



Fact Sheet

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Operation Relentless Pursuit (ORP)

Program purpose

The COPS Office will fund state and local law enforcement task forces in an effort to reduce violent crime. The objective of Operation Relentless Pursuit (ORP) is to combat violent crime by building federal cases against violent actors and their organizations. Award recipients are required to work with the U.S. Attorney's Office (USAO) and relevant federal agencies to investigate and prosecute suspects involved in gangs, drug trafficking, and other violent crime-related issues.

Program design elements

- \$50 million available under the COPS Hiring Program (CHP) for officers assigned to ORP task force operations.
- Awardees may receive up to \$125,000 toward salary and fringe benefits for each task force officer position awarded. Minimum 25% cash match is required unless a waiver of the local match is granted.
- No cap on the number of officers requested.
- Performance period is thirty-six (36) months (three years).
- Standard CHP grant terms and conditions apply, as well as other conditions specific to awardees participation in ORP operations.

Contact the COPS Office

For more information about COPS Office programs and resources, please call the COPS Office Response Center at 800-421-6770 or visit the COPS Office website at www.cops.usdoj.gov.

Key grant conditions

In addition to standard CHP award terms and conditions, agencies receiving funding to support ORP task force officer positions will be subject to the following:

- Awardees will be asked to deploy existing veteran officers to task force duties and use CHP funding to hire new recruits to backfill those positions, as practical.
- Officers deployed to ORP task force operations as a result of CHP funding must be sworn, career law enforcement officers of the awarded agency, and their work on the task force must benefit their jurisdiction.
- Officers deployed to ORP task force operations as a result of CHP funding are required to work with their USAO and relevant federal agencies to investigate and prosecute targets involved in gangs, drug trafficking, and other violent crime-related issues.
- The COPS Office expects that officers deployed to ORP task force operations as a result of CHP funding will spend all or most of their time performing task force-related activities. However, all decisions concerning task force participation will be made at the local level by the USAO.
- Officers deployed to ORP task force operations as a result of CHP funding must participate in ORP task force activities until the task force concludes or the grant award period expires, whichever comes first. Should the task force conclude before the award period expires, awardees are expected to fulfill the remainder of the 36-month grant term focusing on violent crime issues within the awardee's jurisdiction.
- COPS Office funding will be not used to fund any federal officers or activities.

Application process

- U.S. Attorneys in the affected jurisdictions will coordinate outreach with identified law enforcement agencies to apply for ORP funding under CHP.
- Invited applicants will apply using the standard CHP grant application. Applicants will indicate in the application the combined total number of officer positions they are seeking funding for, including standard community policing positions and ORP task force positions.
- Invited applicants will submit a special addendum to the COPS Office acknowledging the ORP grant conditions and designating the number of ORP task force positions sought in the CHP application.

- A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the USAO and awardee certifying cooperation must be signed and submitted with the addendum.
- The COPS Office will designate a Lead Grant Program Specialist to provide one-on-one support to affected USAOs to facilitate application processes.

Expedited review and award

- Applicants requesting ORP funding will receive expedited review. The COPS Office expects to make ORP awards approximately one month following the closure of the solicitation.
- ORP applicants will receive priority consideration and bonus points in funding decisions.