



Fact Sheet

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FY 2024 Implementation of De-Escalation Training Act 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 CPD program will fund projects that develop knowledge, increase awareness of effective community policing strategies, increase the skills and abilities of law enforcement and community partners, increase the number of law enforcement agencies and relevant stakeholders using proven community policing practices, and institutionalize community policing practice in routine business.

WHEN: Deadline for first part of application in Grants.gov is **March 27, 2024**, at 4:59 p.m. ET. Deadline for completed application in JustGrants is **April 3, 2024**, 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.

FY24 Implementation of De-Escalation Training Act—Community Policing Development

This program has one open solicitation. The Law Enforcement De-Escalation Training Act of 2022 directs the U.S. Department of Justice to develop or identify existing training for law enforcement officers and covered mental health professionals regarding (i) employing de-escalation tactics and alternatives to use of force; (ii) safely responding to an individual experiencing a mental or behavioral health or suicidal crisis or an individual with a disability, including techniques and strategies that are designed to protect the safety of that individual, law enforcement officers, mental health professionals, and the public; (iii) successfully participating on a crisis intervention team; and (iv) making referrals to community-based mental and behavioral health services and support, housing assistance programs, public benefits programs, the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, and other services.

The COPS Office is committed to advancing work that promotes civil rights and 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.

In addition, the U.S. Department of Justice is expected to establish processes to certify training programs and courses offered by public and private entities to law enforcement officers and covered mental health professionals and to terminate the certification of a training program or course if the program or course fails to continue to meet the standards under the training curricula developed or identified.

The primary goal of this program is to develop and support a training approval program as specified in the Law Enforcement De-Escalation Training Act of 2022. The project must focus on the development and pilot implementation of a standards-based approval process and promotion of its use and benefits to the law enforcement field.

Applicants should plan to address their experience and capacity with establishing substantive curriculum standards, managing certification or approval processes, evaluating training, and working with diverse stakeholders.

All awards are subject to the availability of appropriated funds and any modifications or additional requirements that may be imposed by law.

Funding Provisions

Provisions include the following:

- This solicitation is open to all for-profit (commercial) and nonprofit institutions, institutions of higher education, community groups, and faith-based organizations. Applications should be responsive to the solicitation and demonstrate knowledge of law enforcement de-escalation training programs and experience in developing policies and processes for national law enforcement training programs, including continual assessments and tracking training requirements. The applicant should also have experience in the administration of national law enforcement resources. Initiatives that are deemed “projects out of scope” as outlined in the solicitation guide will not be considered for funding. Applicants must identify specific program goals that will be directly accomplished if awarded Implementation of De-Escalation Training Act CPD funding. Additional program information is available in the solicitation guide.

- There is one award for up to \$750,000 available through the FY 2024 Implementation of De-Escalation Training Act CPD program. The award is 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 **March 27, 2024**. After submitting the Grants.gov application package, applicants will receive an email with instructions on completing the second part of the De-Escalation CPD application through JustGrants.

Complete application packages for the FY 2024 Implementation of De-Escalation Training Act CPD solicitation are due by **April 3, 2024**, 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.

Contact the COPS Office

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