendees before or after the event.

Insufficient explanation and justification of shipping costs. Provide an itemization of these costs, along with a brief description of why the equipment and other materials being shipped are essential to hosting a successful conference.

Insufficient explanation and justification of consultant costs. The maximum daily rate for subject matter experts who are being reimbursed for their time is noted in the **Consultant Contractor Fact Sheet**. Describe all consultant costs in detail, and include a brief yet compelling justification for the proposed costs. Daily rates for subject matter experts above the maximum daily rate require prior approval by the COPS Office and DOJ. In cases where higher rates are included in the event submission, written documentation of prior approval is required and should be attached.

#### XIV. Should I continue to exclude all food and beverage costs in my event submissions?

Yes. The inclusion of food and beverage costs will delay the review process, and these costs are not likely to be approved. The only exception is when the location of the conference does not allow attendees to obtain food or beverages on their own or when this restriction would greatly disrupt the conference schedule. If you believe your event qualifies for such a rare exception, contact your Program Manager to discuss it before completing and submitting your form. If meals are included in your event submission, remember that attendees must subtract the meal costs from the M&IE reimbursement for the days on which the meals will occur.

## XV. Can you summarize what I can do to prevent follow-up questions about my submitted events that delay the review and approval process?

As a general rule, explain how you derived every cost that you include in the conference submission form. For lines that do not provide space for you to add descriptive narrative, include your explanations and specific cost breakdowns in a separate tab or in a separate document that is submitted with the form. In addition, include the cooperative agreement or contract number on the form.

#### XVI. What events qualify for the expedited review process?

There is no expedited review process. Every effort is made to review all events as quickly as possible. Most delays result from a need for additional information. Event requests are prioritized for review by balancing the following three criteria:

- 1. The start date of the event;
- 2. The date the event submission was received by COPS Office; and
- 3. The overall cost and complexity of the event. For example, conferences requiring approval by the assistant attorney general's administration and the deputy attorney general (over \$100,000–\$250,000) typically take longer to process, as they must go through COPS Office and DOJ reviews, result in more questions, and are more likely to have issues related to cost thresholds.

#### Reporting

XVII. Where can I find the most updated version of the conference reporting form to use for my submissions?

The most updated version of the conference reporting form can be found under the Training Resources for award recipients section on the COPS Office Training page at <a href="https://cops.usdoj.gov/training">https://cops.usdoj.gov/training</a>.

XVIII. If I have a question about conference reporting, to whom should I send it?

Send your questions to your designated Program Manager. They are great resources and will be happy to assist you.

XIX. Are we expected to have our staff track their time hour for hour for time spent on the event for planning, etc., or are reasonable estimates adequate for cost reporting purposes?

Post-event reports must contain actual costs, not estimates. These costs should include logistical and programmatic planner staff time spent on these activities and any contracted planner costs.

XX. With conference cost reports now being due 30 days after the event, how should we handle costs for invoices that have not been received yet? Many invoices (such as for hotels) are not received within 30 days after the event. Should estimates be included on the cost report?

All conference costs for events held by cooperative agreement recipients or contractors costing more than \$20,000, or where more than 50% of attendees are DOJ employees, must be reported within 45 calendar days after the last day of the event.

XXI. On the DOJ Conference & Events Submission Form under "A. General Conference Information," is item 19, "Reporting Period," the period in which the actual cost of the event is being reported, or should this be based on the end date of the event?

This reporting requirement is based on the end date of the event. All conference costs for events held by cooperative agreement recipients or contractors costing over \$20,000, or where more than 50% of attendees are DOJ employees, must be reported within 45 calendar days after the last day of the event. Example: A COPS Office—approved conference was conducted from 3/16/2019 through 3/20/2019. A completed Conference & Events Submission Form must be submitted, showing the prior approval amounts compared to the actual costs and explaining all variances greater than 10% or \$1,000. Reports should be emailed to the COPS Office Conference Cost email address at COPS.Conferencecosts@cops.usdoj.gov.

The following pages contain the conference reporting form template.



## Department of Justice-Sponsored Conference Request and Report

A RED cell indicates that your entry exceeds the DOJ meal threshold AND cannot be submitted unless within the meal threshold. A YELLOW cell indicates that your entry exceeds the DOJ threshold, and additional justification must be provided. A GREY box indicates that no entry is required.

JMD FINANCE STAFF USE ONLY:						
JMD Tracking Number						
Date Received						
COMPONENT USE ONLY:						
Component Internal Tracking Number						
(Optional):						
CA/Contract Number						
CA/Contract Recipient			CA/Contract PoC			
			Name			
CA/Contract PoC Phone			CA/Contract PoC			
		<b>,</b>	Email			1
	Request Cost per	Actual Cost per		COPS Average	DOJ Average	
	Attendee #D	Actual Cost per Attendee		Cost per	Cost per	
				Attendee	Attendee	
A. GENERAL CONFERENCE INFORMA	TION:					
1. Name of Requestor	GODG OCC CG					
2. Component Name ( <i>Drop Down</i> )	COPS - Office of Community	y Oriented Policing Services				
3. Is this submission for a conference request	Conference Request					
or report? (Drop Down)						
4. JMD Tracking # (Report Only)						
5. If this is a Re-Submission of a previously						
disapproved conference, indicate original JMD Tracking Number.						
6. Official Title of the Conference						
(No Abbreviations)						
7. Is this a blanket request? (Y/N)						
(Drop Down) If "YES" Skip A9-13,A16 and	No					
Sections C,D,& E1, If "NO" Skip A8						
8. If this is a Blanket Request, indicate for						
each: 1) Number of occurrences this fiscal						
year, 2) Locations, and 3) Start and End Dates						
9. Conference Start Date (MM/DD/YYYY)						
10. Conference End Date (MM/DD/YYYY)		,				

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11. Location: Country ( <i>Drop Down</i> )		
12. Location: State / Territory / Possession		
(Drop Down)		
13. Location: City		
14. Justification that conference is essential to		
accomplishing core mission		
15. Funding Appropriation Symbol		
16. Facility Name (Specific)		
17. Facility Type (Federal/Non-Federal)		
(Drop Down)		
18. Cooperative Agreement (Y/N)		
(Drop Down)		
(Required when		
reporting actuals) (Drop Down)		
	Conference REQUEST Information	Conference REPORT Information
20. Number of DOJ Federal Attendees		
21. Number of Other Federal Attendees		
22. Number of Non-Federal Attendees		
23. Total Number of Attendees		
(Auto-populates)	1()	
24. Total number of attendees whose travel	0	
expenses are paid for by DOJ (required)		
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When REPORTING quarterly conferences, only complete the request information if JMD approved your request and you have a JMD tracking number

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	Co	onference REQUI	EST Informatio	n		(	Conference RE	PORT Informa	ntion
B. TOTAL CONFERENCE COSTS:	ESTIMATED DIRECT COST	ESTIMATED INDIRECT COST (Funding from Cooperative Agreement)	ESTIMATED TOTAL COST (Auto-populates)	% OF TOTAL COST (Auto-populates)	ACTUAL DIRECT COST	ACTUAL INDIRECT COST (Funding from Cooperative Agreement )	ACTUAL TOTAL COST (Auto-populates)	and Estimate)	VARIANCE JUSTIFICATION (Provide justification if variance is >\$1,000 and >10% as indicated by a light yellow cell OR exceeds cost thresholds, as indicated by a bright yellow cell)

1. Conference Meeting Space (including		\$		0.00%
rooms for break-out sessions)		Φ	_	0.00%
2. Audio-visual Equipment and Services			-	0.00%
3. Printing and Distribution			-	0.00%
4. Meals Provided by DOJ				
a. Breakfast			-	0.00%
b. Lunch			-	0.00%
c. Dinner			-	0.00%
5. Refreshments Provided by DOJ			-	0.00%
6. M&IE for Attendees			-	0.00%
7. Lodging			-	0.00%
8. Common Carrier Transportation			-	0.00%
9. Local Transportation			-	0.00%
10. Conference Planner - Logistical			-	0.00%
11. Conference Planner - Programmatic			-	0.00%
12. Conference				0.00%
Trainer/Instructor/Presenter/Facilitator			-	0.00%
13. Other Costs: (Itemize Below)				
			-	0.00%
			-	0.00%
			-	0.00%
			-	0.00%
			-	0.00%
14. Total Conference Cost: (Auto-populates)	\$ - \$	- \$	-	0.00%

C. MEALS & REFRESHMENTS THRESHOLD CALCULATOR						
CONFERENCE LOCATION:	PER DIEM RATE					
1. Continental United States MI&E	GSA Per-Diem Rates					
2. Hawaii, Alaska, US Territories & Possessions MI&E	DOD Per-Diem Rates					
3. Foreign Country MI&E	State Department Per-Diem Rates					

D. MEALS	NUMBER OF TIMES MEAL IS SERVED	NUMBER OF ATTENDEES	PER PERSON THRESHOLD (\$)	TOTAL JMD THRESHOLD (\$)
1. Breakfast		0	SELECT PER DIEM RATE	N/A
2. Lunch		0	SELECT PER DIEM RATE	N/A
3. Dinner		0	SELECT PER DIEM RATE	N/A

### E. OTHER THRESHOLDS CALCULATOR

COST CATEGORY:	NUMBER OF ATTENDEES	PER PERSON THRESHOLD (\$)	TOTAL JMD THRESHOLD (\$)	
Conference Space & Audio-visual     Equipment and Services	0	\$ 25	\$ -	
2. Logistical Conference Planner	0	\$ 50	\$ -	
3. Programmatic Conference Planner	0	\$ 200	\$ -	

F. JUSTIFICATION IF SUBMITTING CON	F. JUSTIFICATION IF SUBMITTING CONFERENCE REQUEST FORM WITH ESTIMATED COSTS OVER THRESHOLD (Complete if cells turn YELLOW):					
Conference Space & Audio-visual Equipment and Services						
2. Refreshments						
3. Logistical Conference Planner						
4. Programmatic Conference Planner						

#### G. JUSTIFICATION REQUIRED FOR CONFERENCES WITH MEALS (Complete if cells turn YELLOW):

Government Provided Meals

#### H. JUSTIFICATION FOR NON-FEDERAL FACILITY (Complete if cells turn YELLOW):

Justification for Using a Non-Federal Facility (Drop Down)

I. FACILIT	ACILITIES CONSIDERED							
	NAME	FACILITY TYPE (Drop Down)	TOTAL EST. CONFERENCE COST	SELECTED (Y/N)	REASON FOR USE OR NON-USE			
		0	\$ -	YES				
·	·				Attachment			

J. ESTIMATED ATTENDEE INFORMATION						
ATTENDEE DUTY STATION	ATTENDEE ORGANIZATION	NUMBER OF ATTENDEES				
TOTAL - (Breakout must match entry on line	e A23)	0				

Please answer the following questions below	<u>»:</u>
Meeting/Event name:	
Meeting/Event date:	
weeting/Event date.	
Please select yes or no from the drop down:	Yes/No
1. Is the cost of the event greater than \$20,000?	
2. Are there meeting room costs?	
3. Are audio visual costs greater than \$25 per attendee	
or more than \$1000 in total?	
4. Are there any food and beverage costs?	
5. Did the request for the meeting come from multiple	
urisdictions or agencies?	
6. Do the participants represent multiple agencies that	
are not co-located or joined by an agreement (e.g., task	
force with MOU)?	
7. Are there trinkets being purchased?	
3. Is there a formal published agenda?	
Are formal discussion or presentation panels planned?	
10. Are there logistical planning costs beyond	
ncidental internal administrative costs necessary to	
arrange travel and lodging for a small number of	
ndividuals?	
If any question is answered "yes", the event must approval. If all answers are "no", the event does not approval. The CCRPOC must sign the certification along with the original cost estimate award files in accordance with the record does not interest of the second does not seem to be award files in accordance with the record does not seem to be award files in accordance with the Financial Guestian accordance with the second does not seem to see the second does not second does not see the second does not second does not see the second does not s	ot require additional prior cation below and this at must be maintained in accumentation guidelines
Outililed in the Financial Gu	ide.
CCRPOC Certification (only to be used if all answers are	"no"):
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The CCRPOC for this award certifies that the answers to all the questions above are "no", thereby not requiring prior approval. The CCRPOC further certifies that actual costs charged to the cooperative agreement will not exceed \$20,000, including any applicable indirect costs.	
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Date:	
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Please answer the following questions below	w to continue with your prior approval:
One sentence describing the event:	
Purpose for the event:	
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How the purpose ties to the COPS Office/DOJ Mission:	

COPS Office Mission: To advance the practice of community policing by the nation's state, local, territorial, and tribal law

enforcement agencies through information and grant resources.

DOJ Mission: To enforce the law and defend the interests of the United States according to the law; to ensure public safety against threats foreign and domestic; to provide federal leadership in preventing and controlling crime; to seek just punishment for those guilty of unlawful behavior; and to ensure fair and impartial administration of justice for all Americans.

Brief discussion of how and why the venue (City, State and facility) was selected.  Answer:	
	Venue selection justification documents or venue selection matrix provided
ntended audience (select all that apply "X")	
	Community based organizations/NPOs Community Members/Volunteers/General Public Corrections / Detention Personnel Court Personnel Crime Scene Investigators Defense Attorneys Educators Faith-based Organizations Financial Managers Forensic Scientists Grant Managers Health services (medical, mental health, substance abuse treatment) Industry Judges Law Enforcement Probation /Community Corrections/Parole Prosecutors Tribal Victim Advocates Youth Other – describe below

Corrections
Courts
Crime Prevention
Crime Scene Investigation
Drugs
Forensic Science
Grants Management (financial, administrative, programmatic)
Justice Systems
Juvenile Justice
Laboratory Operations
Law Enforcement
Standards
Technical Working Groups / Advisory Groups
Victims of Crime
Other – describe below

#### **ESTIMATED EXPENSE JUSTIFICATION/COST CALCULATION SECTION** Conference/Meeting Space Justification Item Cost per Day Number of Days Total Direct Costs Total Grantee Cost **Total Cost** \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 A/V Equipment & Services Justification Total Direct Costs Total Grantee Cost Item Cost per Day Number of Days **Total Cost** \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 Printing and Distribution Total Direct Costs Total Grantee Cost Total Cost Justification Item Unit Cost \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 Unit Cost Number of Attendees Justification ltem Number of Days Total Direct Costs Total Grantee Cost Total Cost Lunch \$0 \$0 \$0 Dinner \$0 Refreshment \$0 M & IE Justification Desciption Per Diem Rate Number of Travelers Number of Days Total Direct Costs Total Grantee Cost Total Cost \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 Lodging Desciption Lodging Rate Number of Travelers Number of Nights Justification Total Direct Costs **Total Grantee Cost** Total Cost \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 **DOJ Attendee Lodging** \$0 Transportation Desciption Number of Travelers Total Direct Costs **Total Grantee Cost Total Cost** Justification \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 **DOJ Attendee Transportation Local Transportation** Justification Number of trips, miles, vehicles, persons **Total Grantee Cost** Cost/Rate **Total Direct Costs Total Cost** Taxi \$0.00 Parking Fees \$0.00 \$0 Shuttle Service \$0.00 POV (mileage) \$0.00 \$0 \$0.00 **DOJ Attendee Local Transportation** Logistical Planner hours/days Total Direct Costs Total Grantee Cost Total Cost Justification Cost/Rate ltem \$0.00 \$0.00

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				\$0.00		
				\$0.00		
		Prog	rammatic Planner			
Justification	ltem	Cost/Rate	hours/days	Total Direct Costs	<b>Total Grantee Cost</b>	Total Cost
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				\$0.00	\$0	\$0
				\$0.00	•	• -
				\$0.00		
			Other Expense			
Justification	ltem	Cost/Rate	Quantity	Total Direct Costs	Total Grantee Cost	Total Cost
				\$0.00		
				\$0.00		
				\$0.00	\$0	\$0
				\$0.00		
				\$0.00		
			Indirect Cost			
Justification	ltem	Rate	Base	Total Direct Costs	<b>Total Grantee Cost</b>	Total Cost
				\$0.00		
				\$0.00		
				\$0.00	\$0	\$0
				\$0.00		
				\$0.00		
Total Number of Event Days Average Meeting Space and AV expenses /person /day  Attached Documents Please mark "X" in the box and provide a copy of the docume Hotel contract/proposal (if applicable please mark "X" in the box Meeting Agenda (required)  Indirect Cost Rate Agreement	ent	signed contract) Copy Provided  Copy Provided				
Attendees attendees and where they are travelling from. Please a attendees are not yet known please write in a justification in t *Please note if other DOJ component attendance (FBI, DEA, USMS, USAO, etc.) is expected	odd more spaces as necessary. ( the box below)	If attendees are not known - explanation:			]	
Organization:		Name:	Duty Station:	Traveling From:	1	
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## **Hotel Selection Justification and Cost Breakdown**

Bid	Hotel	Total Cost	Availability	Food	Guest Room Rate per Night	Meeting Space Rental Fee + Service Fee	Microphones, Mixer, and Recording	Screen and Projector	Technician and Service Fee
1									
2									
3									

Audio/Visual Cost Justification				
If A/V estimate costs are above the threshold, use the space below to explain and/or justify the cost.				

Itemized Travel Costs Paid or Reimbursed with Cooperative Agreement Funds										
Only complete this form when subm	itting Conference Report Actuals.									
Name	Duty Station (Departure and Return Location)	Purpose/Role (Participant, Facilitator, Logistical Coordinator, etc.)	# of days	Total M&IE	Total Lodging (Include tax)	Common Carrier Transportation (Air, Rail, or Bus)	Baggage Fees*	Local Transportation (Includes taxi, parking, rental car, POV)	Total	
									* * * * * *	- - - - -
TOTAL				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$	-

<sup>\*</sup> Although there is a separate column for "Baggage Fees" that expense should be added to the "Common Carrier Transportation" in the actuals report.

Complete this form only when submitting <u>Actual Costs</u> and if there are particular itemized expense in "Part B Total Conference Costs" of the Reporting Form exceeds the threshhold or the allowable variance. Provide justification/explanation and calcualtions in the below form.

Expense Category	Cost	Reporting Form Variance Justification/ Explanation
Conference Meeting Space	\$0	
A/V Equipment and Services	\$0	
Conference Meeting Space and	\$0	Total will auto-populate
A/V Equipment and Services		i otal will auto-populate
Printing and Distribution	\$0	
Gov't Provided Meals*	\$0	
Breakfast	\$0	
Lunch	\$0	
Dinner	\$0	
Refreshments*	\$0	
M&IE	\$0	
Lodging	\$0	
Transportation	\$0	
Local Transportation	\$0	
Logistical Conference Planner	\$0	
Programmatic Conference Planner	\$0	
Conference	\$0	Conference trainer/instructor/presentor/facilitator costs should be broken out in the "Conference
Trainer/Instructor/Presenter/Facilitator	·	Request Questions" sheet.
Other Costs	\$0	
Indirect Costs	\$0	
	\$0	
	\$0	
	\$0	
	\$0	
	\$0	
	\$0 <b>\$0</b>	Total will auto nonulate
Total:	\$0	Total will auto-populate

## **Glossary of Terms**

The following information is provided to assist you with the completion of your COPS Office award program application forms. The list includes some of the most common terms that are used in the application forms. For additional assistance or clarification regarding any part of the application, please contact the COPS Office Response Center at 800-421-6770 or **AskCopsRC@usdoj.gov**.

allowable costs. Allowable costs are costs that will be paid for by this award program.

authorized officials. The authorized officials are the individuals in your organization who have final authority and responsibility for all programmatic and financial decisions regarding your application and, if funded, your award. For law enforcement agencies, the listed law enforcement executive (usually chief of police, sheriff, etc.) and the government executive (usually mayor, board president, etc.) are your agency's authorized officials.

**authorized organizational representative (AOR).** A person authorized by your e-business POC to submit applications to Grants.gov. This privilege should be provided only to those individuals who currently have signature authority for submitting award applications. The name of the individual designated as an AOR will be populated by the Grants.gov system in award application package forms, which require signatures. An organization can assign as many AORs to use Grants.gov as necessary.

**award end date.** This is the date until which your agency is authorized to purchase items or hire positions that were approved by the COPS Office. If funded, the award end date is found on your award document. Recipients may not make any purchases or hire any positions after this date without written approval from the COPS Office.

**award number.** If awarded, the award number identifies your agency's specific award, and can be found on your award document. This number should be used as a reference when corresponding with the COPS Office. The COPS Office tracks award information based upon this number.

**award start date.** This is the date on or after which your agency is authorized to purchase items or hire positions that were approved by the COPS Office. If funded, the award start date is found on your award document. Recipients may not make any purchases or hire any positions prior to this date without written approval from the COPS Office.

career law enforcement officer. The COPS Office statute defines a career law enforcement officer as a person hired on a permanent basis who is authorized by law or by a state or local public agency to engage in or oversee the prevention, detection, or investigation of violations of criminal laws.

**Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA).** The CFDA is an annual government-wide publication that contains a description and index of all forms of federal assistance. Each program is assigned a CFDA number, which is used by auditors to track award revenues under the Single Audit Act. It is also used in participating states by state single points of contact in conducting the required intergovernmental reviews under Executive Order 12372. The CFDA number for all COPS Office programs is 16.710.

**closeout.** The process in which the awarding agency, the COPS Office, determines that all applicable administrative actions and all required work and conditions of the award have been completed and met by the recipient and awarding agency.

**Cognizant Federal Agency.** The federal agency that generally provides the most federal financial assistance to the recipient of funds. Cognizance is assigned by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

**community policing.** 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 violent crime, nonviolent crime, and fear of crime.

**computing devices.** Computing devices are machines used to acquire, store, analyze, process, and publish data and other information electronically, including accessories (or "peripherals") for printing, transmitting, and receiving, or storing electronic information.

**cooperative agreement.** A legal instrument of financial assistance between a federal awarding agency and a non-federal entity to carry out a public purpose authorized by a law of the United States that, consistent with 31 U.S.C. § 6302-6305, provides for substantial involvement between the federal awarding agency and the non-federal entity in carrying out the activity contemplated by the federal award.

**COPS Office.** The Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office) is the office within the U.S. Department of Justice that, if awarded, is your grantor or awarding agency for your COPS Office award. The COPS Office is responsible for administering your award for the entire award period. You can reach the COPS Office at 800-421-6770.

**COPS Office finance staff.** Members of the COPS Office finance staff handle your agency's financial and budgetary needs related to your application. A financial analyst is assigned to your state, and is available to answer any questions that you may have concerning the financial aspects of your award, if funded. To identify your state assigned financial analyst, please call the COPS Office Response Center at 800-421-6770, or visit the COPS Office web site at **www.cops.usdoj.gov**.

**Disallowed costs.** Disallowed costs means those charges that are determined to be unallowable, in accordance with the applicable Federal statutes, regulations, or the terms and conditions of the federal award.

**DUNS number.** DUNS stands for "data universal numbering system." DUNS numbers are issued by Dun and Bradstreet (D&B) and consist of nine or thirteen digits. If your institution does not have one, call 866-705-5711 to receive one free of charge. You can also request your DUNS number online at **www.dnb.com/us**.

**e-business point of contact (POC).** Your e-business POC is the person who will designate which staff members can submit applications through Grants.gov. When you register with SAM, your institution will be asked to designate an e-Business POC.

**equipment.** Equipment is tangible personal property (including information technology systems) having a useful life of more than one year and a per-unit acquisition cost that equals or exceeds \$5,000.

federally recognized tribe. Tribal entities that are recognized and eligible for funding and services from the Bureau of Indian Affairs by virtue of their status as Indian tribes. They are acknowledged to have the immunities and privileges available to other federally acknowledged Indian tribes by virtue of their government-to-government relationship with the United States as well as the responsibilities, power, limitation, and obligations of such tribes. Only federally recognized tribes are eligible to apply for COPS Office tribal award funds. For further information, contact: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Division of Tribal Government Services, MS-4631-MIB, 1849 C Street NW, Washington, DC 20240, 202-208-2475.

grant. A legal instrument of financial assistance between a federal awarding agency and a non-federal entity to carry out a public purpose authorized by a law of the United States that, consistent with 31 U.S.C. § 6302-6305, does not provide for substantial involvement between the federal awarding agency and the non-Federal entity in carrying out the activity contemplated by the federal award.

Indian tribe. For purposes of COPS Office awards, Indian tribe means a tribe, band, pueblo, nation, or other organized group or community of Indians, including an Alaska Native village (as defined in or established under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C.§ 1601 et seq.), that is recognized as eligible for the special programs and services provided by the United States to Indians because of their status as Indians. See 34 U.S.C.§ 10389(3).

**indirect costs.** Indirect (facilities & administrative (F&A)) costs means those costs incurred for a common or joint purpose benefitting more than one cost objective, and not readily assignable to the cost objectives specifically benefitted, without effort disproportionate to the results achieved.

institutions of higher education (IHE). Institution of higher education is defined at 20 U.S.C. 1001.

**Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS).** The Bureau of Labor Statistics' LAUS program provides monthly estimates of unemployment for communities. For more information and detailed instructions for looking up your local area's unemployment rate, please visit <a href="www.bls.gov/lau/data.htm">www.bls.gov/lau/data.htm</a>.

**local budget cycle.** Your agency's fiscal year. Some common examples include January 1 to December 31, October 1 to September 30, and July 1 to June 30. Some local budget cycles may extend up to 24 months.

**M-PIN.** Password used by your e-business point of contact to designate which staff members can submit applications to Grants.gov.

matching funds. What a locality must contribute as a cash match toward total allowable project costs over the life of the program.

**mobile data computer/laptop.** A Mobile Data Computer (MDC) is a computer terminal mounted in a vehicle that is linked via wireless communication to a network that is often integrated with a CAD system. MDCs enable officers to complete previously handwritten reports on a computer. This often eliminates the need to enter duplicate information on multiple reports.

modified total direct cost. Modified total direct cost (MTDC) means all direct salaries and wages, applicable fringe benefits, materials and supplies, services, travel, and up to the first \$25,000 of each subaward (regardless of the period of performance of the subawards under the award). MTDC excludes equipment, capital expenditures, charges for patient care, rental costs, tuition remission, scholarships and fellowships, participant support costs and the portion of each subaward in excess of \$25,000. Other items may only be excluded when necessary to avoid a serious inequity in the distribution of indirect costs, and with the approval of the cognizant agency for indirect costs.

**nonfederal entity.** Nonfederal entity means a state, local government, Indian tribe, institution of higher education, or nonprofit organization that carries out a federal award as a recipient or subrecipient.

**nonprofit organization.** Nonprofit organization means any corporation, trust, association, cooperative, or other organization, not including institutions of higher education, that is operated primarily for scientific, educational,

service, charitable, or similar purposes in the public interest; is not organized primarily for profit; and uses net proceeds to maintain, improve, or expand the operations of the organization.

**obligation of funds.** If this application is awarded, the COPS Office obligates federal funds when the award document is signed by the director or his or her designated official. For the recipient, award funds are obligated when monies are spent directly on purchasing items approved under the award. The term *encumbrance* is often used at the local and state levels to describe this type of transaction. Liquidated obligations are considered cash outlays or monies actually spent. Unliquidated obligations are obligations incurred and recorded but not yet paid (accrual basis of accounting) or not yet recorded and not yet paid (cash basis of accounting).

**OJP vendor number/EIN number.** This is your organization's nine-digit federal tax identification number assigned to you by the IRS. Your accounting/bookkeeping department should have this number.

If your EIN previously has been assigned to another organization within your jurisdiction, the Office of the Comptroller will assign a new OJP vendor number to you. The new assigned number is to be used for administrative purposes only, in connection with this award program, and should not be used for IRS purposes.

**ORI (Originating Agency Identifier) number.** This number is assigned by the FBI and is your organization's originating agency identifier. The first two letters are your state abbreviation, the next three numbers are your county's code, and the final two numbers identify your jurisdiction within your county. When you contact the COPS Office with a question, you can use the ORI number, and we will be able to assist you. If you are a previous COPS Office award recipient, you may have been assigned an ORI number through the COPS Office if the FBI had not previously assigned your organization this identifier number.

participant support costs. Participant support costs means direct costs for items such as stipends or subsistence allowances, travel allowances, and registration fees paid to or on behalf of participants or trainees (but not employees) in connection with conferences, or training projects.

**primary law enforcement authority.** 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; and/or have cases referred to them for investigation or investigational support.

**program income.** Program income means gross income earned by the non-Federal entity that is directly generated by a supported activity or earned as a result of the Federal award during the period of performance.

**Public Safety Partnership and Community Policing Act of 1994.** The COPS Office is charged with fulfilling the mandates of this law. The purposes of the law are to

- increase the number of community policing officers on the beat;
- provide additional and more effective training to law enforcement officers to enhance their problem solving, service, and other skills needed in interacting with members of the community;
- encourage the development and implementation of innovative programs to permit members of the community to assist law enforcement agencies in the prevention of crime;
- encourage the development of new technologies to assist law enforcement agencies in reorienting the emphasis of their activities from reacting to crime to preventing crime.

**recipient.** The Uniform Guidance defines it as "Recipient means a non-Federal entity that receives a Federal award directly from a Federal awarding agency to carry out an activity under a Federal program. The term recipient does not include subrecipients. See also § 200.69 Non-Federal entity." 2 C.F.R. § 200.86.

research and development. Research and development (R&D) means all research activities, both basic and applied, and all development activities that are performed by non-Federal entities. The term "research" also includes activities involving the training of individuals in research techniques where such activities use the same facilities as other research and development activities and where such activities are not included in the instruction function. "Research" is defined as a systematic study directed toward fuller scientific knowledge or understanding of the subject studied. "Development" is the systematic use of knowledge and understanding gained from research directed toward the production of useful materials, devices, systems, or methods, including design and development of prototypes and processes.

school resource officer (SRO). A career law enforcement officer, with sworn authority, deployed in community-oriented policing, and assigned by the employing police department or agency to work in collaboration with schools and community-based organizations to (a) address crime and disorder problems, gangs, and drug activities affecting or occurring in our around and elementary or secondary school; (b) deploy or expand crime prevention efforts for students; (C) educate likely school-age victims in crime prevention and safety; (d) develop or expand community justice initiatives for students; (e) train students in conflict resolution, restorative justice, and crime awareness; (f) assist in the identification of physical changes in the environment that may reduce crime in or around the school; and (g) assist in developing school policy that addresses crime and to recommend procedural changes.

simplified acquisition threshold. Simplified acquisition threshold means the dollar amount below which a non-Federal entity may purchase property or services using small purchase methods. Non-Federal entities adopt small purchase procedures in order to expedite the purchase of items costing less than the simplified acquisition threshold. The simplified acquisition threshold is set by the Federal Acquisition Regulation at 48 C.F.R. Subpart 2.1 (Definitions) and in accordance with 41 U.S.C. § 1908. Currently, the simplified acquisition threshold is \$250,000.

**subaward.** Subaward means an award provided by a pass-through entity to a subrecipient for the subrecipient to carry out part of a Federal award received by the pass-through entity. It does not include payments to a contractor or payments to an individual that is a beneficiary of a Federal program. A subaward may be provided through any form of legal agreement, including an agreement that the pass-through entity considers a contract.

**subrecipient.** Subrecipient means a non-Federal entity that receives a subaward from a pass-through entity to carry out part of a Federal program; but does not include an individual that is a beneficiary of such program. A subrecipient may also be a recipient of other Federal awards directly from a Federal awarding agency.

**supplanting.** COPS Office award funds may not be used to supplant (replace) state, local, or Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) funds that would be made available in the absence of federal COPS Office award funding. Program funds must be used to increase the amount of state, local, or BIA funds otherwise budgeted for the award purposes, plus any additional state, local, or BIA funds budgeted for these purposes.

**supplies.** Supplies means all tangible personal property other than those described under equipment. A computing device is a supply if the acquisition cost is less than the lesser of the capitalization level established by the non-Federal entity for financial statement purposes or \$5,000, regardless of the length of its useful life.

**System for Award Management (SAM).** Institutions applying for any type of award from the Federal Government must register with SAM. The SAM database is the repository for standard information about federal financial assistance applicants, recipients, and sub-recipients. Applicants must update or renew their SAM at least once per year to maintain an active status. Information about registration procedures can be accessed at <a href="https://www.sam.gov">www.sam.gov</a>.

training. The COPS Office defines training as the teaching and learning activities carried out for the primary purpose of helping members of an organization acquire and apply the knowledge, skills, abilities, and attitudes needed by a particular job or organization. Training is driven by specific goals and objectives; it is not a single event but rather an ongoing process that requires continuous self-reflection and evaluation. Guides, webinars, articles, conference presentations, tool kits, podcasts, videos, blogs, and newsfeeds (to provide a few examples) can serve as support material in trainings or as standalone materials to increase knowledge, but on their own are not defined as training by the COPS Office.

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## **About the COPS Office**

The **Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office)** is the component of the U.S. Department of Justice responsible for advancing the practice of community policing by the nation's state, local, territorial, and tribal law enforcement agencies through information and grant resources.

Community policing begins with a commitment to building trust and mutual respect between police and communities. It supports public safety by encouraging all stakeholders to work together to address our nation's crime challenges. When police and communities collaborate, they more effectively address underlying issues, change negative behavioral patterns, and allocate resources.

Rather than simply responding to crime, community policing focuses on preventing it through strategic problem-solving approaches based on collaboration. The COPS Office awards grants to hire community policing officers and support the development and testing of innovative policing strategies. COPS Office funding also provides training and technical assistance to community members and local government leaders, as well as all levels of law enforcement.

Since 1994, the COPS Office has invested more than \$14 billion to add community policing officers to the nation's streets, enhance crime fighting technology, support crime prevention initiatives, and provide training and technical assistance to help advance community policing. Other achievements include the following:

- To date, the COPS Office has funded the hiring of approximately 130,000 additional officers by more than 13,000 of the nation's 18,000 law enforcement agencies in both small and large jurisdictions.
- Nearly 700,000 law enforcement personnel, community members, and government leaders have been trained through COPS Office—funded training organizations.
- To date, the COPS Office has distributed more than eight million topic-specific publications, training curricula, white papers, and resource CDs and flash drives.
- The COPS Office also sponsors conferences, roundtables, and other forums focused on issues critical to law enforcement.

COPS Office information resources, covering a wide range of community policing topics such as school and campus safety, violent crime, and officer safety and wellness, can be downloaded via the COPS Office's home page, <a href="https://www.cops.usdoj.gov">www.cops.usdoj.gov</a>. This website is also the grant application portal, providing access to online application forms.



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