



Fact Sheet

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2020 Preparing for Active Shooter Situations (PASS) Program

Preparing for Active Shooter (PASS) funds are used to increase law enforcement and public safety by providing funds for scenario-based training that prepares officers and other first responders to safely and effectively handle active-shooter and other violent threats. The 2020 PASS program will fund projects that will provide training to meet the goal of the 2016 Protecting Our Lives by Initiating COPS Expansion (POLICE) Act in offering “scenario-based, integrated response courses designed to counter active shooter threats or acts of terrorism against individuals or facilities.”¹

WHEN: Deadline for grant application is April 14, 2020 at 7:59 p.m. EDT.

Start EARLY. This is more than a one-day process.

WHERE: 1. Register at www.grants.gov.
2. Complete the application at www.cops.usdoj.gov. Click the “Account Access” tab.

HOW: Online only. No hard copies sent by U.S. Mail or electronic copies sent via email.

COPS Office Preparing for Active Shooter Situations (PASS) Program Topic

The 2020 PASS program will fund an applicant to train at least 20,000 first responders through scenario-based, multi-disciplinary training classes.

Detailed description of the PASS program is available in the application guide.

Funding Provisions

Provisions include the following:

- PASS provides funds to training providers who can offer integrated, scenario-based response courses as described in the 2016 POLICE Act.
- PASS-funded providers need to have substantial experience with providing and tailoring cross-disciplinary active shooter training to law enforcement and other first responders nationally.
- PASS funding may be used to provide supplemental resources to help officers maintain these vital but perishable skills—including scenario libraries and e-learning modules—and to enhance agency skills in tactical medicine and managing exposure to trauma.

1. 42 U.S.C. § 3796dd(b)(17).

- The project description should address the following objectives:
 - Train at least 20,000 first responders across the United States over the course of the award through scenario-based, multidisciplinary training classes.
 - Offer courses to law enforcement on both team and solo deployment tactics, as well as be able to provide training in tactical medicine and civilian response so that law enforcement agencies can better ensure that their whole community is prepared in the case of an active shooter event.
 - Provide a training course for school resource officers (SRO) and school personnel on both preparing their communities for a hostile event and responding to an active shooter.
 - Test police tactical responses in a controlled environment—including defensive tactics, car stops, room entries, etc.—to inform ongoing training.
 - Conduct ongoing evaluation of training offerings, including short- and long-term follow-up with participating jurisdictions on the usefulness of training and local efforts to reinforce knowledge and skills.
- There is up to \$8.6 million in funding available through the FY 2020 PASS program. Each award is two years (24 months) in length. There is no local match.

How to Apply

Applicants are first required to register via www.grants.gov and complete an SF-424 under the “COPS-PREPARING-FOR-ACTIVE-SHOOTER-SITUATIONS-2020” funding opportunity. After submitting the SF-424, applicants will receive an email with instructions on completing the second part of the PASS application through the COPS Office Online Application System “Community Policing Development” application. To complete the PASS application, please visit the COPS Office website at www.cops.usdoj.gov and click on the “Account Access” tab in the upper right-hand corner. Applicants should then enter their username and password and select “Applications” from the Agency Portal Menu.

Complete application packages for the FY 2020 PASS solicitation are due by April 14, 2020, at 7:59 p.m. EDT. Before submitting your application, please review the PASS Application Guide. Applications in hard or electronic format sent via email or U.S. Mail will not be accepted.

Contact the COPS Office

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