



# Fact Sheet

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## 2023 Preparing for Active Shooter Situations (PASS) Program

**Preparing for Active Shooter Situations (PASS)** funds are used to increase public and law enforcement safety nationwide by training first responders—including law enforcement, fire, emergency medical services (EMS), dispatchers, medical personnel, facility security, emergency management, and any other professionals who may reasonably be key to a successful integrated response—to handle an active shooter or other violent threat. Training provided under the 2023 PASS program will advance 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.”<sup>1</sup>

**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](https://www.sam.gov) to obtain a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) and [www.grants.gov](https://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 Preparing for Active Shooter Situations (PASS) Program

The 2023 PASS program will fund one provider to train first responders through scenario-based, multidisciplinary training classes across the country.

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

### Funding Provisions

Provisions include the following:

- A training provider who can deliver nationwide, to at least 20,000 first responders, integrated, scenario-based response courses as described in the 2016 POLICE Act
- Must have substantial experience with providing and tailoring cross-disciplinary active shooter training to law enforcement and other first responders nationally

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*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.*

1. 34 U.S.C. § 10381(b)(17).

- Funding may be used to provide supplemental resources to help first responders maintain vital but perishable skills—including scenario libraries and e-learning modules—and to enhance agency skills in tactical medicine and managing exposure to trauma.
- 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.
  - Offer incident command system training for EMS, fire, and law enforcement to improve coordination when responding to active shooter incidents.
  - Provide training for medical first responders on best practices to treat victims of active shooter incidents.
  - Provide training for emergency call center staff (dispatchers) to improve communications to fire, EMS, and law enforcement agencies during active shooter incidents.
  - Provide a training course for school resource officers 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.

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.

There is up to \$12 million in funding available through the FY 2023 PASS program. The program will fund one award, which will be one year (12 months) in length. There is no local match.

### How to Apply

Applicants are first required to register online with [www.sam.gov](http://www.sam.gov) to obtain their Unique Entity Identifier and [www.grants.gov](http://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 PASS application through JustGrants.

Complete application packages for the FY 2023 PASS solicitation are due by **April 21, 2023**, at 4:59 p.m. ET. Before submitting your application, please review the PASS 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 the PASS program, please call the COPS Office Response Center at 800-421-6770 or visit the COPS Office website at [cops.usdoj.gov](http://cops.usdoj.gov).