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Fact Sheet

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FY 2023 Critical Topics Program
Community Policing Development

Community Policing Development (CPD) funds are used 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. The FY 2023 Critical Topics CPD program will fund projects that will convene stakeholders around the most critical issues in public safety facing our nation and develop guides and resources, reports, best practices, and other information products for the field that highlight successful community policing strategies in the areas of recruitment, retention, workforce diversification, tolerance, diversity and anti-bias.

WHEN: Deadline for first part of application in Grants.gov is **May 15, 2023**, at 4:59 p.m. ET. Deadline for completed application in JustGrants is **May 24, 2023,** at 4:59 p.m. ET.

Start EARLY. The process takes more than one day.

WHERE:
1. Register online with www.sam.gov to obtain a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) and www.grants.gov to complete the Grants.gov application package.

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.

FY23 Critical Topics—Community Policing Development

This year's Critical Topics CPD program has one open solicitation with the following subcategories:

- Emerging Issues Forums

- Innovations in Recruitment, Retention, and Workforce Diversification

- Tolerance, Diversity, and Anti-Bias Training

Please see the chart on page 2 for an overview description of each solicitation. All awards are subject to the availability of appropriated funds and any modifications or additional requirements that may be imposed by law.

The COPS Office is committed to advancing work that promotes civil rights and racial equity, increases access to justice, supports crime victims and individuals impacted by the justice system, strengthens community safety and protects the public from crime and evolving threats, and builds trust between law enforcement and the community.

Title of subcategory	Overview summary	Total funding amount	Cap per award	Anticipated number of awards	Proposed eligible applicants
Emerging Issues Forums	Plan and execute convenings with thought leaders in law enforcement on critical topics that are impacting the field and the development of resources highlighting promising practices addressing these emerging issues that can be shared with the broader law enforcement community.	$300,000	$300,000	1	
Innovations in Recruitment, Retention, and Workforce Diversification	Develop recruitment, retention, and workforce diversification resources (videos, toolkits, publications, podcasts, etc.) that can be shared with the broader law enforcement field and provide technical assistance to help law enforcement agencies improve their capacity to attract, select, and retain a diverse workforce.	$400,000	$400,000	1	All for-profit (commercial) organizations, nonprofit organizations, institutions of higher education, community groups, and faith-based organizations
Tolerance, Diversity, and Anti-Bias Training	Develop or deliver tolerance, diversity, and anti-bias training programs that encompass cultural sensitivity components such as respect, acceptance, and appreciation of different groups' identities (e.g., ethnic, racial, sexual orientation and gender); cultural diveristy; and law enforcement interaction with people with disabilities, people with mental illnesses, and English language learners. Applicants may propose the development or delivery of classroom training, online training, or a combination of both. If online is proposed, applicants should plan for deployment via the COPS Training Portal.	$2,800,000	$700,000	4	

Funding Provisions

In addition to the table, provisions include the following:

- Applications should be responsive to the solicitation and subcategory selected, have substantial subject matter expertise in the topic area and propose initiatives that significantly advance the field of community policing as it pertains to the subcategory topic. Applicants must identify specific program goals that will be directly accomplished if awarded Critical Topics CPD funding. Detailed descriptions of eligibility and additional information are available in the solicitation guide.

- Applicants may submit for multiple subcategories, but a separate application must be submitted for each project.

- There is up to $3.5 million in funding available through the FY 2023 Critical Topics CPD program. Each award is two years (24 months) in length. There is no local match.

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 cops.usdoj.gov.

How to Apply

Applicants are first required to register online with www.sam.gov to obtain their Unique Entity Identifier and www.grants.gov to complete the Grants.gov application package. Deadline to complete this step is **May 15, 2023.** After submitting the Grants.gov application package, applicants will receive an email with instructions on completing the second part of the Critical Topics CPD application through JustGrants.

Complete application packages for the FY 2023 Critical Topics CPD solicitation are due by **May 24, 2023,** at 4:59 p.m. ET. Before submitting your application, please review the appropriate solicitation guide and materials. Applications in hard or electronic format sent via email or U.S. Mail will not be accepted.

Please note: The COPS Office requires two authorized representatives (Law Enforcement Executive/Program Official and Government Executive/Financial Official) for its grant applications. Confirm your two authorized representatives complete the steps to create their accounts. If they do not, the delay may prevent timely submission of your application.