



Fact Sheet

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2023 Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act Program

Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act (LEMHWA) funds are used to improve the delivery of and access to mental health and wellness services for law enforcement through the implementation of peer support, training, family resources, suicide prevention, and other promising practices for wellness programs. The 2023 LEMHWA program will fund projects that develop knowledge, increase awareness of effective mental health and wellness strategies, increase the skills and abilities of law enforcement, and increase the number of law enforcement agencies and relevant stakeholders using peer support, training, family resources, suicide prevention, and other promising practices for wellness programs.

WHEN: Deadline for first part of application in Grants.gov is **April 14, 2023**, at 4:59 p.m. ET. Deadline for completed application in JustGrants is **April 21, 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](https://www.justgrants.gov).

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

COPS Office Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act Topics

The LEMHWA program has two open solicitations this year:

- Implementation Projects
- National Level Resources, Training, and Technical Assistance

Please see the Funding Provisions section 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.

Funding Provisions

Provisions include the following:

- The **LEMHWA Implementation Projects** solicitation aims to support law enforcement agencies seeking to implement new or enhance existing programs that offer training and/or services for officer mental health, peer mentoring, suicide prevention, stress reduction, and police officer family services. Proposed projects may serve one agency, a consortium of agencies, or personnel from agencies located within a county or state. This solicitation is open to local, state, tribal, and territorial law enforcement agencies.
- The **LEMHWA National Level Resources, Training, and Technical Assistance** solicitation aims to develop resources such as toolkits and publications; offer training; and provide assistance to state, local, tribal, and territorial law enforcement agencies across the country to implement successful mental health and wellness initiatives for officers and their families. Applicants should address their ability to provide services focused on the following topic areas:
 - Officer emotional and mental health
 - Peer mentoring
 - Suicide prevention
 - Stress reduction
 - Peer and officer family support services

This solicitation is open to any public governmental agency, federally recognized Indian tribe, nonprofit organization, for-profit organization, institution of higher education, community group, or faith-based organization.

Proposals should be responsive to the solicitation and identify specific program goals that will be directly accomplished if awarded LEMHWA funding. Detailed descriptions of eligibility and additional information are available in the individual solicitation guide for each program.

There is up to \$9.5 million in funding available through the LEMHWA Implementation Projects solicitation and \$500,000 for the LEMHWA National Level Training and Technical Assistance solicitation. Awards made under both solicitations are two years (24 months) in length. There is no local match.

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 **April 14, 2023**. After submitting the Grants.gov application, applicants will receive an email with instructions on completing the second part of the LEMHWA application through JustGrants.

Complete application packages for the FY 2023 LEMHWA solicitation are due by **April 21, 2023**, at 4:59 p.m. ET. Before submitting your application, please review the LEMHWA Solicitation Guide. 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.

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 <https://cops.usdoj.gov>.