



# Fact Sheet

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## 2023 COPS Office Blue Alert Program

The COPS Office administers the National Blue Alert Network, a voluntary nationwide system to give authorities an early warning of threats against law enforcement and to aid in the apprehension of suspects who have killed or seriously injured an officer or deputy. The **FY23 COPS Office Blue Alert program** seeks applications from organizations to support the COPS Office with coordinating the Blue Alert system. The primary objectives of the cooperative agreement to be funded under this solicitation are to raise awareness of the Blue Alert system through the production of an educational video and to research, gather, and compile accurate and timely information from credible sources about all reported incidents where on-duty law enforcement throughout the United States, territories, and tribal lands are shot in the line of duty. Up to \$130,000 is available for this cooperative agreement.

**WHEN:** Deadline for first part of application in Grants.gov is **June 14, 2023**, at 4:59 p.m. ET. Deadline for completed application in JustGrants is **June 21, 2023**, at 4:59 p.m. ET.  
**Start EARLY.** Each of these is more than a one-day process.

**WHERE:** **1.** Register at [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov).  
**2.** Complete the application in the [JustGrants Justice Grants System](#).

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

### Funding provisions

- This solicitation is open to all public governmental agencies, 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.
- There is no requirement for cost sharing or a local match for this award.

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. The COPS Office has been appropriated more than \$20 billion to advance community policing, including grants awarded to more than 13,000 state, local and tribal law enforcement agencies to fund the hiring and redeployment of more than 136,000 officers. 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, <https://cops.usdoj.gov>.

## How to Apply

**Step 1.** Confirm your entity's System of Award Management (SAM) registration information. Register with SAM or confirm that your SAM registration is active and accurate.

**Step 2.** Confirm that the contact information (name and email address) for your entity's electronic business point of contact (E-Biz POC) in SAM is accurate.

**Step 3.** Register with Grants.gov or confirm your existing registration.

**Step 4.** Submit the first part of your application in Grants.gov. Deadline to complete this step is **June 14, 2023**.

**Step 5.** Onboard your agency to the JustGrants Justice Grants System.

**Step 6.** Complete and submit the second part of your application in JustGrants (<https://justicegrants.usdoj.gov>).

Further instructions and explanations of the application process can be found on the COPS Office website at <https://cops.usdoj.gov>.

Complete application packages for the FY 2023 Blue Alert solicitation are due by **June 21, 2023**, at 4:59 p.m. ET.

### Contact the COPS Office

For more information about the COPS Office Blue Alert program, please contact the COPS Office Response Center by phone at 800-421-6770 or by email at [askCOPSRC@usdoj.gov](mailto:askCOPSRC@usdoj.gov).