

FY26 COPS LEMHWA and PASS Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Webinar



Objective:

- To provide guidance on the COPS Office funding opportunity application process.
- To provide an overview of the following COPS Office Open Funding Opportunities:
 1. LEMHWA
 2. PASS

Before You Apply

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Websites integral to your application:

▶ **SAM.gov**



▶ **Grants.gov**



▶ **JustGrants**



- **Alphanumeric Code:** It is a unique 12-character code made of letters and numbers.
- **Who Gets One:** It is given to all businesses, organizations, and people who register to do business with the federal government



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Before You Apply *cont'd*

SAM.gov

- **All** entities seeking Department of Justice (DOJ) grant funding must have an “active” registration in SAM.gov to acquire Unique Entity Identifier or UEI. Begin the SAM.gov registration or renewal process **30 days prior** to any deadlines to allow time to complete the full process.
- **Unique Entity Identifier (UEI):**
 - the primary way the government identifies organizations for federal awards.
 - It is used across the entire government in the System for Award Management (SAM).
 - It is a unique 12-character code made of letters and numbers given to all businesses, organizations, and people who register to do business with the federal government

Grants.gov

- Acquire an **Authorized Organization Representative (AOR)** and a Grants.gov username and password and confirm registration. <https://www.grants.gov/applicants/applicant-registration>
- Acquire confirmation for the **AOR from the E-Business Point of Contact (E-Biz POC)**.

JustGrants

- **New Entity (without JustGrants Account).** Register the Entity Administrator (E-Biz POC) and the Application Submitter with DOJ's Justice Grants System (JustGrants).
 - Within 24 hours an email will be sent to register for a JustGrants account. The email is from DOJ's secure user management system (DIAMD) and will include instructions on how to create an account.
 - To ensure you receive these emails and that they are not flagged as spam, we recommend adding DIAMD-NoReply@usdoj.gov to the trusted sender list in your email settings.

JustGrants *cont'd*

- **Assign Authorized Representatives.** 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).

Tips for Applicants

For New Applicants

Start immediately: Account setups take **four weeks** to finish.

Add multiple contacts: Use two people so you do not miss emails.

Double-check details: Match your legal name exactly across all systems.

Onboard early: Open your [JustGrants](#) invite link right when it arrives.

For Returning Applicants

Check your status: Log in to [SAM.gov](#) to ensure your account is active.

Update your team: Remove old employees and assign roles to new staff.

Review new rules: Funding guidelines change, so read the new solicitation carefully.

Where do I complete the application?

Completing an application for a funding opportunity with the COPS Office is a two-step process.

After acquiring your Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) on SAM.gov:

STEP 1. [Grants.gov](#)

- Application for Federal Assistance: SF-424
- Section 8F-Applicant Point of Contact
- Section 19-Intergovernmental Review

STEP 2. [JustGrants](#)

- The remainder of the application process is completed here.

Where do I find COPS Office Funding Opportunities?

[COPS Office NOFO Finder](#)

COPS Office Webpage-[Grants Section](#)

Where do I complete the application? :

- ▶ **[COPS.usdoj.gov](https://www.cops.usdoj.gov)**

Where funding opportunities are located

- ▶ **[Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov)**

Where the application is initiated

- ▶ **[JustGrants](https://www.justgrants.gov)**

Where the application is completed

Tips for Applying

- Prepare.
- Read instructions and review thoroughly.
- Save frequently while submitting your applications in JustGrants.
- Pay attention to opening and closing dates.

Tips for Applying

- If you need to make changes to an application do so before the application deadline utilizing the Application Recall feature.
- Review the [External Application Submission Job Aid Reference Guide](#) for help with the application submission process
- Utilize the [DOJ Grant Application Submission Checklist](#) to make sure you are organized and following the required steps.
- Review the complete “How to Apply” presentation on the COPS Office How to Apply page

Application Recall

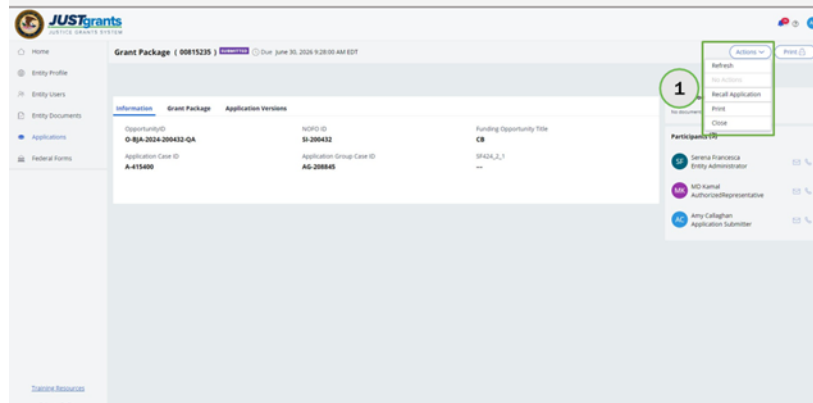
Application Recall

Step 1

IMPORTANT!

The assigned Application Submitter can recall a submitted application before the JustGrants deadline. A recalled application must be resubmitted before the deadline, or the application will not be considered for award.

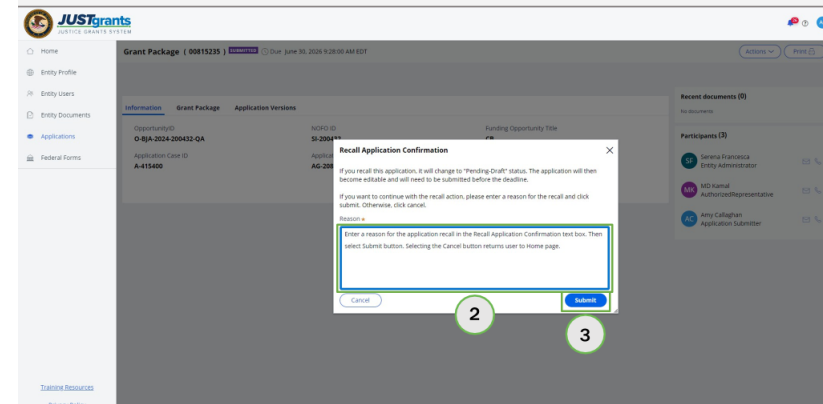
- 1) Once the application to be recalled has been selected, select Recall Application from the Actions menu.



Application Recall

Steps 2 - 3

- 2) Enter a reason for recalling the application in the Recall Application Confirmation pop-up window.
 - If you do not want to recall the application, select Cancel or X.
- 3) Select Submit. The application status will become Pending-Draft.



LEMHWA

- 3 NOFOs
 - **Start-up LEMHWA Implementation Projects**
 - Agencies that have no law enforcement specific mental health/wellness programming
 - **Enhanced LEMHWA Implementation Projects**
 - Agencies that want to enhance/add to currently existing mental health/wellness programming
 - No continuation funding
 - **LEMHWA Community of Practice Initiative**
 - Not for agencies

Start-up LEMHWA Implementation

- Goal: To increase the delivery of and access to mental health and wellness services, training, and programming for employees of law enforcement agencies and their families
- Open to: Local, State, Tribal and Territorial Law Enforcement Agencies
 - Applicants that received previous LEMHWA funds are NOT eligible
- 2-year awards
- \$250,000 each; **no matching funds required**

Enhanced LEMHWA Implementation

- Goal: To increase the delivery of and access to mental health and wellness services, training, and programming for employees of law enforcement agencies and their families
- Open to: Local, State, Tribal and Territorial Law Enforcement Agencies
 - Continuation projects will NOT be funded
- 2-year awards
- \$250,000 each; **no matching funds required**

LEMHWA Community of Practice Initiative

- Goal: To fund a provider that will create a support network for LEMHWA grantees that includes peer support and technical assistance through the development and facilitation of an innovative forum where grantees can learn from their peers and share promising practices.
- Open to: For-profit/Commercial Organizations, Non-Profit Organizations, Institutions of Higher Education, Community Groups, Faith-Based Organizations
- 2-year awards
- \$250,000 each; **no matching funds required**

Allowable Budget Items

- Overtime for Sworn Officer Positions (Overtime goes in “Other” Costs)
- Civilian/Non-Sworn Personnel
 - Mental Health Professional
 - Wellness Coordinator
 - Fringe Benefits
- Travel
 - National/Regional Conference (in person or virtual)
 - Other conferences
 - Site Visits
 - Child Care
 - Conference Registration fees “Other” Costs

Allowable Budget Items *cont'd*

- Equipment
 - N/A
- Supplies
 - Office Supplies
 - Training Supplies
- Procurement Contracts
 - Training (Individually, Train the Trainer)
 - Mental Health Professional
- Other Costs
 - Training
 - Overtime
 - Identification for Peer Support Teams
 - Mental Wellness based apps
 - Evaluations
- Indirect Costs
 - Indirect Cost Agreement / 15% de minimis

Unallowable Budget Items

- Therapy Animals
- Physical fitness or fitness equipment
- Relaxation rooms and associated expenses
- Massage chairs
- Ice Baths
- Biometric or health assessments

Preparing for Active Shooter Situations (PASS)

The COPS Office PASS Program is designed to meet 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” 42 U.S.C. § 3796dd(b)(17).

Programs – PASS *cont'd*

The PASS program will fund a provider to train first responders - police, fire, emergency medical services (EMS), dispatchers, medical personnel, facility security, emergency management, and any other key professionals through scenario-based, multidisciplinary training classes ensuring an integrated response to active shooter or violent threats.

The **FY26 PASS program has expanded** to include training for law enforcement, **mental health professionals, and social service providers** to better prepare communities for hostile events and improve response efforts.

Funding requirements

The program will fund a training provider to:



Deliver scenario-based, multidisciplinary training classes to at least 20,000 first responders across the United States over the course of the award period.



Provide training information on a response and recovery plan that includes coordination with mental health and social service community resources and stakeholders.



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.

Programs – PASS *cont'd*

Funding requirements

The program will fund a training provider to:



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 minimum of ten percent of training directed to audiences responsible for active shooter response in schools and on primary, secondary, and college campuses. (ex. SROs)



Conduct ongoing evaluation of training offerings on the usefulness of training and local efforts to reinforce knowledge and skills.



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Programs – PASS *cont'd*



Eligibility: Any public governmental agency, federally recognized Indian tribe, for-profit organization, institution of higher education, community group, or faith-based organization



Award period: 1-Year



Award cap: \$10,350,000 million with no local match



Anticipate making one award

COPS Office Resources

COPS Office Grants page: <https://cops.usdoj.gov/grants>

Check out the list of OPEN Notice of Funding Opportunities

Each NOFO page contains the following:

- Grants.gov and JustGrants deadlines
- Funding Opportunity Number/Title
- NOFO Guide
- Program Pre-Award Fact Sheet
- Reference materials, if applicable
- Link to the supplemental materials

COPS Office Resources *cont'd*

[How to Apply webpage:](https://cops.usdoj.gov/how-to-apply)

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Frequently asked questions

- How to register for JustGrants Virtual Sessions.
- CPA application materials
 - Reference Guide for Community Policing Advancement (CPA) Programs: Award Certifications and Assurance, Award Terms and Conditions, and additional requirements
 - Project Narrative template (as applicable)
 - Budget Narrative Template

COPS Office Resources *cont'd*

- Technical assistance contacts
- Program Fact Sheets
 - Background Screening
 - Grant Adjustment Modifications – Budget Modification
 - Consultant Contractor Rates
 - Indirect Costs
 - Program Income
 - Sole Source Justification
 - Training Fact Sheet
 - Webinar Fact Sheet
 - SF-425 Helpful Hints

JustGrants Resources

JustGrants page: <https://justicegrants.usdoj.gov/>

- Frequently Asked Questions
- Training
- User Support
- Getting Started
- Resources
- Announcements

Grants.gov Resources

Grants.gov: <https://www.grants.gov>

Customer Service Hotline: 1-800-518-4726

Email: support@Grants.gov

Grants.gov Organization Applicant User Guide:

<https://www.grants.gov/help/get-started/>

Standard Form-Application for Federal Assistance(SF-424):

<https://www.grants.gov/forms/forms-repository/>

Standard Form- Disclosure of Lobbying Activities Form (SF-LLL): <https://www.grants.gov/forms/forms-repository/>

Helpful Online Resources

System for Award Management (SAM):

<https://www.sam.gov>

DOJ Grants Financial Guide:

<https://ojp.gov/financialguide/doj/index.htm>

Uniform Guidance:

https://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?tpl=/ecfrbrowse/Title02/2cfr200_main_02l

Automated Standard Application for Payments (ASAP)

<https://fiscal.treasury.gov/asap/>

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Email your questions to
AskCopsRC@usdoj.gov



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