



How To Apply for COPS Office Community Policing Advancement (CPA) Funding Opportunities Webinar Q&A

Q. For COPS Microgrants, can an agency submit multiple applications for the same topic?

A. Agencies are allowed to submit multiple applications under a funding opportunity; however, each application must demonstrate a different project idea or proposal.

Q. Does the COPS Office provide funding for security companies that fall under a 501c.3?

A. You would likely need to partner with a Law Enforcement Agency depending on the funding opportunity. Please review the eligibility requirements for the funding availability you are interested in. You can review current funding opportunities here: <https://cops.usdoj.gov/grants>.

Q. Can you share more about the requirement to comply with 8.U.S.C. 1373? For instance, will this be a requirement specific to COPS grants, or to all federal awards moving forward?

A. Please review the specific Notice of Funding Opportunity for all applicable requirements. Questions related to your agency's compliance with 8 U.S.C. § 1373, or compliance with any other federal statutes in order to apply for or receive federal funding should be directed to your agency's legal counsel.

Q. Can a school district apply?

A. To determine what programs you are eligible to apply for as a particular entity type, please visit <https://cops.usdoj.gov/notice-of-funding-opportunities-finder>.

Q. Is compliance to 8 U.S. Code § 1373 a determining factor for funding eligibility? Will there be a certification form or other within applications?

A. State and local governmental entities must comply with 8 U.S.C. §1373 to be eligible for COPS Office funding.

Q. Could you clarify this bullet from the Unallowable Costs supplement: "Please be advised that COPS Office funding must not be used for the following: State and local governments and law enforcement agencies that have failed to protect public monuments, memorials, and statutes from destruction or vandalism." Does that mean specific agencies may be ineligible for this grant?

A. Questions related to your agency's compliance with federal statutes in order to apply for or receive federal funding should be directed to your agency's legal counsel.

Q. What does partnership / potential opportunities look like for nonprofits that already work with law enforcement as a subrecipient or secondary applicant?

A. Nonprofit agencies can partner with law enforcement through procurement contracts or through the execution of subawards.

Q. We were awarded LEMHWA funds in FY22 and provided training with those funds. We would like to apply for FY25 and would like to know if we could provide training again. Would that be considered a new program to comply with 'new or enhance existing programs' requirements?

A. Funds for continuation projects are not awarded under the LEMHWA Program. Proposals requesting funding should demonstrate new facets of a wellness program.

Q. Can for-profit organizations be primary applicants in the Law Enforcement Products and Resources grant? Is a law enforcement agency required to be a co-applicant?

A. For-profit organizations are eligible to apply for funding under the Law Enforcement Products and Resources Program. They are not required to partner with a law enforcement agency under this funding opportunity. For additional information about programs that you are eligible to apply for based on entity type, please visit our Notice of Funding Opportunities Finder at <https://cops.usdoj.gov/notice-of-funding-opportunities-finder>.

Q. There appears to be a new eligibility requirement compared to FY24—will there be additional guidance for this? From grants.gov, "State and local governmental entities must comply with 8 U.S.C. §1373, which provides that State and local government entities may not prohibit, or in any way restrict, any government entity or official from sending to, receiving from, maintaining, or exchanging information regarding citizenship or immigration status, lawful or unlawful, of any individual with components of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security or any other federal, state or local government entity. This includes any prohibitions or restrictions imposed or established by a State or local government entity or official. For additional information, please see the appendices in the FY25 Resource Guide for Community Policing Advancement (CPA) Programs."

A. Questions related to your agency's compliance with 8 U.S.C. § 1373, or compliance with any other federal statutes in order to apply for or receive federal funding should be directed to your agency's legal counsel.

Q. Do school district police departments qualify for COPS funding as law enforcement agencies?

A. School district police departments are eligible to apply for funding opportunities at the COPS office depending on the requirements of the specific Notice of Funding Opportunity. Some programs require that an agency have primary law enforcement authority. An agency with primary law enforcement authority is defined as the first responder to calls for service for all types of criminal incidents within its jurisdiction. Agencies are not considered to have primary law enforcement authority if they only respond to or investigate specific type(s) of crime(s), respond to or investigate crimes within a correctional institution, serve warrants, provide courthouse security, transport prisoners, have cases referred to them for investigation or investigational support, or some combination of these

Q. My agency services detainees through detention and on-site medical detention facilities. Regarding the accreditation for law enforcement, for this grant is the verbiage "law enforcement" inclusive for detention officers and detention medical officers as well as deputies?

A. Law enforcement accreditation is the only type of accreditation supported by the CPD Accreditation program. Applicants seeking communications, jail, training academy, or other non-law enforcement accreditation will not be considered.

Q. Does the SAM account need to be specific for the grant applicant? Can a department under the city utilize the city's SAM account when applying for grants?

A. Applicants may utilize their municipalities' SAM account when applying for funding. Communicate with your city or municipality SAM account POC to determine how to get appropriate permissions and access to apply.

Q. Can the person applying add another person in JustGrants to be able to access the application? For example, our police chief is submitting the application, but I am helping with the grant writing.

A. Applicants can identify and assign multiple application submitters to review the application in JustGrants. Review this guide for details: <https://justicegrants.usdoj.gov/training/application-submission-guide.pdf>.

Q. In FY24 we submitted a Sole Source letter for equipment we purchased. Since then, we have identified another vendor with similar equipment. This vendor is on a state contract. Do we need to submit three bids in order to purchase this equipment for the FY25 grant?

A. When submitting an application, you generally do not need to submit bids as part of the application materials in JustGrants. If awarded, follow program rules regarding vendors and contracts provided in the Award Owners Manual.

Q. Can the second authorized representative be our Police Administrator, or would it be our Finance Director?

- A. For law enforcement agencies, COPS Office awards require that both the top law enforcement executive (e.g., chief of police, sheriff, or equivalent) and the top government executive (e.g., mayor, board chairman, or equivalent) sign the application, and (if awarded funding) accept the Award Package. The top law enforcement executive must be assigned the role of Authorized Representative 1 and the top government executive must be assigned the role of Authorized Representative 2 in JustGrants.

Q. Is the entity in SAM the law enforcement agency, or the unit of government that houses it? (i.e., is it the sheriff's office or the county that is the SAM entity?)

- A. This is a decision that is made locally. Please consult your agency, city, or locality points of contact for further assistance/guidance.

Q. I'm applying for the Law Enforcement Products and Resources program, and you do an emerging issues forum. Can a portion of the budget go towards travel for attendees to that in-person forum?

- A. For information about allowable or unallowable costs, please review the Allowable/ Unallowable Cost list found at https://cops.usdoj.gov/pdf/2025ProgramDocs/cpd_leprp/Allowable_Unallowable_Costs_List.pdf.

Q. Do I need to be in the AOR role in order to create an account in JustGrants?

- A. A JustGrants account will be created, if you do not already have one, after the 424 is submitted in grants.gov. If your entity is new to JustGrants, your SAM.gov E-Biz POC is automatically assigned as the JustGrants Entity Administrator (EA) and must follow the instructions they receive in an email from DOJ (DIAMD-NoReply@usdoj.gov) to create a JustGrants account.

Q. You mention that most of these grants are only for law enforcement agencies. The CHP grant shows it is available for school districts to apply—is that correct?

- A. You can review the COPS Hiring Program Webinar at <https://cops.usdoj.gov/chp> or contact askcopsrc@usdoj.gov for CHP-specific questions regarding applicant eligibility.

Q. What are the titles of the people who will be Authorized Representative 1 and 2? I missed this.

- A. For law enforcement agencies, COPS Office awards require that both the top law enforcement executive (e.g., chief of police, sheriff, or equivalent) and the top government executive (e.g., mayor, board chairman, or equivalent) sign the application, and (if awarded funding) accept the Award Package. The top law enforcement executive must be assigned the role of Authorized Representative 1 and the top government executive must be assigned the role of Authorized Representative 2 in JustGrants.

For non-law enforcement agencies (institutions of higher education, school districts, private organizations, etc.), COPS Office awards require that both the programmatic official (e.g., executive

director, chief executive officer, or equivalent) and financial official (e.g., chief financial officer, treasurer, or equivalent) sign the application, and (if awarded funding) accept the Award Package. You also need to ensure that these two officials have the ultimate signatory authority to sign contracts on behalf of your organization. The programmatic official must be assigned the role of Authorized Representative 1, and the financial official must be assigned the role of Authorized Representative 2 in JustGrants.

Q. If you don't know your exact budget yet, can you still complete the SF-424? If so, what amount would you indicate in the requested amount section?

A. You may indicate an estimated amount when completing this portion of the form.

Q. Which SF-424 form do we complete? There are multiples available listed under titles such "Individual and Family," etc. I couldn't find one for government agencies.

A. When initiating an application in grants.gov, the system will direct you to the appropriate form for submission.

Q. In regards to the COPS Community Policing Development Accreditation Program Grant, can an Accredited LE Agency seeking reaccreditation apply? If not, are there other funding opportunities that relate to accreditation programs?

A. Unfortunately, at this time agencies seeking renewal or reaccreditation are not eligible, and these are the only accreditation programs available from the COPS Office.

Q. For Safer Outcomes—can we have an enhancement and/or expansion for a current program?

A. There is no prohibition for a prior/existing grantee under the Safer Outcomes program.

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Q. On page 13 of the Microgrants program NOFO, it indicates, "Applicants are also encouraged to incorporate an evaluation and report component that can assist other law enforcement agencies in implementing similar programs." Can a university conduct the evaluation as a subrecipient?

A. Partnerships with universities are allowed under the Microgrants funding opportunity.

Q. Are virtual reality / augmented reality (VR/AR) technology allowable equipment? They are listed as allowable, but simulators / augmented reality programs are listed as unallowable equipment.

A. VR/AR technology is allowable only in the Safer Outcomes program.

Q. Is a 501(c)(3) Accreditation Agency allowed to apply for a grant to assist police agencies in obtaining accreditation?

A. Nonprofit organizations are eligible for the Enhancing Law Enforcement Accreditation Entities subcategory of the Accreditation program.

Q. How do we obtain a UEI?

A. You will obtain a UEI through sam.gov.

Q. For the Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness (LEMHWA) grant, are mobile subscriptions (i.e. a wellness app for sworn and civilian employees and their families) eligible? I reviewed the allowable/not allowable list and didn't see that specifically noted. Thanks.

A. Web applications are allowable under the LEMHWA Program; however, they must be utilized as a part of a robust wellness initiative.

Q. How can we establish a JustGrants account?

A. A JustGrants account will be created, if you do not already one, after the 424 is submitted in grants.gov. If your entity is new to JustGrants, your SAM.gov E-Biz POC is automatically assigned as the JustGrants Entity Administrator (EA) and must follow the instructions they receive in an email from DOJ (DIAMD-NoReply@usdoj.gov) to create a JustGrants account.

Q. Due to hearing that there may be conditions requiring the disclosure of a residency's legal status in order to receive grant funding—does a law enforcement agency's location within a designated sanctuary town or city have any impact on their eligibility?

A. Questions related to your agency's compliance with 8 U.S.C. § 1373, or compliance with any other federal statutes in order to apply for or receive federal funding should be directed to your agency's legal counsel.

Q. Does the CPD Accreditation program support detention officers and detention medical staff?

A. If the accreditation is for law enforcement agency accreditation, then yes; if the accreditation is for jail accreditation, then no. Law enforcement agency accreditation is the only type of accreditation supported by the CPD Accreditation program. Applicants seeking communications, jail, training academy, or other non-law enforcement accreditation will not be considered.

Q. Can the LEMHWA grant be used to hold wellness activities/events for officers and their families?

A. Wellness services for families are allowed under the LEMHWA funding opportunity.

Q. Supplies vs. Equipment—t would this fall under the guidance provided in the Federal Register? (\$10,000 and up in value, repaired vs. replaced)?

A. Please see the allowable/unallowable cost list for the program you are interested in; it discusses this. If you have further questions, please reach out to askcopsrc@usdoj.gov if the webinar has ended.

Q. Do sanctuary states have to comply with 8 USC 1373? How does this affect the application?

- A. Questions related to your agency's compliance with 8 U.S.C. § 1373, or compliance with any other federal statutes in order to apply for or receive federal funding should be directed to your agency's legal counsel.

Q. I was authorized by the mayor and chief of police to sign as the chief as I am the designated grant writer for the agency. Is this acceptable?

- A. Depending on your specific agency/municipality policies, authorized representatives may sometimes designate an alternative signer.

Q. How are deliverables different than outcomes?

- A. Deliverables are tangible and measurable items or products. Outcomes imply the effectiveness of those items.

Q. For grants such as the Safer Outcomes grants that require two or more entities--do all entities have to be law enforcement agencies, or can they be other disciplines, such as a higher education institute?

- A. Safer Outcomes does not require multiple entities. However, when partnerships are part of the program, only the actual applicant is required to be a law enforcement agency.

Q. On page 14 of the NOFO under "Projects Out of Scope," it says "Applicants that do not have primary law enforcement authority for their jurisdiction will not be considered." Can you elaborate on this?

- A. An agency with primary law enforcement authority is defined as the first responder to calls for service for all types of criminal incidents within its jurisdiction. Agencies are not considered to have primary law enforcement authority if they only respond to or investigate specific type(s) of crime(s), respond to or investigate crimes within a correctional institution, serve warrants, provide courthouse security, transport prisoners, have cases referred to them for investigation or investigational support, or some combination of these.

Q. Can the second authorized representative be our POST Administrator / Deputy Director, or does it have to be the ED?

- A. For non-law enforcement agencies, such as a POST, your ED should be the first authorized rep, and your finance director or equivalent should be the second.

Q. Under the Microgrants program, are patrol vehicle dash cams an allowable expense?

- A. Vehicles and enhancements of/for vehicles are generally unallowable costs.

Q. Does it have to be the Chief and the Mayor who are attached to the grant? Can it be Deputy Chief, Deputy Mayor, etc.? How far down can we go, if the chief and mayor are unavailable or too slow to respond?

A. For law enforcement agencies, COPS Office awards require that both the top law enforcement executive (e.g., chief of police, sheriff, or equivalent) and the top government executive (e.g., mayor, board chairman, or equivalent) sign the application, and (if awarded funding) accept the Award Package. The top law enforcement executive must be assigned the role of Authorized Representative 1 and the top government executive must be assigned the role of Authorized Representative 2 in JustGrants.

For non-law enforcement agencies (institutions of higher education, school districts, private organizations, etc.), COPS Office awards require that both the programmatic official (e.g., executive director, chief executive officer, or equivalent) and financial official (e.g., chief financial officer, treasurer, or equivalent) sign the application, and (if awarded funding) accept the Award Package. You also need to ensure that officials that have the ultimate signatory authority to sign contracts on behalf of your organization are assigned. The programmatic official must be assigned the role of Authorized Representative 1, and the financial official must be assigned the role of Authorized Representative 2 in JustGrants.

Please note that nonexecutive positions (e.g., clerks, trustees) are not acceptable Authorized Representatives

Q. For the Microgrant program, if we would like to propose more than one project (project 1 internally for our PD and project 2 to support our CBO that works with our gun violence intervention program) would we simply submit more than one application? Would the caps be separate or combined (no more than the total cap)? I hope that makes sense!

A. Two separate programs may be submitted under two separate applications, each with their own cap. However, projects that are linked/related should be confined to a single application

Q. Can the CPD accreditation grant be used to pay for consultants who assist with maintaining the accreditation for the agency?

A. Consultant costs are allowable for accreditation for agencies that are not yet accredited. Agencies seeking renewal or reaccreditation are not eligible.

Q. Your initial application process requires two AOR signatures. As I understand it, DOJ only recognizes our Institutions Assistant VP for Research as an AOR, while we have individuals that are authorized by Assistant VP to sign as AORs. Would the Assistant VP and the Authorized Person's Signature be acceptable for the two AORs?

A. The E-Biz POC at the applicant organization serves as the Entity Administrator and must log in to JustGrants to confirm the entity's profile, add users, and assign the two required Authorized Representatives (Law Enforcement Executive/Program Official and Government Executive/Financial Official). The Authorized Representatives are officials who have ultimate and final responsibility for all programmatic and financial decisions for your agency, as the legal recipient.

For non-law enforcement agencies (institutions of higher education, school districts, private organizations, etc.), COPS Office awards require that both the programmatic official (e.g., executive director, chief executive officer, or equivalent) and financial official (e.g., chief financial officer, treasurer, or equivalent) sign the application, and (if awarded funding) accept the Award Package. You also need to ensure that officials that have the ultimate signatory authority to sign contracts on behalf of your organization are assigned. The programmatic official must be assigned the role of Authorized Representative 1, and the financial official must be assigned the role of Authorized Representative 2 in JustGrants. Applicants must ensure that the persons acting as Authorized Representative 1 and 2 have ultimate signatory authority in compliance with their agencies' policies.

Q. Could this grant cover the salary of adding an additional officer to a school-based police department? If so, how many years of salary could be covered with an award?

A. Only the COPS Hiring Program (CHP) allows for the funding of sworn officer salaries; all other programs do not permit the funding of sworn officer salaries

Q. We are a private technology company intending to partner with a local police department. We are going to provide a matching grant from my foundation, to leverage the impact of any granted federal funds. Should the applicant/PD reference this funds match? If so, where?

A. The applicant should provide information on all other funding sources related to the program to ensure that there is no supplanting; however, it is not necessary to include the amounts of external funding in the application budget worksheet.

Q. Is Washington State considered a sanctuary state where we as a local law enforcement agency would not be currently eligible for COPS funding?

A. Questions related to your agency's compliance with 8 U.S.C. § 1373, or compliance with any other federal statutes in order to apply for or receive federal funding should be directed to your agency's legal counsel.

Q. Can we apply as a for-profit company providing first responder (police) drone pilots with automated FAA Waiver submissions in an emergency to save critical time?

A. Please refer to the "Who is Eligible" section under each program when considering notice of funding opportunities. <https://cops.usdoj.gov/grants>.

Q. Our State Chief's Association is developing a State Accreditation Program. Will we qualify for the accreditation money?

A. A state police chief's association would be eligible for the Enhancing Law Enforcement Accreditation Entities program.

Q. Can the LEMHWA grant be used for physical health and fitness as well as mental wellness?

A. In general, physical health/fitness-related costs are not allowable under LEMHWA.

Q. Would the hiring of an IT person fall under the microgrant non-sworn employee allowance?

A. If they are non-sworn, then it is allowable if it is critical to the support of the proposed project.

Q. Can you address the "common sense policing" language that the NOFOs say is being used interchangeably with "community policing"? Does that change anything about how proposals will be evaluated?

A. All review criteria are listed in the Notice of Funding Opportunity for all of our programs.

Q. What if our agency will become accredited in between that time—can we still use the maintaining accreditation grant to cover consultant costs?

A. If at the time of application you are not yet accredited, you are eligible to apply for consultant costs related to accreditation.

Q. Can our POST commission apply for the CPD accreditation grant as we have an accreditation commission that helps LEAs achieve state and national accreditation?

A. The POST Commission can apply under the Enhancing Law Enforcement Accreditation Entities as an accreditation body.

Q. Long shot question, is funding for international NGO available (not based in the US)?

A. All projects must be conducted within the United States.

Q. Would a Department of Corrections (Jail/Prison) seeking accreditation or staff hiring/retention qualify under law enforcement eligibility?

A. Law enforcement agency accreditation is the only type of accreditation supported by the CPD Accreditation program. Applicants seeking communications, jail, training academy, or other non-law enforcement accreditation will not be considered.

Q. Are public facing cameras, pole mounted in high crime areas allowed? Can city governments apply?

A. Surveillance equipment is not an allowable cost. Please see the eligible entities on each program page, but for most of the programs we are discussing today the applicant must be the law enforcement agency

Q. Does the SPOC letter need to be uploaded as an attachment for the SVPP grant?

A. Please send any SVPP-related questions to askcopsrc@usdoj.gov.

Q. I represent an LE agency in Los Angeles County. Given our county's current policy on immigration enforcement, would that preclude our agency from applying for this grant?

A. Questions related to your agency's compliance with 8 U.S.C. § 1373, or compliance with any other federal statutes in order to apply for or receive federal funding should be directed to your agency's legal counsel.

Q. Could this grant cover the salary of adding an additional officer to a school-based police department? If so, how many years of salary could be covered with an award?

A. Sworn officer salaries are only able to be funded through the COPS Hiring Program (CHP); please see <https://cops.usdoj.gov/chp>.

Q. Our agency applied for a Seeking Accreditation grant. We have not reached accreditation; are we allowed to apply for this grant again?

A. Agencies can be in the process of seeking accreditation at the time of application. However, agencies seeking renewal or reaccreditation are not eligible.

Q. Would the Accreditation grant cover the application costs to the accrediting body for first-time agencies?

A. Application costs to the accreditation body are allowable expenses.

Q. Hi, can the microgrants program fund pipeline programs that provide scholarships?

A. Scholarships are generally unallowable costs; however, in certain circumstances stipends may be permissible. Please see the allowable/unallowable cost list for the Microgrants program.

Q. Which budget category do we put overtime in?

A. Overtime costs should be placed in the "other" category.

Q. Also, if the county does not charge an indirect cost, could we use 0% on the budget?

A. Indirect costs are not mandatory; you can simply leave them off of your budget

Q. Does the LEMHWA program also cover costs for fire departments as well as law enforcement?

A. The LEMHWA program is designed to primarily focus on benefiting law enforcement agencies, officers, and their families.

Q. If we were funded under LEMHWA FY22 and were allowed a one-year no-cost extension, are we eligible to apply to this LEMHWA program?

A. Agencies that received LEMHWA funding in either FY23, FY24, or both fiscal years are not eligible for this notice of funding opportunity.

Q. For the CRI grant, we had an active shooter event two years ago. Would this constitute a high-profile event?

A. The CRI program is for technical assistance providers to law enforcement agencies; LEAs themselves are not eligible. For additional information about technical assistance, please visit: <https://cops.usdoj.gov/cri-tac>.

Q. What is the status of the executive order to freeze DOJ funding for sanctuary cities? Are those cities/counties still allowed to apply and eligible to receive funding?

A. Please consult with your agency's legal counsel with questions related to your agency's compliance with the 8 U.S.C. § 1373 eligibility requirement, or compliance with any other federal statutes to apply for or receive federal funding.

Q. For agencies planning on submitting multiple applications for the COPS Microgrants program (different projects), do we submit multiple applications in grants.gov, or will it give us the option to submit additional applications in JustGrants?

A. You would need to submit multiple applications (424s) in grants.gov.

Q. Can you clarify the portion of Safer Outcomes for the support for law enforcement agency section where Toni mentioned something relating to overtime for law enforcement training? I missed that part and wanted to make sure I heard correctly.

A. Overtime for sworn officers is an allowable cost under the Safer Outcomes program.

Q. My question was missed earlier. Can any of the open categories be used to purchase novel equipment for criminal investigations as a mechanism to drive down crime?

A. Microgrants may be an appropriate avenue; please see the allowable/unallowable cost list for this program at https://cops.usdoj.gov/pdf/2025ProgramDocs/cpdmicrogrants/Allowable_Unallowable_Costs_List.pdf.

Q. Can an employee designated as an Application Submitter in JustGrants submit the final application, or does an Authorized Representative have to submit?

A. The Authorized Representatives are not required to be the submitter; another employee may be.

Q. Can we apply to multiple grant areas?

A. Applicants are allowed to apply for multiple funding opportunities as long as they meet the eligibility requirements for each application.

Q. Would any of these funding opportunities potentially fund SROs for police departments?

A. The COPS Hiring Program funds salaries for sworn law enforcement officers. Check it out at cops.usdoj.gov/chp.

Q. My organization has been fortunate to receive COPS grants in the past. If we have been awarded a grant previously, does that impact the probability of us being awarded the grant again?

A. Other than for the LEMHWA program, which does not allow applicants who received funding under the FY23 and FY24 LEMHWA solicitations, there is no impact.

Q. Can an EMS agency with crisis intervention team (CIT) coordinators (with an MOU with a law enforcement agency) apply for the Safer Outcomes grant? Would costs to employ a CIT Coordinator qualify?

A. Law enforcement agencies must apply. Please see the NOFO guide and allowable/unallowable cost list under Safer Outcomes, <https://cops.usdoj.gov/saferoutcomes>.

Q. I am the person that submits/ starts the application process for our county probation department. I am not a sworn officer or chief. Can I submit and get the process started for the department?

A. Please consult with your agency to ensure that you have appropriate authority/permissions within the application submission systems to initiate or submit an application for funding.

Q. Is there a chart located anywhere that shows the funding opportunities and different eligibility groups, or is it best to go through the entire NOFO to find each?

A. The COPS Office Notice of Funding Opportunities Finder allows you see what funding opportunities you may be eligible for based on your organization type. <https://cops.usdoj.gov/notice-of-funding-opportunities-finder>.

Q. In which section do we list the travel cost for sworn personnel?

A. Costs related to travel should be listed and justified in the travel section of the budget worksheet.

Q. Would the LEMHWA opportunity help with resources and help for our citizens, or just law enforcement?

A. The LEMHWA funding opportunity is applicable to law enforcement officers, staff, and their families.

Q. Can you please provide example of other items that can be included in the LEMHWA program in addition to a wellness app?

A. For additional information about items that are allowed under this funding opportunity, please refer to the allowable costs list for LEMHWA, located at https://cops.usdoj.gov/pdf/2025ProgramDocs/lemhwa/Allowable_Unallowable_Costs_List.pdf.
