

# FY 2026 COPS Hiring Program

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Grants.gov Funding Opportunity Number: O-COPS-2026-172611

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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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**COPS**

*Community Oriented Policing Services*  
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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 Hiring Program (CHP). This funding opportunity seeks to advance public safety through community policing by funding full-time career sworn law enforcement officers/deputies to meet law enforcement agencies' community policing strategies. As community policing is common sense policing, throughout the FY26 CHP NOFO materials, the terms 'community policing' and 'common sense policing' are used interchangeably, unless otherwise specified.

The purpose of CHP is to fund law enforcement agencies to hire and/or rehire additional career sworn law enforcement officers/deputies <sup>1</sup> in an effort to increase their community policing capacity and crime prevention efforts. Anticipated outcomes of CHP awards include engagement in planned community partnerships, implementation of projects to analyze and assess problems, implementation of changes to personnel and agency management in support of community policing, and increased capacity of agency to engage in community policing activities.

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 violent crime, nonviolent crime, and fear of crime.

COPS Office information resources, covering a wide range of community policing topics such as school and campus safety, violent crime, and officer safety and wellness, can be downloaded via the COPS Office's home page, <https://cops.usdoj.gov>.

FY26 CHP awards will cover up to 75 percent of the entry-level salary and fringe benefits for each approved position for a three-year funding period based on the applicant's current entry-level salary levels for full-time sworn officers/deputies. Absent an approved cost share (matching funds) waiver, the maximum federal share per position is \$125,000 over the three-year period (not \$125,000 per year) and any

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<sup>1</sup> A "career law enforcement officer" is a person hired on a permanent basis who is authorized by law or by a state, local, or tribal agency to engage in or oversee the prevention, detection, or investigation of violations of criminal laws. 34 U.S.C. §10389(1). The State of Alaska, and any Indian tribe or tribal organization in that state, may also use hiring funds for village public safety officers 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)." Note: Correctional officers that meet the definition of "career law enforcement officers" and are deployed into community-oriented policing are eligible.

additional costs exceeding entry-level salaries and fringe benefits will be the responsibility of the recipient agency. Up to 2 percent of the federal share can be used for direct administrative costs. Additional details can be found in the [FY26 CHP Application Resource Guide](#).

## Hiring Categories

Funding under this program may be used to hire or rehire sworn career law enforcement officers/deputies in the following categories:

- **Hire new full-time officers/deputies**, which includes filling existing officer/deputy vacancies that are no longer funded in your agency's budget. These positions must be in addition to your current budgeted (funded) level of sworn positions, and the officers/deputies must be hired on or after the official award start date on the notice of award.
- **Rehire full-time officers/deputies laid off** by any jurisdiction as a result of state, local, or Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) budget reductions. The rehired officers/deputies must be rehired on or after the official award start date on the notice of award. Documentation must be maintained showing the date(s) that the positions were laid off and rehired.
- **Rehire full-time officers/deputies who are (at the time of application) currently scheduled to be laid off** by your jurisdiction on a specific future date as a result of state, local, or BIA budget reductions.
  - › Recipients will be required to continue funding the positions with local funding until the date(s) of the scheduled layoffs. The dates of the scheduled layoffs and the number of positions affected must be identified in the application.
  - › The recipient may rehire the officers/deputies with CHP funding on or immediately after the date of the scheduled layoff. Unless required by a recipient jurisdiction, the agency is not required to formally complete the administrative steps associated with the layoff of the individual officers/deputies it is seeking to rehire so long as the agency can document that a final, approved budget decision was made to lay off those individual positions on the identified layoff date.
  - › Documentation must be maintained detailing the dates and reason(s) for the layoffs. Furthermore, agencies awarded will be required to maintain documentation that demonstrates that the scheduled layoffs are occurring for local economic reasons unrelated to the availability of CHP award funds; such documentation may include local council meeting minutes, memoranda, notices, or orders discussing the layoffs; budget documents ordering jurisdiction-wide budget reductions; and/or notices provided to the individual officers/deputies regarding the layoffs.

An applicant may request funding in one or more of the above-referenced hiring categories under CHP. If an application is approved for funding, the notice of award will specify the number of positions approved in each category. Once awarded, recipient agencies may not move funded positions between the hiring categories without receiving written prior approval from the COPS Office.

### **Problem/Focus Areas**

Applicants must identify and describe one specific Problem/Focus Area from the list below. Applicants are required to describe the impact of the issue on the community, how agency will use award funds to address the problem/focus area selected, and how your agency plans to address community policing and crime prevention efforts.

- **Violent Crime\*** – Applicants will employ common sense policing strategies to address violent crime problems in one of the following subcategories:
  - › Gun Violence
  - › Addressing Illicit Fentanyl
  - › Aggressively Enforcing Gun Laws
  - › Assault
  - › Homicide
  - › Rape
  - › Robbery
  - › Domestic Violence
  - › Human Trafficking
  - › Protecting and Serving Youth in America
  - › Criminal Gangs
  - › Drug Manufacturing, Drug Dealing, Drug Trafficking
  - › Dismantling Gangs, Street Crews, and Drug Networks
  - › Cracking Down on the Open Use of Illegal Drugs
  - › Other Violent Crime
- **Squatting and Encampment Enforcement\*** – Applicant will focus on ending squatting by collaborating with federal law enforcement/task forces to end the epidemic of squatters and public encampments that create safe havens for drugs, crime, and human trafficking.

- **Homeland and Border Security\*** – Applicant will partner with federal law enforcement in one of the following subcategories:
  - › Homeland Security: Combating Illegal Immigration (e.g., information sharing, 287(g) partnerships, task forces, and honoring detainees)
  - › Protecting Critical Infrastructure
  - › Information/Intelligence Problems
- **Nuisance Abatement and Quality of Life\*** – Applicants will focus on aggressive and strict enforcement of nuisance abatement and blight including, among other things, petty larceny and criminal damage to property.
- **School-Based Policing\*** – Applicants will focus on deploying School Resource Officers<sup>2</sup> (SRO) to protect elementary or secondary schools, expand crime prevention efforts, identify changes to reduce crime in and around schools, and other activities to increase school safety. Note: School police officers that do not meet the definition of an SRO as defined above are ineligible for funding under the School-Based Policing Problem/Focus Area.
- **Combatting Domestic Terrorism\*** – Projects that focus on detecting, preventing, and protecting against domestic terrorism.
- **Other/Innovations in Common Sense Policing** – Applicant is required to describe new and promising approaches in community policing that can be advanced through CHP.

\* Indicates Problem/Focus Areas that, if selected, will receive additional consideration. Applicants that choose one of these focus areas must devote 100 percent of their funded positions to that Problem/Focus Area and will not be permitted to change the scope of their project to remove the activities associated with the Problem/Focus Area.

### **Cap on Sworn Officer/Deputy Requests**

Requests will be capped at 20 percent of the actual sworn force, with a maximum of 50 officers/deputies for any agency.

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<sup>2</sup> School Resource Officer is defined as a career law enforcement officer, with sworn authority, deployed in community-oriented policing, and assigned by the employing police department or agency to work in collaboration with schools and community-based organizations—(A) to address crime and disorder problems, gangs, and drug activities affecting or occurring in or around an elementary or secondary school; (B) to develop or expand crime prevention efforts for students;(C) to educate likely school-age victims in crime prevention and safety; (D) to develop or expand community justice initiatives for students; (E) to train students in conflict resolution, restorative justice, and crime awareness; (F) to assist in the identification of physical changes in the environment that may reduce crime in or around the school; and (G) to assist in developing school policy that addresses crime and to recommend procedural changes. 34 U.S.C. §10389.

For example:

- Agencies with an actual sworn force of 30 are permitted to request up to six sworn officer/deputy positions.
- Agencies with an actual sworn force of 10 or less are permitted to request one sworn officer/deputy position.

### **Length of Funding and Retention Requirement**

Funding under this program will support three years of sworn officer/deputy salaries within a five-year period of performance to accommodate time needed for recruitment and hiring. Agencies must retain each CHP-funded position for a minimum of 12 months following the three years of funding for that position. The additional positions should be added to your agency's law enforcement budget with state and/or local funds over and above the number of locally funded officer/deputy positions that would have existed in the absence of the award. Absorbing CHP-funded positions through attrition (rather than adding the extra positions to your budget with additional funding) does not meet the retention requirement.

### **Background Investigation Requirement**

Recipients must ensure that each officer/deputy hired under the grant award is subject to a background investigation, notify the COPS Office upon completion of the background investigation for each officer/deputy hired under the award, and cooperate with the COPS Office and provide updates on the status of background investigations upon request. Additional information can be found in the [FY26 CHP Application Resource Guide](#) and the [Background Investigations FAQs](#).

### **Prohibition on Supplanting**

"Supplanting" is to deliberately reduce state or local funds because of the existence of federal funds. For example, when state funds are appropriated for a stated purpose and federal funds are awarded for that same purpose, the state replaces its state funds with federal funds, thereby reducing the total amount available for the stated purpose. As such, a recipient may not reduce its existing current fiscal year budget for sworn officers/deputies just to make use of the CHP award. Any budget cut must be unrelated to the receipt of CHP award funds to avoid a violation of the COPS Office statutory non-supplanting requirement.

### **Understaffed Law Enforcement Agencies Operating Below Budgeted Strength**

A law enforcement agency operating below its budgeted strength is eligible to apply for funding so long as the applicant attests that awarded funds will be used in compliance with the nonsupplanting requirement and not used to supplant state, local, or Bureau of Indian Affairs funds that are already budgeted for sworn law enforcement officer/deputy positions. Budgeted strength is the maximum number of sworn law enforcement officers/deputies that a law enforcement agency is authorized to employ in their budget.

Please see the [“Guidance for Understaffed Law Enforcement Agencies Operating Below Budgeted Strength”](#) factsheet for additional information.

### School Resource Officer (SRO) Requirements

- Memorandum of Understanding:** Recipients awarded funding to hire and/or deploy School Resource Officers (SRO) into schools will be required to submit to the COPS Office a signed MOU between the law enforcement agency and the school partner(s) within 90 days of the date shown on the award congratulatory letter. See the [School Resource Officer Memorandum of Understanding Fact Sheet](#) for additional information.
- Mandatory Training:** COPS Office-funded SROs are required to complete a basic 40-hour SRO training course conducted by the National Association of School Resource Officers (NASRO). Training must be completed no later than nine months after the date shown on the award congratulatory letter or six months from the SRO hire date, whichever comes first. See the [School Resource Officer Mandatory Training Fact Sheet](#) for additional information.

This is a competitive, discretionary program. The COPS Office will fund as many positions as possible for successful applicants; however, the number of positions requested by an agency may be reduced based on the availability of funding and other programmatic considerations.

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	16.068
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-2026-172611
Expected Total Amount of Funding	Up to \$157,594,000
Anticipated Number of Awards	250

Award Type(s)	Grants
Anticipated Award Amount	Up to \$6,250,000
Expected Award Period(s)	60 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
- County governments
- City or township governments
- Special district governments
- Native American Tribal governments
- Other: Units of Local Government

**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.

**Other Units of Local Government:** For the purposes of this NOFO, other units of local government include towns, boroughs, parishes, villages, or other general purpose political subdivisions of a state.

**Cost Sharing (Match) Requirement:** This NOFO requires cost sharing (match). See [Program Description: Cost Sharing \(Match\) Requirement](#) for details on the cost sharing (match) calculation and what types of contributions are acceptable.

## Additional Eligibility Factors

- Eligible applicants are limited to established and operational local, state, territorial, and tribal law enforcement agencies that have primary law enforcement authority for the jurisdiction served.
- Established and operational:
  - › A law enforcement agency is established and operational if the jurisdiction has passed authorizing legislation and it has a current operating budget.
  - › Applicants must have a law enforcement agency (i.e. Sheriff's Office, Department, etc.) that is operational by the close of this application or receive services through a new or existing contract for law enforcement services that is in place by the close of this NOFO.
- Primary law enforcement authority:
  - › An agency with primary law enforcement authority is defined as the first responder to calls for service for all types of criminal incidents within the jurisdiction served.
  - › Note: If funds under this program are to be used as part of a written contracting agreement for law enforcement services (e.g., a town that contracts with a neighboring sheriff's department to receive services), the agency wishing to receive law enforcement services must be the legal applicant in this application.
  - › 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, the COPS Office will provide additional consideration to:

- **Ending Deadly Sanctuary City Policies:** Agencies that partner or cooperate with federal officials and agencies on addressing illegal immigration (state and local government applicants only).
- **Homeland Security Task Force Coordination and Participation:** 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).
- **Catastrophic Incident:** Applicants that experienced an unanticipated catastrophic event that had a significant impact on the delivery of law enforcement services and which occurred in the time period from January 1, 2025, to present. This includes mass shootings, terrorist attacks, natural disasters, or other events leading to mass casualties.
- **Hiring Veterans:** Applicants that commit to hiring at least one military veteran.
- **Rural Designation:** Applicants in self-identified rural jurisdictions.
- **Unfunded in Previous Year:** Applicants that did not receive a CHP award in FY25 due to the limited availability of funding who submit a quality application in FY26.
- **National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) Data Accuracy:** Agencies that submit accurate race and ethnicity information in NIBRS for each offender, victim, and arrestee involved in each incident.
- Applicants that propose projects under the following Problem/Focus Areas:
  - › Violent Crime and its subcategories, with additional weight provided to the following subcategories: addressing illicit fentanyl; aggressively enforcing gun laws; human trafficking; criminal gangs; drug manufacturing/dealing/trafficking; dismantling gangs, street crews, and drug networks; or cracking down on the open use of illegal drugs.
  - › School-Based Policing

- › Squatting and Encampment Enforcement
- › Nuisance Abatement and Quality of Life
- › Homeland Security and its subcategories
- › Combatting Domestic Terrorism
- Additional consideration will also be provided to:
  - › **Critically Understaffed Law Enforcement Agencies:** Agencies operating below their budgeted strength due to local fiscal distress or other conditions.
  - › **Safe Harbor:** Applicants in states with certain anti-human trafficking laws that treat minors engaged in commercial sex as victims (referred to as “safe harbor” laws) and permit individuals to vacate arrest or prosecution records for nonviolent offenses as a result of being trafficked.
  - › **Community-based Hires:** Applicants that commit to recruiting officers/deputies from the community in which they will serve.

**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 CHP Application Resource Guide](#) for details. In addition, refer to the [Budget](#) section in this NOFO for information on allowable and unallowable costs to help you develop your application.

## Goals and Objectives of this Funding Opportunity

**Goal:** The goal of CHP is to provide funding directly to law enforcement agencies to hire and/or rehire sworn career law enforcement officers/deputies in an effort to advance public safety and increase their community policing capacity and crime prevention efforts.

- **Objective 1:** Engagement in planned community partnerships.
- **Objective 2:** Implementation of projects to analyze and assess problems.
- **Objective 3:** Implementation of changes to personnel and agency management in support of community policing.
- **Objective 4:** Increased capacity of agencies to engage in community policing activities.

## 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.

## Cost Sharing (Match) Requirements

This funding opportunity requires a local cost share (match) of at least 25 percent unless a waiver is approved at the time of application. Recipients must satisfy this cost sharing (match) requirement with cash. In-kind contributions are not allowable.

Read the [DOJ Grants Financial Guide](#) for additional definitions and requirements of "cost sharing" (match), including the allowable sources of cash cost sharing.

See [Waiver of Local Cost Share \(Matching Funds\)](#) for additional information.

# 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/chp>.

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="#">Data Requested with Application</a> <b>*REQUIRED*</b>	Online Form
<a href="#">Budget</a> <b>*REQUIRED*</b>	Online Form
<a href="#">Additional Application Components</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SRO MOU (if applicable)</li> <li>Letters of Support</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.

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

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

### 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>3</sup> See the [FY26 CHP Application Resource Guide](#) for a nonexhaustive list of allowable and unallowable costs.

<sup>3</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](#).

- 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.

### **Waiver of Local Cost Share (Matching Funds)**

- In the Local Match Details section, you will be presented with the option to request a waiver of the local cost share (matching funds) requirement. If a local cost share (matching funds) waiver is requested by selecting “Yes,” you will be instructed to enter the maximum local cost share you would be able to contribute, if any, and to specify if the COPS Office should continue to consider the application if the waiver request is not granted.
- Local Cost Share (matching funds) waiver requests will be evaluated based on a demonstration of severe fiscal distress as reflected through the fiscal health data provided in the application and a comparison of your fiscal health data with that of the overall applicant pool. Please indicate whether the COPS Office should continue to consider your application if the waiver request is not granted or whether it should be removed from consideration.

### **Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and Supporting Documents**

Attach in JustGrants:

- **School Resource Officer (SRO) Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) (if applicable):** Recipients awarded funding to hire and/or deploy SROs into schools will be required to submit to the COPS Office a signed MOU between the law enforcement agency and the school partner(s) within 90 days of the date shown on the award letter, and before expending or drawing down funds under the award. An MOU is not required at the time of application; however, if the law enforcement agency already has an MOU in place that is applicable to the

partnership, the MOU can be uploaded as an attachment under the section in JustGrants titled “MOUs and Other Supporting Documents.” See the [SRO MOU Fact Sheet](#) information on the MOU requirements, including the required elements of the MOU.

## 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 CHP 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 CHP 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 CHP Application Resource Guide](#).

## 6. APPLICATION REVIEW INFORMATION

The [FY26 CHP 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 CHP Application Resource Guide](#).

## 8. POST-AWARD REQUIREMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

Read the [FY26 CHP 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.