



FY26 COPS Anti-Methamphetamine Program (CAMP)

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Overview and Eligibility

Q. What is the purpose of COPS Anti-Methamphetamine Program (CAMP) funding?

- A. CAMP is a competitive award program that provides funding in amounts not less than \$1,000,000 to state law enforcement agencies in states with high seizures of precursor chemicals, finished methamphetamine, laboratories, and laboratory dump seizures for the purpose of locating or investigating illicit activities such as precursor diversion, laboratories, or methamphetamine traffickers.

Q. Who is eligible to apply for funding?

- A. State law enforcement agencies authorized by law or by a state agency to engage in or to supervise anti-methamphetamine investigative activities such as locating and investigating illicit activities including precursor diversion, laboratories, or methamphetamine traffickers are eligible to apply. In addition, States 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.

Q. Can multiple law enforcement agencies within one state apply?

- A. Yes. All state law enforcement agencies authorized by law or by a state agency to engage in or to supervise anti-methamphetamine investigative activities within each state are eligible to apply.

Q. Are recipients of CAMP awards required to coordinate with other law enforcement entities?

A. Yes. Recipients are required to coordinate with federal, state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies to maximize the impact and effectiveness of the award. The recipients must coordinate and work with U.S. Attorneys' Offices in their states, coordinate and work with local and tribal law enforcement agencies in any area impacted by the work of the CAMP program, and coordinate as appropriate with other federal law enforcement partners such as the Federal Bureau of Investigation or Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) to assist tribal law enforcement agencies.

Q. How long is the award period for CAMP?

A. CAMP is a three-year (36-month) award program with an opportunity for a no-cost time extension to receive additional time to implement the award program. Budget requests must not exceed this three-year period.

Q. Is there a cost share (matching funds) requirement?

A. No. There is no cost share or matching funds requirement.

Q. Is there a nonsupplanting requirement for this program?

A. Yes. The nonsupplanting requirement is a legal requirement in the Public Safety and Community Policing Act, which is the COPS Office's authorizing statute. See 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. The nonsupplanting requirement means COPS Office award funds must be used to supplement (not replace) state, local, or Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) funds that would have been dedicated toward law enforcement if federal funding had not been awarded. As it applies to your agency's CAMP award, recipients must not reduce the level of state, local, or BIA funding that would have been dedicated toward any hiring or procurement as a result of receiving federal funding. 34 U.S.C. § 10384(a).

Q. What is the formula for disbursing CAMP funds?

A. CAMP is not a "formula" award program. All applications will be reviewed based on the information provided in the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO), the statewide methamphetamine seizure data, and other relevant factors determined by the COPS Office. Awards will be made on a competitive basis.

Q. What is the maximum amount to be awarded per award?

A. Each award will be capped at \$2,000,000.

Q. How much funding is anticipated to be awarded under CAMP and how many awards does the COPS Office expect to make under CAMP in FY26?

A. Up to \$13,500,000 is anticipated to be awarded under CAMP, with 10 awards anticipated in FY26.

Q. When will CAMP awards be announced?

- A. It is anticipated that awards will be announced on or after October 1, 2026. Any public announcements will be posted on the [COPS Office website](#).

Q. May our agency request funding under CAMP if we have an active COPS Office Hiring Program (CHP) award for sworn officer positions?

- A. Yes. Agencies with an active CHP award are not disqualified from applying for a CAMP award, but the CAMP-funded position(s) must be over and above the number of officer positions funded in the agency's local budget and under any other CHP award.

Q. May CAMP funding be used to retain officers to fulfill a retention requirement under other COPS Office awards?

- A. No. CAMP funding may not be used to comply with the retention requirement of other COPS office awards, such as the COPS Hiring Program or U.S. Department of Justice Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation Purpose Area 1. Instead, your agency must use state, territorial, local, or tribal funding to retain the COPS Office-funded positions for the required retention period following the conclusion of the award period. In addition, the retained officer position(s) must be over and above your agency's locally funded sworn force and any full-time sworn positions awarded under the CAMP award.

Application Process and Requirements

Q. What is the application process?

- A. CAMP applications are a two-part process. Applicants will submit the Application for Federal Assistance (SF-424) in Grants.gov and the full application, including attachments, in JustGrants. For further guidance and resources, read the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) document carefully, access the [DOJ Application Submission Checklist](#), and see the [JustGrants Application Submission training page](#).

Note: Active registration with the [System for Award Management \(SAM\) database](#) is required to register for Grants.gov. Go to [SAM.gov | Entity Registrations](#) for additional information.

Q. What am I required to submit in the application?

- A. In addition to the Application for Federal Assistance (SF-424) submitted in Grants.gov, applicants will be required to submit the remainder of the application, including the Disclosure of Lobbying Activities form (SF-LLL), if applicable, in JustGrants. The full application consists of a series of questions and a web-based budget worksheet with accompanying narrative justifications. The complete list of questions is located at <https://cops.usdoj.gov/camp>. Applicants are encouraged to read through the online application questions in advance to ensure sufficient time to prepare answers to the questions.

See the FY26 CAMP NOFO at <https://cops.usdoj.gov/camp> for a complete list of required and optional attachments.

Q. When are applications due under CAMP?

- A. Applicants are urged to begin the application process in Grants.gov as soon as they believe their agency will apply for CAMP funding.

The Application for Federal Assistance (SF-424) must be submitted in Grants.gov by 4:59 p.m. Eastern Time (ET) on July 23, 2026.

The complete application package must be submitted in JustGrants by 4:59 p.m. ET on July 29, 2026.

Q. Should any documents be printed in preparation to complete the CAMP application?

- A. Hard copy applications are not accepted. However, applicants may print the NOFO, including the questions to review and, if applicable, the attachments. A PDF version of the NOFO may be found on the [CAMP page](#).

Q. Is CAMP subject to Executive Order (E.O.) 12372, Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs?

- A. Yes. CAMP is subject to E.O. 12372, “Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs,” which requires applicants from state and local units of government or other organizations providing services within a state to submit a copy of the application to the state single point of contact (SPOC) if one exists and if the program has been selected for review. Applicants must contact their state SPOCs ([SPOC List](#)) to determine whether their programs have been selected for state review. The applicant should enter the date that the application was sent to the SPOC or the reason such submission is not required in the section of the SF-424 that refers to EO 12372.

Allowable Activities and Costs Under CAMP

Q. What may my agency request funding for under CAMP?

- A. Budgets submitted under CAMP must be at least \$1 million. Agencies may request funding to pay for the following:
- Personnel and fringe benefits
 - New civilian personnel to work directly on anti-methamphetamine investigation activities
 - New sworn personnel to work directly on anti-methamphetamine investigation activities
 - Equipment directly related to anti-methamphetamine investigation activities
 - Supplies directly related to anti-methamphetamine investigation activities
 - Travel/training directly related to anti-methamphetamine investigation activities
 - Contracts/consultants directly related to anti-methamphetamine investigation activities
 - Other costs, including overtime for sworn officers and civilian staff engaging in anti-methamphetamine investigation activities

Agencies may elect to redeploy locally funded sworn personnel to engage in CAMP activities and assign newly hired CAMP-funded officers to backfill their positions.

Funding requests are not limited to your agency's entry-level salary and benefits. CAMP award funds will pay for experience-level salaries as reflected in your agency's approved pay scale.

CAMP will pay only for costs not already funded in the applicant's local budget. Please refer to the [FY26 CAMP Application Resource Guide](#) for a nonexhaustive list of allowable and unallowable costs.

Q. May CAMP funding be used to fund clandestine drug laboratory cleanup, treatment programs, or prosecution of methamphetamine-related activities?

A. No. Agencies seeking funding for clandestine drug laboratory cleanup should contact the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA).

Q. May CAMP funding be used to fund overtime for sworn officers?

A. Yes. Agencies may request funding for overtime for sworn officers engaging in anti-methamphetamine investigation activities under the Other Costs budget category.

Q. May CAMP funding be used to fund overtime for civilian positions?

A. Yes. Agencies may request funding for overtime for civilians engaging in anti-methamphetamine investigative activities under the Other Costs budget category.

Q. May CAMP funding be used to rehire sworn officers previously employed by our agency?

A. Yes. Officers previously employed by your agency may be rehired using CAMP funds.

Q. May CAMP funding be used to fill sworn officer positions that are vacant at the time we apply for CAMP funding?

A. No. Officers funded with CAMP funds must be in addition to any officers funded in your agency's local budget. However, CAMP funding may be used to fill vacant sworn officer positions if the positions are unfunded in the law enforcement budget (i.e., state, local, or BIA funding has not been budgeted to pay for the salary and benefits costs of the positions) because of a hiring freeze or budget cuts due to local fiscal distress.

Q. May CAMP funding be used for positions previously funded by prior CAMP awards?

A. Yes. CAMP funds may be used to rehire officers who previously worked on CAMP awards, so long as they are not included in the agency's local budget, i.e., not supplanting.

Q. Is there a retention requirement for officers hired under CAMP?

A. No. There is no retention requirement for officers hired using CAMP funding. However, recipients will be subject to the nonsupplanting requirement.

Q. If awarded funding from CAMP, will our agency be obligated to keep the total number of officers on staff at the time the award was funded?

A. To comply with the nonsupplanting requirement of the CAMP award, the recipient must maintain its locally funded sworn force baseline and any planned increases of officer positions during the award period.

Q. What fringe benefits are allowable?

A. In addition to Social Security, Medicare, health insurance, life insurance, vacation, sick, retirement, worker's compensation, and unemployment insurance, the following are allowable fringe benefits: (1) dental insurance, (2) vision insurance, (3) prescription drugs, (4) holiday pay, (5) disability insurance, (6) accidental death and disability, (7) 401(k) plan, (8) liability insurance, (9) shift differential payments, (10) accident insurance, (11) bonding insurance, (12) Police Trust, (13) state-funded retirement system, (14) professional liability insurance, (15) Federal Unemployment Tax Act (FUTA) tax, and (16) survivor benefit. Other benefits, such as severance pay, hazard pay, etc., are not allowable.

The COPS Office will not pay for any fringe benefits not listed, and if your agency pays those benefits for locally funded officer positions, your agency will be required to do so for CAMP-funded officer positions with local funds.

Q. Are fringe benefits allowable for requested overtime costs?

A. Yes, but the only fringe benefits allowable for requested overtime compensation are Social Security, Medicare, worker's compensation, and unemployment insurance. The COPS Office will not pay for any other fringe benefits for requested overtime costs. If your agency pays for additional benefits for overtime, then your agency will be required to do so with its own funds.

Q. How do I determine the health care and fringe benefits costs for my agency?

A. An agency should contact its human resources/benefits office to help determine its costs for health care and fringe benefits.

Q. How should an agency calculate the first-year salary and benefit package of officers who will be recruits promoted to sworn officer positions, given that a recruit and sworn officer fall under different pay and benefit levels?

A. The first-year salary and benefits package should cover the sworn officer salary and benefits of the officer post-graduation.

Q. My agency has officers who are exempt from Social Security benefit deductions. How should I address this in the CAMP application?

A. Agencies that have officers that are exempt from Social Security benefit deductions should check the "Exempt" option on the application. By checking "Exempt," the agency is not required to submit additional information.

Q. Are indirect costs allowable under CAMP?

A. No. Indirect costs are not allowable under CAMP.

Q. Are subawards allowable under CAMP?

A. No. Subawards are not allowable under CAMP.

Q. Are academy costs allowable under CAMP?

A. No, academy costs are unallowable under CAMP.

Contact Information and Resources

Q. Who can I contact for assistance with Grants.gov?

A. For technical assistance with submitting the Application for Federal Assistance, Standard Form 424 (SF-424), please call the Grants.gov customer service hotline at 800-518-4726, send questions via email to support@Grants.gov, or consult the [Grants.gov Organization Applicant User Guide](#). The Grants.gov Support Hotline operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week, except on federal holidays.

Q. Who can I contact for assistance with JustGrants?

A. For technical support with the Justice Grants System (JustGrants) application, please contact JustGrants Support at JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov or 833-872-5175. JustGrants Support operates Monday through Friday between the hours of 5:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. Eastern Time (ET) and Saturday, Sunday, and federal holidays from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. ET. Training on JustGrants can also be found at <https://justicegrants.usdoj.gov/training-resources>.

Q. Who can I contact for programmatic assistance with the requirements of CAMP?

A. For programmatic assistance with the requirements of this program, please call the COPS Office Response Center at 800-421-6770 or send questions via email to AskCopsRC@usdoj.gov. The COPS Office Response Center operates Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. ET, except on federal holidays.

Q. Is the list of anticipated FY26 CAMP award conditions and requirements available online?

A. Yes. See the [FY26 CAMP Application Resource Guide](#).

Q. Is there a website that contains application resources, fact sheets, and instructions?

A. Yes. See <https://cops.usdoj.gov/CAMP> and <https://justicegrants.usdoj.gov/training/training-application-submission>.

Q. How do I stay up to date on other COPS Office funding opportunities?

A. COPS Office funding opportunities are posted at [GRANTS | COPS OFFICE \(usdoj.gov\)](#). To receive notifications on funding opportunities and announcements, [subscribe to GovDelivery](#) email updates.
