

FY 2026 COPS Office Anti-Heroin Task Force Program (AHTF)

Survey Questions

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Agency Eligibility Information

1. **Type of Agency** (select one)

- Law Enforcement
- Non–Law Enforcement*

*If Non–Law enforcement: Validation error message: You may not be eligible to apply for this solicitation. Please contact the COPS Response Center at AskCOPSRC@usdoj.gov.

Homeland Security Task Force (HSTF) Coordination and Participation

Priority consideration will be given to law enforcement agencies that coordinate and participate with the [Homeland Security Task Force \(HSTF\)](#) or, if awarded, plan to coordinate and participate with the HSTF. The HSTF is a permanent, interagency law enforcement task force created by [Executive Order 14159 Protecting the American People Against Invasion](#) to combat transnational criminal organizations—including cartels, trafficking networks, and foreign terrorist organizations.

1a. Does your agency currently coordinate and participate with the Homeland Security Task Force (HSTF)?

- Yes
- No

If no,

1a1. If awarded, does your agency plan to coordinate and participate with HSTF?

- Yes
- No

From the list below, please select the type of agency which best describes the applicant.

2. Law Enforcement Entities

- Municipal Police
- Sheriff
- County Police (Non-Sheriff)
- State Police Agency
- Regional Police Department
- Federally Recognized Tribal Police
- Federally Recognized Tribal Council
- Federally Recognized Tribal Fish & Wildlife
- Federally Recognized Tribal Courts
- Federally Recognized Tribal – Other
- Public University/College Police
- Private University/College Police
- Natural Resources Police (e.g., Fish and Wildlife or Park Police)

- Transit Police
 - Public Housing Police
 - School District Police
 - Attorney/Court/Investigative Agencies (e.g., District Attorney’s Office, Bureau of Investigations, etc.)
 - Multijurisdictional Task Force
 - Consortium of Law Enforcement Agencies
 - Constable
 - Marshals
 - Emergency Response/Management (Non-Police)
 - Municipal Government
 - New Start-Up (*please specify*)
3. Is your agency a state law enforcement agency authorized by law, or by a state agency, to engage in or supervise anti-heroin or other opioids investigative activities, such as locating and investigating illicit activities related to the unlawful distribution of heroin, or unlawful distribution of prescriptive opioids, or unlawful diversion and distribution of prescriptive opioids?
- Yes
- No*

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4. Are you a state or local governmental entity applying for this funding opportunity?
[Dropdown]
- Yes
- No (if no, continue to question 5?)

- 4a. If yes, is your agency in compliance 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.
- Yes
- No*

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General Agency Information

Law Enforcement Agency Sworn Force Information

Instructions:

Enter the Fiscal Year Budgeted Sworn Force Strength for the current fiscal year below. The budgeted number of sworn officer positions is the number of sworn positions funded in your agency's budget, including funded but frozen positions, as well as state, Bureau of Indian Affairs, or locally funded vacancies. Do not include *unfunded* vacancies or unpaid/reserve officers.

Number of officers funded in agency's current fiscal year budget:

5a. Full time:

5b. Part time

Law Enforcement Agency Civilian Information

Instructions:

Enter the number of civilian positions funded in agency's current fiscal year budget.

Number of civilian positions funded in agency's current fiscal year budget:

6a. Full time:

6b. Part time

Executive and Contact Information

Please provide the name and contact information for the highest-ranking Law Enforcement or Program Official and Government Executive or Financial Official for your agency or organization, please see instructions below.

Law Enforcement Executive/Program Official

This position will ultimately be responsible for the programmatic management of the award.

Instructions for Law Enforcement Agencies:

For law enforcement agencies, the Law Enforcement Executive is the highest-ranking official in the jurisdiction (Chief of Police, Sheriff, or equivalent). Before this application can be submitted, the Entity Administrator in JustGrants must invite this individual to apply for a JustGrants account with the role of Authorized Representative, and this individual must log in to JustGrants to review the application.

Instructions for Non-Law Enforcement Agencies:

For non-law enforcement agencies (e.g., institutions of higher education, school districts, private organizations, etc.), the Program Official is the highest-ranking official in the jurisdiction (e.g., executive director, chief executive officer, or equivalent). Please note that information for non-executive positions (e.g., clerks, trustees) is not acceptable. Before this application can be submitted, the Entity Administrator in JustGrants must invite this individual to apply for a JustGrants account with the role of Authorized Representative, and this individual must log in to JustGrants to review the application.

7a. Title:

7b. First name:

7c. Last name:

7d. Phone:

7e. Email address:

Government Executive/Financial Official

This position will ultimately be responsible for the financial management of the award.

Instructions for Government Agencies:

For law enforcement agencies, this is the highest-ranking government official within your jurisdiction (e.g., Superintendent, Mayor, City Administrator, or equivalent). Before this application can be submitted, the Entity Administrator in JustGrants must invite this individual to apply for a JustGrants account with the role of Authorized Representative, and this individual must log in to JustGrants to review the application.

Instructions for Non-Government Agencies:

For non-government agencies, this is the financial official who has the authority to apply for this award on behalf of the applicant agency (e.g., Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer, or equivalent). Please note that information for non-executive positions (e.g., clerks, trustees) is not acceptable. Before this application can be submitted, the Entity Administrator in JustGrants must invite this individual to apply for a JustGrants account with the role of Authorized Representative, and this individual must log in to JustGrants to review the application.

8a. Title:

8b. First name:

8c. Last name:

8d. Phone:

8e. Email address:

Instructions for Application Submitter Contact:

Enter the application point of contact's name and contact information.

9a. Title:

9b. First name:

9c. Last name:

9d. Phone:

9e. Email address:

Law Enforcement and Community Policing Strategy

Instructions for Community Policing Definition Framework:

The following is the COPS Office definition of community policing that emphasizes the primary components of community partnerships, organizational transformation, and problem solving. Please refer to the COPS Office web site (<https://cops.usdoj.gov>) for further information regarding this definition.

Community policing is a philosophy that promotes organizational strategies that support the systematic use of partnerships and problem-solving techniques to proactively address the immediate conditions that give rise to public safety issues, such as crime, social disorder, and fear of crime.

The COPS Office has completed the development of a comprehensive community policing self-assessment tool for use by law enforcement agencies. Based on this work, we have developed the following list of primary sub-elements of community policing. Please refer to the COPS Office web site (<https://cops.usdoj.gov>) for further information regarding these sub-elements.

Community Partnerships:

Collaborative partnerships between the law enforcement agency and the individuals and organizations they serve to both develop solutions to problems and increase trust in police.

- Other Government Agencies
- Community Members/Groups
- Non-Profits/Service Providers
- Private Businesses
- Media

Organizational Transformation:

The alignment of organizational management, structure, personnel, and information systems to support community partnerships and proactive problem-solving efforts.

Agency Management

- Climate and culture
- Leadership
- Labor relations
- Decision-making
- Strategic planning
- Policies
- Organizational evaluations
- Transparency

Organizational Structure

- Geographic assignment of officers
- Despecialization
- Resources and finances

Personnel

- Recruitment, hiring and selection
- Personnel supervision/evaluations
- Training

Information Systems (Technology)

- Communication/access to data
- Quality and accuracy of data

Problem Solving:

The process of engaging in the proactive and systematic examination of identified problems to develop effective responses that are rigorously evaluated.

- Scanning: Identifying and prioritizing problems
- Analysis: Analyzing problems
- Response: Responding to problems
- Assessment: Assessing problem-solving initiatives
- Focus: Using the Crime Triangle to focus on immediate conditions (Victim/Offender/Location)

10. To what extent is there community support in your jurisdiction for implementing the proposed award activities?

- High level of support
- Moderate support
- Minimal support

11. If awarded, to what extent will the award activities impact the other components of the criminal justice system in your jurisdiction?

- Potentially decreased burden
- No change in burden
- Potentially increased burden

Federal Funding

Need for Federal Assistance

12. All applicants are required to explain their inability to address the need for this award without federal assistance. Please do so in the space below. [Please limit your response to a maximum of 500 words.]

Instructions:

Applicants are required to disclose whether they have pending applications for federally funded assistance or active federal awards that support the same or similar activities or services for which funding is being requested under this application.

Be advised that as a general rule, COPS Office funding may not be used for the same item or service funded through another funding source. However, leveraging multiple funding sources in a complementary manner to implement comprehensive programs or projects is encouraged and is not seen as inappropriate. To aid the COPS Office in the prevention of awarding potentially duplicative funding, please indicate whether your agency has a pending application or an active award with any other federal funding source (e.g., direct federal funding or indirect federal funding through state subawarded federal funds) which supports the same or similar activities or services as being proposed in this COPS Office application.

13. Do you have any current, active non-COPS Office award with any other federal funding source (e.g., direct federal funding or indirect federal funding through state subawarded federal funds) that supports the same or similar activities or services as being proposed in this COPS Office application?

Yes

No

13a. If yes, for each potentially duplicative non-COPS Office award, provide the following detailed information: name of federal awarding agency, or state agency for subawarded federal funding; award number; program name; award start and end dates; award amount; and description of how this project differs from the application for COPS office funding.

14. Do you have any pending non-COPS Office grant applications with any other federal funding source (e.g., direct federal funding or indirect federal funding through state subawarded federal funds) that support the same or similar activities or services as being proposed in this COPS Office application?

- Yes
- No

14a. If yes, for each potentially duplicative non-COPS Office grant application, provide the following detailed information: application number (if known); program name; project length; total requested amount; items requested; and describe how this project differs from the application for COPS Office funding.

Data Collection

Primary Treatment Admissions

Provide your state-level data for the following:

A. Rates per 100,000 population for primary treatment admissions for heroin in 2023, 2024, and 2025.

15a. Primary Treatment Admissions for Heroin (2023):

15b. Primary Treatment Admissions for Heroin (2024):

15c. Primary Treatment Admissions for Heroin (2025):

B. Rates per 100,000 population for primary treatment admissions for fentanyl in 2023, 2024, and 2025.

16a. Primary Treatment Admissions for Fentanyl (2023):

16b. Primary Treatment Admissions for Fentanyl (2024):

16c. Primary Treatment Admissions for Fentanyl (2025):

C. Rates per 100,000 population for primary treatment admissions for carfentanil in 2023, 2024, and 2025.

17a. Primary Treatment Admissions for Carfentanil (2023):

17b. Primary Treatment Admissions for Carfentanil (2024):

17c. Primary Treatment Admissions for Carfentanil (2025):

D. Rates per 100,000 population for primary treatment admissions for other opioids in 2023, 2024, and 2025.

18a. Primary Treatment Admissions for Other Opioids (2023):

18b. Primary Treatment Admissions for Other Opioids (2024):

18c. Primary Treatment Admissions for Other Opioids (2025):

National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS) Data

19. Does your agency report crime data to the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS)?

Yes

No

If yes,

19a. Does your agency submit accurate race and ethnicity information in NIBRS for each offender, victim, and arrestee involved in each incident?

Yes

No

Problem Identification and Investigative Activities

20. Using the most current and accurate information available, describe the extent of your jurisdiction's heroin, fentanyl, carfentanil, or unlawful distribution of prescription opioids threat. [Limit your response to a maximum of 125 words.]

21. Explain the significance of prescription drug diversion in your jurisdiction and identify the most frequently diverted substance. [Limit your response to a maximum of 125 words.]

22. Is your jurisdiction a source of prescription drugs for other parts of the country?

Yes

No

22a. If yes, explain below. [Limit your response to a maximum of 125 words.]

23. Describe your jurisdiction's current investigative activities used to locate or investigate illicit activities relating to the distribution of heroin, fentanyl, carfentanil, or the unlawful distribution of prescription opioids. [Limit your response to a maximum of 250 words.]

24. Does your agency currently participate in an anti-heroin and other opioids task force?

Yes

No

If yes, please answer the following.

24a. What is the name of the Task Force?

24b. How many agencies participate in the Task Force?

24c. Estimate the size of the population served by the Task Force?

24d. Identify the counties/jurisdictions served by the Task Force.

24e. What percentage of counties/jurisdictions in the State are served by this Task Force?

24f. What is the total number of full-time equivalents (FTE) sworn and civilian that make up the Task Force?

24g. What is the total number of full-time equivalents (FTE) sworn and civilian that your agency allocates to the task force?

24h. Explain any coordination and consultation efforts between the task force and community groups and appropriate private and public agencies. [Limit your response to a maximum of 125 words.]

25. Has your jurisdiction had a High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) threat assessment within the last five (5) years?

- Yes
- No

25a. If yes, what was the date of your jurisdiction's latest HIDTA threat assessment with regard to heroin, fentanyl, carfentanil, and other opioids?

25b. Provide a summary of your jurisdiction's latest HIDTA threat assessment with regard to heroin, fentanyl, carfentanil, and other opioids. [Limit your response to a maximum of 250 words.]

Proposed AHTF Project

26. Identify the long-term strategy and goals that your agency plans to accomplish through this award and explain how the proposed project fits in with overall efforts to address the heroin and other opioids problem described above. [Limit your response to a maximum of 500 words.]

27. Will your agency's proposed project include a focus on combatting domestic terrorism?

- Yes
 No

- 27a. If yes, please describe [Limit your response to a maximum of 125 words.]

28. How will the requested funding be used to enhance your agency's current anti-heroin and other opioids investigative activities? [Limit your response to a maximum of 250 words.]

29. How will your agency ensure effective implementation in meeting the project goals? [Limit your response to a maximum of 125 words.]

30. Provide a brief timeline, listing key activities and milestones. [Limit your response to a maximum of 250 words.]

31. List the outcomes that your agency plans to achieve with this project. [Limit your response to a maximum of 250 words.]

32. Explain how the identified outcomes will be tracked, measured, and used. [Limit your response to a maximum of 125 words.]

33. Explain how your agency plans to continue the proposed project or activity after the grant funding ends. [Limit your response to a maximum of 125 words.]

34. How will your agency employ a multidisciplinary approach to combatting your jurisdiction's heroin and other opioids threat, such as partnering with medical institutions or referral program service providers? [Limit your response to a maximum of 125 words.]

35. Explain your agency's consultation with community groups and collaborative efforts with the public health community on prevention, data sharing, treatment, and recovery efforts. Include the current or proposed disciplines and/or entities involved and the extent/level of their engagement. [Limit your response to a maximum of 250 words.]

36. Describe how funds will be used to reorient your agency's mission toward community-oriented policing or enhance its involvement in or commitment to community-oriented policing. [Limit your response to a maximum of 125 words.]

37. Explain how your agency will coordinate with federal, state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies and community groups to maximize the impact and effectiveness of the project. [Limit your response to a maximum of 125 words.]

38. Explain how your agency will coordinate and work with tribal law enforcement agencies in areas impacted by the proposed project. Include specifics on how your agency will coordinate with other federal law enforcement partners such as the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) or Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) to assist tribal law enforcement agencies [Limit your response to a maximum of 250 words.]

39. Identify related governmental and community initiatives that complement or will be coordinated with the proposal. [Limit your response to a maximum of 125 words.]

40. Explain how your agency will coordinate with the U.S. Attorney's Office(s) in your state. [Limit your response to a maximum of 125 words.]

41. How will your agency use existing intelligence sharing resources with your jurisdiction including Fusion Centers, Regional Information Sharing Systems (RISS), etc.? [Limit your response to a maximum of 125 words.]

Cooperation with Federal Immigration Officials

Priority consideration will be given to state or local law enforcement applicants that cooperate with federal immigration officials through the following activities:

- A Memorandum of Agreement between your law enforcement agency and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (“DHS”) under 8 U.S.C. § 1357(g)(1) where officers are delegated limited immigration officer authority to identify and process for removal aliens in their custody under the direction and supervision of DHS.
- A law enforcement agency that operates a detention or correctional facility in which individuals are fingerprinted and detained for periods of 24 hours or longer; and your governing body has or will implement policies and/or practices that ensure: (1) the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (“DHS”) personnel have access to correctional or detention facilities in order to meet with an alien (or an individual believed to be an alien) and inquire as to his or her right to be or to remain in the United States; and (2) DHS is provided upon request at least 48 hours advance notice, where possible, of an alien’s scheduled release date and time so that DHS may take custody of the alien.

Please check the below boxes that apply to your agency.

- 42a. My agency is a state or local law enforcement agency that has a Memorandum of Agreement with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (“DHS”) under 8 U.S.C. § 1357(g)(1) and our officers are delegated limited immigration officer authority to identify and process for removal aliens in our custody under the direction and supervision of DHS.
- 42b. My agency is a state or local law enforcement agency that operates a detention or correctional facility in which individuals are fingerprinted and detained for periods of 24 hours or longer; and our governing body has implemented or, before drawing down grant funds if awarded, will implement policies and/or practices that ensure: (1) the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (“DHS”) personnel have access to correctional or detention facilities in order to meet with an alien (or an individual believed to be an alien) and inquire as to his or her right to be or to remain in the United States; and (2) DHS is provided upon request at least 48 hours advance notice, where possible, of an alien’s scheduled release date and time so that DHS may take custody of the alien.
- 42c. None of the above.

28 CFR Part 23 (Criminal Intelligence)

Certification of Review of 28 C.F.R. Part 23/Criminal Intelligence Systems:

If your agency is requesting COPS Office funds for equipment or technology that will be used to operate an interjurisdictional criminal intelligence system that receives, stores, analyzes, exchanges, or disseminates data regarding ongoing criminal activities, you must agree to comply with the operating principles at 28 C.F.R Part 23.

If you are requesting COPS Office funds to operate a single agency database (or other unrelated forms of technology) and will not share criminal intelligence data with other jurisdictions, 28 C.F.R. Part 23 does not apply.

43. Please check one of the following, as applicable to your agency's intended use of COPS Office funds:

- No, my agency will not use these COPS Office funds (if awarded) to operate an interjurisdictional criminal intelligence system.
- Yes, my agency will use these COPS Office funds (if awarded) to operate an interjurisdictional criminal intelligence system and will comply with the requirements of 28 C.F.R. Part 23.

Unmanned Aircraft Systems

Instructions

For the purpose of this program, the terms “unmanned aircraft system,” “drone,” and “unmanned aerial vehicle” all have the meaning given to the term “unmanned aircraft system” in 49 U.S.C. § 44801(12), “an unmanned aircraft and associated elements (including communication links and the components that control the unmanned aircraft) that are required for the operator to operate safely and efficiently in the national airspace system.” (Hereinafter, “UAS”). The term “counter-UAS system” has the meaning given to the term in 49 U.S.C. § 44801(5), “a system or device capable of lawfully and safely disabling, disrupting, or seizing control of an unmanned aircraft or unmanned aircraft system.” (Hereinafter, “counter-UAS”).

Blue UAS Cleared List (Blue List): the Blue List is a reference portal for the U.S. Department of War (Defense Contract Management Agency (DCMA), U.S. Government, and industry partners, providing an aggregated list of compliant UAS systems and components. <https://bluelist.appsplatformportals.us/>

Consolidated Screening List (CSL): CSL is a list, maintained by the International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, of parties for which the United States Government maintains restrictions on certain exports, reexports, or transfers of items. <https://www.trade.gov/consolidated-screening-list>

44. Does the applicant propose to purchase UAS with award funds?

- Yes
 No

If yes,

44a. By checking the box, the applicant acknowledges he or she understands that if any Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) is purchased with award funds:

1. It must be one manufactured by an entity included, as of the date of purchase on the U.S. Department of War Defense Contract Management Agency (DCMA) Blue UAS Cleared List (available at <https://bluelist.appsplatformportals.us/>);
2. It must not be manufactured by an entity that will be included, as of the date of purchase, on the International Trade Administration of the Department of Commerce’s Consolidated Screening List (available at <https://www.trade.gov/consolidated-screening-list>);

3. No modifications or additional accessories that are not on the DCMA Blue UAS Cleared List will be introduced to the purchased UAS. Further, the applicant understands that the entity operating the UAS must have sufficient policies and procedures regarding privacy, civil liberties, and information technology cybersecurity related to the operation of the UAS; and
4. Counter-UAS or activities are unallowable under this program.
 I understand.*

*Validation Error Message: Please check the box.

Certification of Review and Representation of Compliance

45. By checking the box, the applicant indicates he or she understands that: (1) the applicant will comply with all legal, administrative, and programmatic requirements that govern the applicant for acceptance and use of federal funds as outlined in the applicable COPS Office Grant Application Resource Guide, the COPS Office Award Owner's Manual, the DOJ Grants Financial Guide, Assurances, Certifications, all Executive Orders, and applicable Presidential Memoranda, program regulations, laws, orders, and circulars; (2) the applicant understands that as a general rule COPS Office funding may not be used for the same item or service funded through another funding source; and (3) the applicant and any required or identified official partner(s) listed in this application mutually agreed to this partnership prior to submission.*
46. By checking the box, the applicant indicates he or she provides a certification that: (1) the programs to be funded by the grant meet all the requirements of the COPS Office statute (34 U.S.C. § 10381, et seq.); (2) all the information contained in the application is correct; and (3) the applicant will comply with all provisions of the COPS Office statute (34 U.S.C. § 10381, et seq.) and all other applicable Federal laws.*
47. By checking the box, the applicant indicates that he or she understands that the COPS Office may require your agency to review, confirm and/or update specific data items in the submitted application and failure to respond may eliminate the application from funding consideration. *

*Validation Error Message: Please check the box.

Acknowledgement of Electronic Signature

48. By checking the box, the applicant indicates that he or she understands that “clicking to agree” in this application and the required forms, including the Assurances, Certifications, and Disclosure of Lobbying Activities form are just as legally enforceable as physical signatures.

I understand.*

*Validation Error Message: Please check the box.