

# **FY 2026 COPS**

# **Anti-Heroin Task Force Program**

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Grants.gov Funding Opportunity Number: O-COPS-2026-172564

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## **Application Deadlines in Eastern Time (ET):**

- 1: Complete SF-424 and Submit in Grants.gov: **July 23, 2026 by 4:59 p.m. ET**
  - 2: Submit full application in JustGrants: **July 29, 2026 by 4:59 p.m. ET**
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# 1. BASIC INFORMATION

## Purpose of the Funding

The Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) is the component of the U.S. Department of Justice responsible for advancing the practice of community policing and the Administration's priority of Making America Safe Again by supporting the nation's state, local, territorial and Tribal law enforcement agencies through information and grant resources.

This is a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the FY26 COPS Anti-Heroin Task Force (AHTF) Program. This funding opportunity seeks to advance public safety by making competitive grants to state law enforcement agencies in states with high per capita rates of primary treatment admissions, for the purpose of locating or investigating illicit activities, through statewide collaboration, relating to the distribution of heroin, fentanyl, or carfentanil or relating to the unlawful distribution of prescription opioids.

FY26 AHTF seeks to increase the number of hours devoted to statewide task forces, increase the number and variety of agencies participating in task forces, and enhance the analytical capability of task forces. As community policing is common sense policing, throughout the FY26 AHTF NOFO materials, the terms 'community policing' and 'common sense policing' are used interchangeably, unless otherwise specified.

Allowable costs under FY26 AHTF include the following:

- Salaries and fringe benefits for new, full-time sworn career law enforcement officer<sup>1</sup> positions, including eligible rehired officers not supported in the local budget. Exception: in FY26, funding may be used for existing positions supported by prior AHTF awards.
- Salaries and fringe benefits for civilian/non-sworn personnel not already in supported in the local budget. Examples include:
  - AHTF project coordinators
  - Anti-heroin/opioid/drug analysts

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<sup>1</sup> The COPS Office's statute defines a "career law enforcement officer" as "a person hired on a permanent basis who is authorized by law or by a State or local public agency to engage in or supervise the prevention, detection, or investigation of violations of criminal laws." 34 U.S.C. §10389(1). A recipient agency may use officer hiring funds to pay the salary and benefits of recruits while in academy training to become "career law enforcement officers" if it is the standard practice of the agency to do so with locally funded recruits. The State of Alaska, and any Indian tribe or tribal organization in that State, may also use officer hiring funds for a "village public safety officer" defined as "an individual employed as a village public safety officer under the program established by the State pursuant to Alaska Statute 18.65.670." Tribal Law and Order Act of 2010, Pub. L. 111-211, title II, § 247 (a)(2).

- Travel/training costs to attend AHTF related training and technical assistance conferences, seminar, or classes, or to visit a site specified in the application.
- Equipment, technology, and supplies directly linked to the enhancement or implementation of the AHTF project.
- Procurement contracts and consultants to support the AHTF project.

Other direct project costs such as:

- Software and prepaid warranties or maintenance agreements (not to exceed 36 months)
- Overtime costs for sworn officers and civilians engaging in AHTF-related investigative activities

Note: AHTF funding is not available for treatment programs or prosecution of heroin, fentanyl, carfentanil, or other opioid-related activities. See the [FY26 AHTF Application Resource Guide](#) for a nonexhaustive list of allowable and unallowable costs.

See the [Eligible Applicants](#) section for eligibility details.

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

## Funding Details

Announcement Type	Initial
Assistance Listing Number	16.073
Statutory Authority	Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, as amended, and the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994, Title I, Part Q, Public Law 103-322, 34 U.S.C. § 10381 et seq
Grants.gov Opportunity Number	O-COPS-2026-172564
Expected Total Amount of Funding	Up to \$34,500,000
Anticipated Number of Awards	15

Award Type(s)	Grants
Anticipated Award Amount	Up to \$4,000,000
Expected Award Period(s)	36 months starting on October 1, 2026

## Key Dates and Times

<b>NOFO Release Date</b>	June 9, 2026
<b>Step 1: Grants.gov Deadline</b>	04:59 p.m. ET on July 23, 2026
<b>Step 2: JustGrants Deadline</b>	04:59 p.m. ET on July 29, 2026
<b>Anticipated Notification Date</b>	On or after October 1, 2026

See [Questions?](#) at the end of this NOFO for agency contact information.

## 2. ELIGIBILITY

### Eligible Applicants

The following types of entities are eligible to apply:

#### Government Entities

- State governments

**State Government Entities:** For the purposes of this NOFO, “state” means any state of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

**Cost Sharing (Match) Requirement:** This NOFO does **not** require cost sharing (match).

### Additional Eligibility Factors

- Applicants must be a state law enforcement agency with the following:
  - › Primary authority over state seizures of heroin and other opioids
  - › Multijurisdictional reach
  - › Interdisciplinary team (task force) structure(s)
- 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.

### 3. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

#### Statutory Authority

Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, as amended, and the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994, Title I, Part Q, Public Law 103-322, 34 U.S.C. § 10381 et seq.

#### Agency Funding Priorities

Consistent with Administration priorities, additional consideration will be provided to the following:

- Agencies that cooperate with federal law enforcement to address illegal immigration.
- Agencies that coordinate and participate with the [Homeland Security Task Force \(HSTF\)](#) or, if awarded, plan to coordinate and participate with the HSTF. (Law enforcement applicants only).
- Agencies that submit accurate race and ethnicity information in the National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS).
- Agencies that propose projects to combat domestic terrorism.

In addition, additional consideration will be provided to applicants with state-managed and -operated drug task forces that serve at least 51 percent of counties in that state.

**Note:** Addressing these priorities is one of many factors that the COPS Office considers in making funding decisions. Receiving priority consideration does not guarantee funding.

**Unallowable Activities:** The COPS Office has identified activities that are unallowable and will not be funded: read the [FY26 AHTF Application Resource Guide](#) for details. In addition, refer to the [Budget](#) section of this NOFO for information on allowable and unallowable costs to help you develop your application.

## Goals and Objectives of this Funding Opportunity

Goal 1: Increase the capacity of law enforcement agencies at the state level to address heroin and opioid abuse through improving investigations.

- **Objective 1:** Increased number and efficiency of investigations.
- **Objective 2:** Increased percentage of investigations resulting in arrests, referrals, prosecutions, and ultimately convictions.
- **Objective 3:** Increased number and size of drug seizures.
- **Objective 4:** Increased number of drug-endangered children identified.
- **Objective 5:** Increased knowledge and use of community policing principles.

Goal 2: Enhance the analytical capability of task forces.

- **Objective 1:** Increased collaboration with federal agencies.
- **Objective 2:** Increased analytical reporting.
- **Objective 3:** Increased information sharing among participating agencies.

## Expected Outcomes

The COPS Office will measure success by reviewing a recipient's submission of performance reports and data and the extent to which project implementation reflects progress toward the goals and objectives of this NOFO.

### Deliverables

Recipients do not need to submit any deliverables other than the standard items in the [Post-Award Requirements and Administration](#) section.

## 4. APPLICATION CONTENTS AND FORMAT

### Application Contents List

The COPS Office will only consider applications that contain all required parts, which are marked **\*REQUIRED\*** below. Refer to the [DOJ Grant Application Submission Checklist](#) for application instructions. All supporting documents and resources for this program are on the COPS Office Website at <https://cops.usdoj.gov/ahtf>.

Please **do not** include any content, including attachments or language within your application, commenting, modifying, challenging, and/or editing the grant requirements including the terms and conditions. Such content, if included, will not be **reviewed or considered** when evaluating your application nor will any attachment from an applicant unilaterally change the terms of a grant if awarded.

Application Item	Submission Type
<b>Step 1: Grants.gov</b>	
<a href="#">Application for Federal Assistance: SF-424</a> <b>*REQUIRED*</b>	Online Form
<b>Step 2: JustGrants</b>	
<a href="#">Standard Applicant Information</a> <b>*REQUIRED*</b>	Online Form
<a href="#">Proposal Abstract</a>	Text Box
<a href="#">Data Requested with Application</a> <b>*REQUIRED*</b>	Online Form
<a href="#">Budget</a> <b>*REQUIRED*</b>	Online Form
Other Budget/Financial Attachments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Non-Competitive Justification</a> (if applicable)</li> <li>• <a href="#">Consultant Rate Justification</a> (if applicable)</li> </ul>	Attachment

### Standard Applicant Information **\*REQUIRED\***

Review and edit as needed the information imported from the SF-424 submitted in Grants.gov and add ZIP codes for areas affected by the project.

### Proposal Abstract

In JustGrants, enter a proposal abstract briefly summarizing (in 5–6 sentences / 500 words or less) the proposed project. As abstracts for funded projects are public, do not include any personally identifying information (e.g., staff names). The abstract should include names of applicant and partners, project title, purpose of the project (including goal and intended outcome), primary activities for which funds are requested, key partners, and who will benefit (including geographic area to be served). The abstract should be coherent, concise, and able to stand alone as a project summary. The abstract will not be scored but is used throughout the review process.

Write your project abstract for a general public audience without any personally identifiable or law enforcement sensitive information. Avoid using acronyms or terminology unfamiliar to a general public audience. This abstract, along with other federal award information, may be published on publicly available government-wide websites.

## Data Requested with Application **\*REQUIRED\***

A copy of the survey questions required for this NOFO can be found at <https://cops.usdoj.gov/ahtf>.

## Budget and Associated Documentation

### Budget **\*REQUIRED\***

- Applicants must complete the Budget Detail Worksheet (Web-Based Form) in JustGrants, providing narrative entries in the “additional narrative” field to describe and justify each proposed cost. Read [Complete the Application in JustGrants: Budget](#) for more information on completing the form.
- Include only costs that are reasonable, allocable, and necessary to implement the project. They must be allowable under the funding statute and agency requirements.<sup>2</sup> See the [FY26 AHTF Application Resource Guide](#) for a nonexhaustive list of allowable and unallowable costs.
- The information in the “additional narrative” field(s) should be mathematically sound and correspond clearly with the information provided in the budget detail worksheets. The narrative should explain how the applicant estimated and calculated all costs and how those costs are necessary to the completion of the proposed project and demonstrate the efficient use of funding in achieving program goals.
- List each cost needed to implement the project under the appropriate cost category.
  - › Clearly name and describe each cost.
  - › Show the computation of each cost (e.g., cost per unit, number of units, and total cost).
  - › Note: Costs incurred by the applicant prior to the start date of the period of performance of the federal award are unallowable. Requests for reimbursement of items purchased or expenses incurred prior to the award start date (i.e., pre-agreement costs) will not be approved by the COPS Office.

### Budget/Financial Attachments

- **Non-Competitive Justification (if applicable):** Applicants should attach the noncompetitive justification or sole source justification as applicable. Additional guidance can be found in the [Sole Source Justification Fact Sheet](#).

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<sup>2</sup> Read information on unallowable costs that apply to all funding opportunities in [2 C.F.R. Part 200, Subpart E](#) and the [DOJ Grants Financial Guide](#).

- **Consultant Rate Justification (if applicable):** Applicants should attach the consultant rate justification as applicable. Additional guidance can be found in the [Consultant/Contractor Rate Information for COPS Office Awards Fact Sheet](#).

## Additional Application Components

Attach in JustGrants:

- **Letters of Support:** Attach letters of support from partners such as other law enforcement agencies, community organizations, government officials, or other stakeholders as applicable. Each letter of support may include descriptions of the following:
  - › Relationship between the applicant and the supporting entity.
  - › Need for the project and benefits that would be gained from it.
  - › Applicant's capacity to complete the proposed project.

Submit letters of support together as one attachment. The COPS Office strongly recommends that uploaded files be clearly named to indicate the applicant organization name and the file contents to ensure that reviewers can easily locate application documents. Recommended file formats are PDF, Microsoft Word, and Microsoft Excel.

## Disclosures and Assurances

Complete the disclosures, assurances, and certifications in JustGrants. See the [FY26 AHTF Application Resource Guide](#) for more information.

## 5. SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS AND DEADLINES

The [DOJ Grant Application Submission Checklist](#) provides instructions for how to submit by the deadlines. [Executive Order \(E.O.\) 12372](#) (Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs) applies to this funding opportunity. See the appendices of the [FY26 AHTF Application Resource Guide](#) for additional information.

Read COPS Office policy for applicants to request late submission due to technical difficulties, severe weather, or natural or manmade disasters in the [FY26 AHTF Application Resource Guide](#).

## 6. APPLICATION REVIEW INFORMATION

The [FY26 AHTF Application Resource Guide](#) explains the responsiveness review, review criteria, review and selection process including risk review, and deciding official.

## 7. AWARD NOTICES

Read about the award notification process in the [FY26 AHTF Application Resource Guide](#).

## 8. POST-AWARD REQUIREMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

Read the [FY26 AHTF Application Resource Guide](#) for more information about standard award terms and conditions, administrative and national policy requirements, and post-award reporting requirements.

## 9. QUESTIONS?

<b>NOFO Contact</b>	COPS Office Response Center Phone: 800-421-6770 Email: <a href="mailto:AskCopsRC@usdoj.gov">AskCopsRC@usdoj.gov</a> Hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET Monday–Friday (closed federal holidays)
<b>SAM.gov Help Desk</b>	Website: <a href="https://sam.gov/content/help">https://sam.gov/content/help</a> Hours: 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. ET Monday–Friday
<b>Grants.gov Help Desk</b>	Phone: 800-518-4726 Email: <a href="mailto:support@grants.gov">support@grants.gov</a> Website: <a href="https://www.grants.gov/support">https://www.grants.gov/support</a> Hours: 24 hours a day, 7 days a week (closed federal holidays)
<b>JustGrants Help Desk</b>	Phone: 833-872-5175 Email: <a href="mailto:JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov">JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov</a> Hours: 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. ET Monday–Friday; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET Saturday, Sunday, and federal holidays.