



# **Pre-Award Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) for 2024 COPS Office Safer Outcomes: Enhancing De-Escalation and Crisis Response Training for Law Enforcement Program Curriculum Integration for Law Enforcement Academies and State-Level Training Commissions**

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## **Q. What is the goal of this solicitation?**

- A. The goal of this solicitation is to promote safe outcomes during police encounters with persons in crisis through the integration of de-escalation and crisis response training into the curriculum of law enforcement academies and state-level training commissions. Training must address one or more of the following areas of focus
1. De-escalation tactics and alternatives to use of force
  2. Safely responding to an individual experiencing a mental or behavioral health or suicidal crisis
  3. Safe encounters with individuals with disabilities
  4. Successfully participating on a crisis intervention team
  5. Making referrals to community-based services and supports

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## **Q. Who is eligible to apply for Law Enforcement Academy Curriculum Integration grants?**

- A. Applications will be accepted under two distinct funding paths.

The Academy path will make awards to law enforcement training academies that deliver a curriculum of basic law enforcement instruction required for certification and employment in sworn officer positions for state, local, tribal, or territorial law enforcement agencies.

The Commission path will make awards to state-level regulatory bodies with the authority to establish training standards or mandate training curriculum for law enforcement officers in the state, commonly referred to as Police Officer Standards and Training Commissions or Peace Officer Standards and Training Commissions (POST Commissions).

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**Q. Where can I get more information on integrating curriculum?**

- A. For more information on curriculum integration, applicants are encouraged to visit the COPS Office Resource Center and access the publication *Improving Learning Outcomes in Police Academy Training*, <https://portal.cops.usdoj.gov/resourcecenter?item=cops-r1138>.

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**Q. Are there any post-award requirements for the Law Enforcement Academy Curriculum Integration Grants program?**

- A. Awardees will be required to provide the COPS Office with evidence of academy curriculum integration or statewide curriculum/standards integration, and the results of any evaluations conducted. Awardees may also be asked to provide their results and experiences to other law enforcement professionals to share in a culture of mutual learning.

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For the [FY24 COPS Office Solicitations Frequently Asked Questions](#) visit our [How To Apply](#) page.

**Questions?** For technical assistance with submitting the **full application** in JustGrants, contact the JustGrants Service Desk at [JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov](mailto:JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov) or 833-872-5175. The JustGrants Service Desk operates 5:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. eastern time (ET) Monday to Friday, and 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. ET on Saturday, Sunday, and federal holidays.

For programmatic and general assistance with the solicitation requirements, contact the COPS Office Response Center at 800-421-6770 or by email at [AskCOPSRC@usdoj.gov](mailto:AskCOPSRC@usdoj.gov). The Response Center's hours of operation are Monday–Friday (except U.S. Federal Government holidays; see <https://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/snow-dismissal-procedures/federal-holidays/>) from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time (ET). The Response Center will remain open on the solicitation closing date until 4:59 p.m. ET.