



Fact Sheet

cops.usdoj.gov

2026 COPS Office Anti-Heroin Task Force Program

The **COPS Office Anti-Heroin Task Force (AHTF)** program advances 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 to the unlawful distribution of prescription opioids. The AHTF program 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.

WHEN: Deadline for first part of application in Grants.gov is **July 23, 2026**, at 4:59 p.m. ET. Deadline for completed application in JustGrants is **July 29, 2026**, at 4:59 p.m. ET.
Start EARLY. Each of these is more than a one-day process.

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](https://www.justgrants.gov).

HOW: Online only. No hard copies sent by U.S. Mail or electronic copies sent via email.

PROGRAM WEBSITE:
<https://cops.usdoj.gov/ahtf>

Funding provisions

- AHTF is open only to state law enforcement agencies which have primary law enforcement authority over state seizures of heroin, fentanyl, carfentanil, and other opioids, multijurisdictional reach, and interdisciplinary team (task force) structure(s).
- Up to \$34.5 million in funding is available for 2026 AHTF.
- Each award is three years (36 months) in duration.
- Each award recipient may receive a maximum of \$4 million.
- No cost share (matching funds) is required.
- AHTF funding is not available for treatment programs or prosecution of heroin, fentanyl, carfentanil, or other opioid-related activities.

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

Additional Applicant Eligibility Factors

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.

Additional Consideration

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) (<https://hstf.gov/>) 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 for each offender, victim, and arrestee involved in each incident.
- Agencies that propose projects to combat domestic terrorism.
- Applicants with state-managed and -operated drug task forces that serve at least 51 percent of counties in that state.

How to Apply

Before you Begin: SAM. Confirm your entity's System of Award Management (SAM) registration information. Register with SAM or confirm that your SAM registration is active and accurate.

Confirm that the contact information (name and email address) for your agency's electronic business point of contact (E-BIZ POC) in SAM is accurate.

Step 1: Grants.gov. Register with Grants.gov or confirm your existing registration.

Submit the first part of your application in Grants.gov. Deadline to complete this step is **July 23, 2026 at 4:59 p.m. ET.**

Step 2: JustGrants. Onboard your agency to the JustGrants Justice Grants System.

Complete and submit the second part of your application in JustGrants (<https://justicegrants.usdoj.gov>).

Further instructions and explanations of the application process can be found on the COPS Office website at <https://cops.usdoj.gov>. Also see the DOJ Grant Application Submission Checklist (<https://justicegrants.usdoj.gov/training/checklist-application-submission>).

Complete application packages for the FY2026 AHTF NOFO are due by **July 29, 2026, at 4:59 p.m. ET.**

Contact the COPS Office

For more information about COPS Office programs and resources, please call the COPS Office Response Center at 800-421-6770 or visit the COPS Office website at cops.usdoj.gov.