



FY 2026 COPS Hiring Program (CHP) Application Resource Guide

This application resource guide provides additional information to assist prospective applicants for the FY 2026 COPS Hiring Program (CHP). Please review each section carefully prior to submitting the application to ensure that your agency will be able to comply with all legal and administrative requirements that govern the applicant for acceptance.

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How to Apply

The complete application package is available on Grants.gov and on the COPS Office website <https://cops.usdoj.gov/>. Completing an application under this program is a two-step process.

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.

Before You Begin: SAM.gov Registration and Unique Entity Identifiers (UEIs)

To submit an application, your entity must have an active registration in the **System for Award Management (SAM.gov)**. SAM.gov assigns entities a unique entity identifier (UEI) that is required for the entity to apply for federal funding. You will enter the entity's UEI in the application. Award recipients must then maintain an active UEI for the duration of their award. Visit SAM.gov for details and resources for first-time registration or renewal of an existing registration.

The registration and renewal processes can take several weeks. Start these processes at least 30 days prior to the Grants.gov deadline. Applicants who do not begin the registration or renewal process at least 10 business days prior to the Grants.gov deadline may not be able to complete the process in time and will not be considered for a technical waiver that allows for late submission.

Step One: Grants.gov

Application for Federal Assistance (SF-424): Applicants must register via <https://www.grants.gov> and complete an Application for Federal Assistance, Standard Form 424 (SF-424). The SF-424 is a required standard form that collects the applicant's name, address, and UEI; the funding opportunity number; and the proposed project title, among other information. It is used as a cover sheet for submission of pre-applications, applications, and related information under discretionary programs. Applicants must complete and submit the SF-424 via <https://www.grants.gov> using the information provided on that site. The SF-424 must be signed by the Grants.gov authorized organizational representative.

Section 8F – Applicant Point of Contact: Enter the name and contact information of the individual who will complete application materials in JustGrants. JustGrants will use this information to assign the application to this user in JustGrants.

Section 19 – Intergovernmental Review: This funding opportunity is subject to **Executive Order (E.O.) 12372** (Intergovernmental Review). States that participate in the Intergovernmental Review process have an opportunity to review the applicant's submission. Find the names and addresses of state Single Points of Contact (SPOCs) for Intergovernmental Review at the following website: <https://www.ojp.gov/IntergovernmentalReviewSPOCList.pdf>.

If the applicant's state appears on the SPOC list:

- Contact the state SPOC for information and follow the state's process under E.O. 12372.
- On the SF-424, make the appropriate selection for question 19 once the applicant has complied with its state E.O. 12372 process.

If the applicant's state does not appear on the SPOC list:

- Answer question 19 by selecting, "Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the state for review."

Applicants are strongly encouraged to register immediately on <https://www.grants.gov>. Any delays in registering with Grants.gov or submitting the SF-424 may result in insufficient time for processing your application through JustGrants. Refer to the U.S. **Department of Justice (DOJ) Application Submission Checklist** for additional details.

For technical assistance with submitting the 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, 7 days a week, except on federal holidays.

Step Two: JustGrants Application

The remainder of the application will be completed through the Justice Grants System (JustGrants) at <https://justicegrants.usdoj.gov/>. No other form of application will be accepted. Applications with errors or missing information may be disqualified or rated accordingly. Please note that the application system will not accept incomplete applications or applications with errors.

Standard Applicant Information

To begin the JustGrants application, applicants must first complete a web-based form in JustGrants which is pre-populated with the SF-424 data submitted in Grants.gov. Applicants are required to confirm the two Authorized Representatives (see following) and verify the legal name, address, and enter the ZIP code(s) for the areas affected by the project. For statewide or nationwide projects, the applicant should enter “State” or “National” in this field.

The Authorized Representatives are the officials who have ultimate and final responsibility for all programmatic and financial decisions regarding this COPS Office application as representatives of the legal recipient (e.g., your agency or organization).

Who should be assigned as Authorized Representatives?

For **law enforcement agencies**, COPS Office awards require that both the top law enforcement executive (e.g., chief of police, sheriff, or equivalent) and the top government executive (e.g., mayor, board chairman, or equivalent) sign the application, and (if awarded funding) accept the award package. Both the top law enforcement executive and the top government executive must be assigned the role of Authorized Representative in JustGrants.

For **non-law enforcement agencies**, (institutions of higher education, school districts, private organizations, etc.), COPS Office awards require that both the programmatic official (e.g., executive director, chief executive officer, or equivalent) and financial official (e.g., chief financial officer, treasurer, or equivalent) sign the application, and (if awarded funding) accept the award package. These two officials must have the ultimate signatory authority to sign contracts on behalf of your organization. Both the programmatic official and the financial official must be assigned the role of Authorized Representative in Just Grants. Please note that nonexecutive positions (e.g., clerks, trustees) are not acceptable Authorized Representatives.

Before applicants can complete this section, the two Authorized Representatives must have established accounts in JustGrants after the Grants.gov portion of the application was submitted. **Please note: Users assigned as Authorized Representatives must log into the JustGrants system to activate their account. Users will not be visible in JustGrants until they have successfully logged into JustGrants.**

Complete Remainder of JustGrants Application per NOFO

Refer to the NOFO and complete the items identified in the “Application Contents and Format” section.

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>.

Late Submissions

The COPS Office will review on a case-by-case basis requests for late submission due to unforeseen technical issues or extraordinary events such as extreme weather emergencies or mass casualty events.

- Requests for an extension of the Grants.gov deadline must be received no later than the grants.gov due date/time listed in the Notice of Funding Opportunity.
- Requests for an extension of the JustGrants deadline must be received no later than the grants.gov due date/time listed in the Notice of Funding Opportunity.

No late submission requests will be considered after the extension requests deadline. Extension of deadlines is rare and is not guaranteed.

To be considered for an extension, applicants must contact the COPS Office Response Center via email at AskCopsRC@usdoj.gov detailing the technical/extraordinary issues that impact application submission. This email must be submitted prior to the deadline for which the applicant is requesting an extension. The applicant's email must include the following information:

- UEI number
- Organization name
- Point of contact name and information
- Application ID
- Nature of the issue/disaster and how it affected the applicant's ability to submit the application on time
- The email subject line should read "FY26 COPS Hiring Program Extraordinary Circumstances: [UEI number, Agency Name, Application ID]," with your UEI number and organization name and details filled in.

The COPS Office will respond to each applicant as soon as possible with either an approval and instructions for submission or a rejection. If the technical issues you reported cannot be validated, the application will be rejected.

The following conditions are not valid reasons to request an extension:

- Failure to begin the registration process in sufficient time
- Failure to follow instructions on Grants.gov or JustGrants
- Failure of the two assigned Authorized Representatives, with the proper authority, to activate accounts in JustGrants prior to application submission
- Failure to follow all the instructions in the notice of funding opportunity
- Failure to register or update information on the SAM website
- Failure to register or complete the SF-424 in grants.gov

Late submissions may be considered for review at the discretion of the COPS Office on a case-by-case basis due to unforeseen technical issues or extraordinary events such as extreme weather emergencies or mass casualty events.

Allowable and Unallowable Costs

This is not an exhaustive list, and items not listed below are reviewed on a case-by-case basis. All costs must be reasonable, allowable, allocable, and necessary to successfully implement the project.

The COPS Office reserves the right to deny funding for items that may not be included on this list and to remove requested items from the applicant's budget that are noted as unallowable. Unallowable costs will not be approved and the costs may be ineligible to be reprogrammed to an allowable cost item.

Allowable Costs – Fundable Requests

The only allowable costs under this grant are the approved full-time, entry-level salaries and fringe benefits of newly hired or rehired sworn career law enforcement officers/deputies¹ who are hired or rehired on or after the award start date, and direct administrative costs of up to 2 percent of the federal award amount.

There is a minimum local cost share (matching funds) requirement of 25 percent, unless waived, which must be in the form of cash. The local cost share (matching funds) requirement may exceed 25 percent if the entry-level salary and fringe costs total more than \$167,000 over three years. Note: The local cost share (matching funds) will calculate automatically once the overall salary, fringe rates, and direct administrative costs are entered.

- **Sworn Officer/Deputy Salaries:** You will enter the funding request by indicating the number of officers/deputies requested and provide the current entry-level salary and fringe benefits for one full-time sworn officer/deputy. The total request will be calculated automatically.

The number of officers/deputies you request in the budget must match the number of officers/deputies requested in the question survey.

Applicants budgeting for an increase in salaries and/or fringe benefits over the life of the award are required to provide an explanation. **Note that the \$125,000 in federal funds total is for three years, not \$125,000 annually.**

An agency seeking to rehire officers/deputies scheduled to be laid off on a specific future date with CHP funds must continue to fund them with local funds through the award date until the date of the scheduled layoff.

Officers/deputies previously employed by your agency who have been (or are currently scheduled to be) laid off as a result of budget reductions may be rehired using CHP award funds, but funding requests must be limited to your agency's entry-level salaries and fringe benefits for full-time officers/deputies. Agencies will be responsible for paying any costs that exceed entry-level salaries and fringe benefits with local funds.

Applicants with more than one entry-level salary and benefit package based on prior education for new officers/deputies without prior law enforcement experience may average the salaries and benefits to determine the entry-level salary and benefits. Please note that any higher salaries and benefits that are paid to compensate for prior law enforcement experience are not considered entry-level and should not be included in this average or otherwise reported as entry-level. If awarded CHP funding, an agency must use it to pay the actual entry-level salary and benefits and any CHP funds remaining after the 36-month funding period will be deobligated.

¹ Note: Correctional officers that meet the definition of "career law enforcement officers" and are deployed into community-oriented policing are eligible. 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).

- **Fringe Benefits for Sworn Officer/Deputy Positions:** Fringe benefits typically covered by the applicant agency, as specified in agency personnel and salary policies or contractual agreements, and allowable under 2 CFR 200, will be covered. Examples of allowable fringe benefits include Social Security, Medicare, insurance (life, health, dental, etc.), shift differential, retirement plans, and holiday pay.

For agencies that do not include fringe benefits (e.g., vacation, holiday, shift differential) as part of the base salary costs and typically calculate these separately, the allowable expenditures may be included with personnel costs. Any fringe benefits that are already included as part of the agency's base salary should not be repeated in the separate fringe listing. Fringe benefits that do not appear in the drop-down budget menu will not be considered.

Shift differential pay is a premium hourly rate paid for those hours that are not considered normal day work hours as defined by your agency. Typically, shift differential pay is for the hours worked outside of normal day work hours, where the majority of hours worked are from 3:00 p.m. of one day until 8:00 a.m. of the following day. This would include the evening shift, midnight shift, overlap shift or power shift, or any other designated shift between those hours that would qualify for the shift differential pay as defined by your agency and/or a contractual or union agreement. Overtime beyond any defined shift work hours is an unallowable cost under CHP. See the Unallowable Costs – Costs that will Not be Funded section for more information.

- **Direct Administrative Costs:** Up to 2 percent of the federal share may be used for direct administrative costs. See 34 U.S.C. § 10381(i).

Recipients may use up to 2 percent of the grant award amount for administrative costs, which encompasses costs directly associated with administering the grant.

Examples of direct administrative costs may include directly assignable salaries and fringe benefits for administrative staff that collect performance measurement data and submit performance reports in JustGrants and/or Federal Financial Reports.

Direct costs are those costs that can be "identified specifically with a particular final cost objective, such as a Federal award, or other internally or externally funded activity, or that can be directly assigned to such activities relatively easily with a high degree of accuracy." See 2 C.F.R. § 200.413.

Any direct administrative costs proposed must be clearly identified and directly assignable to the award activities. Any lump sum line item of 2 percent will be removed from the budget, and the award amount will be reduced accordingly.

Note: the current appropriations act cap is \$125,000 per sworn officer/deputy position. Including 2 percent for direct administrative costs would not increase the grant award amount. Any amount used for direct administrative costs will reduce the amount of funding available for sworn officer/deputy salaries and benefits. However, if the local match is waived, the 2 percent would apply to the full federal share.

Unallowable Costs

Federal Funding Restrictions

Please be advised that COPS Office funding must not be used for the following:

1. To directly or indirectly support or subsidize an educational service agency, state educational agency, local educational agency, elementary school, secondary school, or institution of higher education that requires students to have received a COVID-19 vaccination to attend any in-person education program.
2. To promote gender ideology.
3. For projects that provide or advance diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility, or environmental justice programs, services, or activities.
4. State and local governments and law enforcement agencies that have failed to protect public monuments, memorials, and statues from destruction or vandalism.

If awarded, and it is determined that the applicant is not in compliance with the funding restrictions, the COPS Office may place a hold on the award and/or take other remedial action.

Requests that will Not be Funded

All items other than entry-level personnel costs (salaries and fringe benefits) and direct administrative costs of up to 2 percent of the federal award amount, as described in the preceding section, are considered unallowable. The following costs are not permitted:

- Salaries and fringe benefits for the following:
 - Existing locally funded officers/deputies, unless said positions are currently scheduled to be laid off on a specific future date over and above an agency's entry-level salary and fringe benefits for officers/deputies.
 - Civilian or nonsworn personnel, unless included in the Other Costs category for the sole purpose of administering the award.
 - Part-time officer/deputy positions, unless included in the Other Costs category for the sole purpose of administering the award.
 - Furloughed officers/deputies
- Non-Sworn career law enforcement correctional officers not deployed into community-oriented policing
- Overtime costs, severance pay, hazard pay, and retroactive pay
- Equipment (e.g., weapons, and vehicles)
- Training
- Travel
- Uniforms
- Indirect costs

Before including any of these items in your budget and application, please contact the COPS Office at AskCopsRC@usdoj.gov. This is not an exhaustive unallowable expenses list. Items not listed will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. The COPS Office reserves the right to deny funding for items not included on this list. All requests must contribute directly to the specific purpose of the award project.

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.

Application Review Information

The COPS Office is committed to ensuring a fair process for making awards. The COPS Office will review the application to make sure that the information presented is reasonable, understandable, measurable, achievable, and consistent with the NOFO. Applications will undergo a standard review and selection process, which includes a review of basic minimum requirements, review panel ratings, administrative compliance review, a COPS Office senior leadership review and recommendation panel, and the COPS Office Director's selection. A description of each phase is provided in the following sections. Applicants are encouraged to review their own application prior to submission, with particular attention given to the Basic Minimum Requirements and each of the Review Criteria specified in the descriptions that follow.

Basic Minimum Requirements (BMR) Review

Once the NOFO closes, COPS Office staff screen and evaluate applications for compliance with basic minimum requirements (BMR).

BMR Criteria

The BMR review ensures that applicants are local, state, territorial, and tribal law enforcement agencies that have primary law enforcement authority.

Initial Application Review

A team of reviewers will evaluate applications that meet the eligibility basic minimum requirements. The COPS Office may use internal reviewers, external reviewers, or a combination to assess applications on technical merit using the NOFO's review criteria. An external reviewer is an expert in the subject matter of a given topic area who is not a current federal employee. An internal reviewer is a current federal employee who is well-versed or has expertise in the subject matter of the subcategory. Feedback is advisory only, although reviewer views are considered carefully. Reviewers will be asked to review applications based on the application subcategory and the NOFO's stated purpose for the funding. Reviewers will also be asked to consider the subcategory-specific solicited goals, requirements, and deliverables described in the NOFO language.

Upon completion of their reviews, reviewers will recommend applications that should advance to the next round of review.

Review Criteria

The COPS Office will make an initial determination, balancing the applicant's need for federal assistance (as measured by economic and fiscal health questions) with crime rates, the applicant's current commitment to community policing, and the strength of their proposed community policing strategy.

Application Scoring

Applications will initially be scored according to the following weighting methodology:

- **Fiscal Need:** 33.3 percent
- **Crime:** 33.3 percent
- **Community Policing:** 33.3 percent

Agencies that do not meet a minimum community policing score, reflecting a basic commitment to community policing and a strategy to continue or enhance it, will not proceed to the next phase of the application review process and will not be further considered for funding.

Additional Consideration

Following the Community Policing Narrative Review, initial scoring will be reviewed and adjusted for eligible applicants based on the additional considerations described in the Agency Priorities section.

Community Policing Narrative Review

Following the Initial Application Scoring phase, a qualitative review of each eligible applicant's community policing narrative is conducted to ensure that the proposed project sufficiently describes how the applicant plans to address their community policing and crime prevention efforts and aligns with the Problem/Focus Area selected in the application. Agencies with inadequate community policing narratives will not proceed to the next phase of the application review process and will not be further considered for funding.

Local Cost Share (Matching Funds) Waiver Review

Following the Community Policing Narrative review, the COPS office reviews applicant requests for local cost share (matching funds) waivers and makes determinations based on fiscal need relative to other applicants. If a local cost share (matching funds) waiver is approved, the application budget is adjusted to reflect the federal share of 100 percent. Applicants that requested and did not receive a local cost share (matching funds) waiver and selected the option for the COPS Office to NOT continue considering the application if the waiver request is not granted are not included in this phase; their applications are removed from further consideration.

Funding Recommendations and Allocations

Following the Budget and Local Cost Share/Match Waiver, the COPS Office then calculates funding recommendations and allocations based on final scores and the statutory requirements to distribute half of all CHP funds to agencies serving populations of more than 150,000 and half to those serving 150,000 or fewer, and to ensure that at least one-half of one percent of hiring funds are allocated to each state or territory with eligible applications.

Administrative Compliance Review

All advancing applications will undergo an administrative compliance review. Past financial and programmatic performance with U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) award funding will be considered in this review process. Past performance may affect the overall rating and ranking of an application. Factors that may be included in the past performance review include the following:

- Applicant adherence to all conditions in prior awards
- Applicant compliance with programmatic and financial reporting requirements
- Applicant completion of closeout for prior awards in a timely manner
- Whether the applicant has received financial clearances in a timely manner
- Applicant timely resolution of issues identified in an audit or monitoring review
- Applicant adherence to single audit requirements
- Applicant timely completion of work and use of funds in prior awards

Pursuant to 2 C.F.R. Part 200 ("Uniform Guidance"), before award decisions are made, the COPS Office also reviews information related to the degree of risk posed by applicants. Among other things to help assess whether an applicant with one or more prior federal awards has a satisfactory record with respect to performance, integrity, and business ethics, the COPS Office checks whether the applicant is listed in SAM as excluded from receiving a federal award.

The COPS Office must also review and consider any information about the applicant that appears in the nonpublic segment of the integrity and performance system accessible through SAM (currently, the Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System, "FAPIIS"). Applicants may review and comment on any information about their organization or agency in SAM that a federal awarding agency previously entered in the designated integrity and performance system, and such applicant comments will also be reviewed and considered.

The COPS Office may contact applicants regarding budget and financial questions as part of the review process. The Application Submitter may receive email correspondence from the COPS Office following the closure of the NOFO requesting information and/or certification of data submitted in the application. Contact is not indicative of an award decision. Based on risk findings, the COPS Office may remove an applicant from consideration or apply additional post-award conditions for oversight of the award should it be selected for funding.

Director Selection

Absent explicit statutory authorization or written delegation of authority to the contrary, all final award decisions will be made by the Director of the COPS Office, who may also give consideration to factors including prior funding history, current award balances, population served, agency type and geographic variety, strategic priorities, past performance, significant concerns regarding ability of the applicant to administer federal funds, and available funding when making awards.

Award Notification Process

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](#). All award decisions are final and not subject to appeal.

Federal Award Notices

Notice of award will be sent electronically from JustGrants to the Application Submitter, Authorized Representative, and Entity Administrator. Please note that this notice of award is NOT an authorization to begin performance. This award notification will include instructions on accessing the official award package in JustGrants, enrolling in Automated Standard Application for Payments (ASAP), and accepting the award. The notice of award will contain details about the award including start and end dates, funding amounts, and award conditions. Recipients will be required to log into JustGrants to review, sign, and accept the award package. Applicants not selected for award will receive notification after all award recipients have been notified.

The Federal Award Package

The federal award package is the document indicating your official award funding amount, the award number, the award terms and conditions, and award start and end dates. The award start date indicated in the award package means that your organization may be reimbursed for any allowable costs incurred on or after this date. The duration of award is 60 months.

Your FY26 award number is in the following format: 15JCOPS-26-XX-XXXXX-XXXX. The COPS Office tracks award information using this number; therefore, it is important to have your award number readily available when corresponding with the COPS Office.

The award terms and conditions are listed in the award package. In limited circumstances, your award package may include additional award conditions or high-risk conditions that prevent your organization from drawing down or accessing award funds until the COPS Office determines that these conditions have been satisfied. Acceptance of the award is an acknowledgement that you are obtaining federal funds from the COPS Office. As part of that agreement, your organization acknowledges that it will comply with all applicable award terms and conditions, including any award or high-risk conditions.

Administrative and National Policy Requirements

In addition to implementing the funded project consistent with the approved project proposal and budget, the recipient must also comply with award terms, conditions, and other legal requirements including, but not limited to, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), or other federal regulations that will be included in the award or incorporated into the award by reference or applicability.

The COPS Office strongly encourages applicants to review applicable requirements and terms and conditions prior to submitting an application. Terms and conditions are subject to change before the award is issued. This guide also contains additional requirements which apply to this application and award, including audit requirements, suspension, and termination requirements.

Terms, Conditions, and Award Requirements

Please review carefully the full description of each of the listed terms, conditions, and other requirements for this COPS Office program in the Award Requirements (including Terms and Conditions) section. By submitting your application, your organization assures the COPS Office that you agree to the terms, conditions, and requirements. If awarded funds, by accepting your COPS Office award, your organization agrees to comply with all terms, conditions, and other requirements in your award package and any additional or high-risk conditions that may be imposed on your award.

Accepting the Award

To officially accept and begin your award, your organization must access your award package at <https://justgrants.usdoj.gov/>. Once you access your account, two Authorized Representatives will review and electronically sign the award document (including award terms and conditions and, if applicable, any award conditions or high-risk conditions) within **45 days of the date shown on the award congratulatory letter**, unless an extension is requested and granted.

The two assigned Authorized Representatives (Law Enforcement Executive / Programmatic Official and Government Executive / Financial Official), as described in the Application Contents and Format section, are required to sign the award package. If either or both Authorized Representatives change between application submission and award receipt, the Entity Administrator will need to update the Authorized Representative(s) in JustGrants.

Your organization will not be able to draw down award funds until the COPS Office receives your signed award document.

For more information on accepting your award, please visit the [JustGrants Training page](#) for step-by-step instructions.

Post-Award Requirements and Administration

Financial and Programmatic Reporting

If awarded funds, your organization will be required to submit quarterly Standard Form 425 (SF-425) and Federal Financial Reports (FFR) and semiannual Programmatic Performance Reports. Recipients should be prepared to track and report program award funding separately from other funding sources (including other COPS Office federal awards) to ensure accurate financial and programmatic reporting on a timely basis.

Recipients should ensure that they have financial internal controls in place to monitor the use of program funding and ensure that its use is consistent with the award terms and conditions. Good stewardship in this area includes written accounting practices, use of an accounting system that tracks all award drawdowns and expenditures, and the ability to track when award-funded positions are filled or approved purchases are made.

Failure to submit complete reports or submit reports in a timely manner will result in the suspension and possible termination of a recipient's COPS Office award funding or other remedial actions (see the Post Award Requirements & Award Administration section for details).

Performance Measures

To assist in fulfilling the U.S. Department of Justice's responsibilities under the Government Performance and Results Act Modernization Act (GPRA Modernization Act) of 2010, P.L. 111-352), recipients who receive funding from the Federal Government must measure the results of the work that funding supports. This act specifically requires the COPS Office and other federal agencies to set program goals, measure performance against those goals, and publicly report progress in the form of funding spent, resources used, activities performed, services delivered, and results achieved.

The performance measures for this program can be found at [Compliance and Reporting | COPS OFFICE](#).

As part of the programmatic performance reports, all recipients will be required to report on their progress toward implementing community policing strategies. Based on the data collected from recipients, the COPS Office may make improvements to the program to better meet the program's objective and law enforcement agency needs.

Financial Management and System of Internal Controls

Award recipients and subrecipients must, as set out in the Uniform Guidance at 2 C.F.R. § 200.303, do the following:

- Establish, document, and maintain effective internal control over the federal award that provides reasonable assurance that the recipient or subrecipient is managing the federal award in compliance with federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of the federal award. These internal controls should align with guidance in "Standards for Internal Control in the Federal Government" issued by the Comptroller General of the United States and the "Internal Control Integrated Framework" issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO).
- Comply with the U.S. Constitution, federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of the federal award.
- Evaluate and monitor the recipient's or subrecipient's compliance with statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of federal awards.

- Take prompt action when instances of noncompliance are identified.
- Take reasonable cybersecurity and other measures to safeguard protected personally identifiable information (PII) and other information. This also includes information the federal awarding agency or pass-through entity designates as sensitive or other information the recipient or subrecipient considers sensitive and is consistent with applicable federal, state, local, and tribal laws regarding privacy and responsibility over confidentiality.

Audit Requirement

The Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards at 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Subpart F – Audit Requirements, available at <https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-2/subtitle-A/chapter-II/part-200/subpart-F>, establish the requirements for organizational audits that apply to COPS Office award recipients. Recipients must arrange for the required organization-wide (not award-by-award) audit in accordance with the requirements of Subpart F.

Program Evaluation

Though a formal assessment is not a requirement, awarded organizations are strongly encouraged to conduct an independent assessment of their respective award-funded projects. Project evaluations have proven to be valuable tools in helping organizations identify areas in need of improvement, providing data about successful processes, and reducing vulnerabilities.

Selected award recipients shall be evaluated on the local level or as part of a national evaluation, pursuant to guidelines established by the Attorney General. Such evaluations may include assessments of individual program implementations. In select jurisdictions that can support outcome evaluations, measurement of the effectiveness of funded programs, projects, and activities may be required. Outcome measures may include crime and victimization indicators, quality of life measures, community perceptions, and police perceptions of their own work.

Civil Rights

All recipients are required to comply with nondiscrimination requirements contained in various federal laws. A memorandum addressing federal civil rights statutes and regulations from the Office for Civil Rights, Office of Justice Programs will be included in the award package for award recipients. All applicants should consult the Assurances form to understand the applicable legal and administrative requirements.

Monitoring

Federal law requires that agencies receiving federal funding from the COPS Office be monitored to ensure compliance with their award conditions and other applicable statutory regulations. The COPS Office is also interested in tracking the progress of our programs and the advancement of community policing. Both aspects of award implementation—compliance and programmatic benefits—are part of the monitoring process coordinated by the U.S. Department of Justice.

In addition to required performance and financial reporting, awarded organizations will be responsible for the timely submission of a final Closeout Report and any other required final reports. All COPS Office recipients will be required to participate in such award monitoring activities of any part of the U.S. Department of Justice, including but not limited to the COPS Office, the Office of the Inspector General, or any entity designated by the COPS Office.

Please note that the COPS Office may take a number of monitoring approaches, such as site visits, enhanced office-based award reviews, alleged noncompliance reviews, and periodic surveys to gather information and ensure compliance. The COPS Office may seek information including, but not limited to, programmatic, and financial requirements of the award, and your progress toward achieving your crime reduction and public safety strategies.

The COPS Office is particularly interested in confirming that the purchase of items and/or services is consistent with the applicant's approved award budget.

If awarded funds, you agree to cooperate with and respond to any requests for information pertaining to your award in preparation for any of the above-referenced award monitoring activities. Please feel free to contact your COPS Office Grant Manager to discuss any questions or concerns you may have regarding the monitoring, reporting, and evaluation requirements.

Administrative Actions and Legal Remedies

Please be advised that an application may not be funded or, if awarded, a hold may be placed on this application if it is deemed that the applicant is not in compliance with federal civil rights laws, is not cooperating with an ongoing federal civil rights investigation, or is not cooperating with a U.S. Department of Justice award review or audit.

Misuse of COPS Office funds or failure to comply with all COPS Office award requirements may result in legal sanctions including suspension and termination of award funds, the repayment of expended funds, ineligibility to receive additional COPS Office funding, designation on the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) High Risk List, and other remedies available by law.

False Claims Act

Under the False Claims Act, any credible evidence that a person has submitted a false claim or has committed a criminal or civil violation of laws pertaining to fraud, conflict of interest, bribery, gratuity, or similar misconduct involving COPS Office funds may be referred to the Office of Inspector General (OIG). The OIG may be contacted at oig.hotline@usdoj.gov, <https://oig.justice.gov/hotline/index.htm>, or 800-869-4499.

Remedies for Noncompliance

Under 2 C.F.R. § 200.339, if the recipient fails to comply with award terms and conditions, the Federal awarding agency may impose additional conditions or take one or more of the following actions as appropriate in the circumstances:

- Temporarily withhold cash payments pending correction of the deficiency by the non-Federal entity or more severe enforcement action by the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity.
- Disallow (that is, deny both use of funds and any applicable matching credit for) all or part of the cost of the activity or action not in compliance.
- Wholly or partly suspend or terminate the Federal award.
- Initiate suspension or debarment proceedings as authorized under 2 C.F.R. Part 180 and Federal awarding agency regulations (or, in the case of a pass-through entity, recommend such a proceeding be initiated by a Federal awarding agency).
- Withhold further Federal awards for the project or program.
- Take other remedies that may be legally available.

Prior to imposing sanctions, the COPS Office will provide reasonable notice to the recipient of its intent to impose sanctions and will attempt to resolve the problem informally. Appeal procedures will follow those in the U.S. Department of Justice regulations in 28 C.F.R. Part 18. Awards terminated due to noncompliance with the federal statutes, regulations, or award terms and conditions will be reported to the integrity and performance system accessible through SAM (currently FAPIIS).

False statements or claims made in connection with COPS Office awards may result in fines, imprisonment, debarment from participating in federal awards or contracts, and any other remedy available by law.

Please be advised that recipients may not use COPS Office funding for the same item or service also funded by another U.S. Department of Justice award.

Funding to Faith-Based Organizations

Faith-based organizations may apply for this award on the same basis as any other organization subject to the protections and requirements of 28 C.F.R. Part 38 and any applicable constitutional and statutory requirements, including 42 U.S.C. 2000bb et seq. The Department of Justice will not, in the selection of recipients, discriminate for or against an organization on the basis of the organization's religious character, motives, or affiliation, or lack thereof, or on the basis of conduct that would not be considered grounds to favor or disfavor a similarly situated secular organization.

A faith-based organization that participates in this funded program will retain its independence from the Government and may continue to carry out its mission consistent with religious freedom and conscience protections in Federal law. An organization may not use direct Federal financial assistance from the Department of Justice to support or engage in any explicitly religious activities except when consistent with the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment and any other applicable requirements. An organization receiving Federal financial assistance also may not, in providing services funded by the Department of Justice, or in their outreach activities related to such services, discriminate against a program beneficiary or prospective program beneficiary on the basis of religion, a religious belief, a refusal to hold a religious belief, or a refusal to attend or participate in a religious practice.

Any organization providing social services supported by financial assistance from DOJ must give written notice to beneficiaries and prospective beneficiaries of certain civil rights protections. In certain instances, a faith-based or religious organization may be able to take religion into account when making hiring decisions, provided it satisfies certain requirements. Further guidance on federal financial assistance for faith-based organizations can be found at [Civil Rights | Partnerships with Faith-Based and Other Neighborhood Organizations | Office of Justice Programs \(ojp.gov\)](#) and [Equal Treatment of Faith-Based Organizations in DOJ-Supported Social Service Programs](#).

Freedom of Information Act and Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. §§ 552 and 552a)

All applications submitted to the COPS Office (including all attachments to applications) are subject to the federal Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and to the Privacy Act. By law, DOJ may withhold information that is responsive to a request if DOJ determines that the responsive information is protected from disclosure under the Privacy Act or falls within the scope of one or more of the nine statutory exemptions under FOIA. DOJ cannot agree not to release some or all portions of an application/award file in advance of a request pursuant to the FOIA.

In its review of records that are responsive to a FOIA request, the COPS Office will withhold information in those records that plainly falls within the scope of the Privacy Act or one of the statutory exemptions under FOIA. Some examples include certain types of information in budgets and names and contact information for project staff other than certain key personnel. In appropriate circumstances, the COPS Office will request the views of the applicant/recipient that submitted a responsive document.

Public Reporting Burden: Paperwork Reduction Act Notice

The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to be up to 11.3 hours per response, depending upon the COPS Office program being applied for, which includes time for reviewing instructions. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspects of the collection of this information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, U.S. Department of Justice, 145 N Street NE, Washington, DC 20530; and to the Public Use Reports Project, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503. For any questions or comments, please contact Donte Turner, COPS Office Information Technology Director and Paperwork Reduction Act Program Manager, at (202) 598-3002.

Award Requirements (including Terms and Conditions)

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1. Restrictions on Internal Confidentiality Agreements
 2. Federal Civil Rights
 3. Compliance with 8 U.S.C §1373
 4. Federal Civil Rights and Nondiscrimination Laws (certification)
 5. Federal Laws, Presidential Memoranda, and Executive Orders
 6. Award Monitoring Activities
 7. Authorized Representative Responsibility
 8. Contract Provision
 9. Award Owner’s Manual
 10. Duplicative Funding
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 14. Reporting Subawards and Executive Compensation
 15. Assurances and Certifications
 16. Conflict of Interest
 17. Debarment and Suspension
 18. Equal Employment Opportunity Plan (EEO Plan)
 19. Employment Eligibility
 20. Enhancement of Contractor Protection from Reprisal for Disclosure of Certain Information
 21. False Statements
 22. Mandatory Disclosure
 23. Reports/Performance Goals
 24. System for Award Management (SAM) and Universal Identifier Requirements
 25. Additional High-Risk Recipient Requirements
 26. Modifications
 27. Contracts and MOUs with other Jurisdictions
 28. Allowable Costs
 29. Local Match
 30. Extensions
 31. Retention
 32. Background Investigations
 33. Supplementing, not Supplanting
 34. Community Policing
 35. Career Law Enforcement Officer
 36. Evaluation
 37. Advancing Department of Justice Priority Problem Focus Area
 38. Memorandum of Understanding Requirement (for School Resource Officers only)
 39. School Resource Officer (SRO) Training Requirement
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Should any provision of a condition of this award be held to be invalid or unenforceable by its terms, then that provision shall first be applied with a limited construction so as to give it the maximum effect permitted by law (to any person or circumstance) under this award. Should it be held, instead, that a condition (or a provision thereof) is of utter invalidity or unenforceability, such condition (or such provision) shall be deemed severable from this award.

1. Restrictions on Internal Confidentiality Agreements

No recipient or subrecipient under this award, or entity that receives a contract or subcontract with any funds under this award, may require any employee or contractor to sign an internal confidentiality agreement or statement that prohibits or otherwise restricts the lawful reporting of waste, fraud, or abuse to an investigative or law enforcement representative of a federal department or agency authorized to receive such information. (Annual Appropriation Act.)

2. Federal Civil Rights

The recipient and any subrecipient must comply with applicable federal civil rights and nondiscrimination statutes and regulations including: Section 601 of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. § 2000d), as implemented in Subparts C and D of 28 C.F.R. Part 42; section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. § 794), as implemented in Subpart G of 28 C.F.R. Part 42; section 901 of the Education Amendments of 1972 (20 U.S.C. § 1681), as implemented in Subpart D of 28 C.F.R. Parts 42 and 54; section 303 of the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 U.S.C. § 6102), as implemented in Subpart I of 28 C.F.R. Part 42; and section 809(c) of Title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10228(c)), as implemented in Subpart D of 28 C.F.R. Part 42.

In addition to applicable federal statutes and regulations that pertain to civil rights and nondiscrimination, the recipient and any subrecipient must comply with the requirements in 28 C.F.R. Parts 22 (Confidentiality of Identifiable Research and Statistical Information); 28 C.F.R. Part 23 (Criminal Intelligence Systems Operating Policies); 28 C.F.R. Part 38 (Partnerships with Faith-Based and Other Neighborhood Organizations); and 28 C.F.R. Part 46 (Protection of Human Subjects). For an overview of the civil rights laws and nondiscrimination requirements in connection with your award, please see <https://www.ojp.gov/program/civil-rights/overview>.

3. Compliance with 8 U.S.C. § 1373

Authority to obligate or expend contingent on compliance with this condition.

State or local government entity recipients of this award, and any subrecipient of this award at any tier that is an entity of a State or of a unit of local government, must comply with 8 U.S.C. §1373, which provides that such 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.

Any obligations or expenditures of a recipient or subrecipient that are impermissible under this condition shall be unallowable costs for purposes of this award.

References to the Immigration and Naturalization Service in 8 U.S.C. 1373 are to be read, as a legal matter, as references to components of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

4. Federal Civil Rights and Nondiscrimination Laws (certification)

The recipient agrees that its compliance with all applicable Federal civil rights and nondiscrimination laws is material to the government's decision to make this award and any payment thereunder, including for purposes of the False Claims Act (31 U.S.C. 3729-3730 and 3801-3812), and, by accepting this award, certifies that it does not operate any programs (including any such programs having components relating to diversity, equity, and inclusion) that violate any applicable Federal civil rights or nondiscrimination laws.

5. Federal Laws, Presidential Memoranda, and Executive Orders

Recipients of grant funding must comply with all applicable federal laws and Presidential Memoranda and all Executive Orders by the President.

6. Award Monitoring Activities

Federal law requires that recipients receiving federal funding from the COPS Office must be monitored to ensure compliance with their award conditions and other applicable statutes and regulations. The COPS Office is also interested in tracking the progress of our programs and the advancement of community policing. Both aspects of award implementation—compliance and programmatic benefits—are part of the monitoring process coordinated by the U.S. Department of Justice. Award monitoring activities conducted by the COPS Office include site visits, enhanced office-based grant reviews, alleged noncompliance reviews, financial and programmatic reporting, and audit resolution. As a COPS Office award recipient, you agree to cooperate with and respond to any requests for information pertaining to your award. This includes all financial records, such as general accounting ledgers and all supporting documents. All information pertinent to the implementation of the award is subject to agency review throughout the life of the award, during the close-out process and for three years after the submission of the final expenditure report. (2 C.F.R. §§ 200.334 and 200.337, and, as applicable, 34 U.S.C. § 10385(a).)

7. Authorized Representative Responsibility

The recipient understands that, in accepting this award, the Authorized Representatives declare and certify, among other things, that they possess the requisite legal authority to accept the award on behalf of the recipient entity and, in so doing, accept (or adopt) all material requirements throughout the period of performance under this award. The recipient further understands, and agrees, that it will not assign anyone to the role of Authorized Representative during the period of performance under the award without first ensuring that the individual has the requisite legal authority.

8. Contract Provision

All contracts made by the award recipients under the federal award must contain the provisions required under 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Appendix II to Part 200—Contract Provisions for Non-Federal Entity Contracts Under Federal Awards. Please see appendices in the Award Owner's Manual for a full text of the contract provisions.

9. Award Owner's Manual

The recipient agrees to comply with the terms and conditions in the applicable award year COPS Office Program Award Owner's Manual; DOJ Grants Financial Guide; COPS Office statute (34 U.S.C. § 10381, et seq.) as applicable; Students, Teachers, and Officers Preventing (STOP) School Violence Act of 2018 (34 U.S.C. § 10551, et seq.) as applicable; the requirements of 2 C.F.R. Part 200 (Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards), including subsequent changes, as adopted by the U.S. Department of Justice in 2 C.F.R. § 2800.101; 48 C.F.R. Part 31 (FAR Part 31) as applicable (Contract Cost Principles and Procedures); the Cooperative Agreement as applicable; representations made in the application; and all other applicable program requirements, laws, orders, regulations, or circulars.

Failure to comply with one or more award requirements may result in remedial action including, but not limited to, withholding award funds, disallowing costs, suspending, or terminating the award, or other legal action as appropriate.

Should any provision of a condition of this award be held to be invalid or unenforceable by its terms, then that provision shall first be applied with a limited construction so as to give it the maximum effect permitted by law (to any person or circumstance) under this award. Should it be held, instead, that a condition (or a provision thereof) is of utter invalidity or unenforceability, such condition (or such provision) shall be deemed severable from this award.

10. Duplicative Funding

The recipient understands and agrees to notify the COPS Office if it receives, from any other source, funding for the same item or service also funded under this award.

11. Prohibited Conduct by Recipients and Subrecipients Related to Trafficking in Persons (including reporting requirements and COPS Office authority to terminate award)

The recipient and subrecipient agree to comply with the following requirements of 2 C.F.R. Part 175, Appendix A to Part 175 – Award Term:

I. Trafficking in Persons

(a) Provisions applicable to a recipient that is a private entity.

- (1) Under this award, the recipient, its employees, subrecipients under this award, and subrecipient’s employees must not engage in:
 - (i) Severe forms of trafficking in persons;
 - (ii) The procurement of a commercial sex act during the period of time that this award or any subaward is in effect;
 - (iii) The use of forced labor in the performance of this award or any subaward; or
 - (iv) Acts that directly support or advance trafficking in persons, including the following acts:
 - (A) Destroying, concealing, removing, confiscating, or otherwise denying an employee access to that employee’s identity or immigration documents;
 - (B) Failing to provide return transportation or pay for return transportation costs to an employee from a country outside the United States to the country from which the employee was recruited upon the end of employment if requested by the employee, unless:
 1. Exempted from the requirement to provide or pay for such return transportation by the Federal department or agency providing or entering into the grant or cooperative agreement; or
 2. The employee is a victim of human trafficking seeking victim services or legal redress in the country of employment or a witness in a human trafficking enforcement action;
 - (C) Soliciting a person for the purpose of employment, or offering employment, by means of materially false or fraudulent pretenses, representations, or promises regarding that employment;

- (D) Charging recruited employees a placement or recruitment fee; or
 - (E) Providing or arranging housing that fails to meet the host country's housing and safety standards.
- (2) The Federal agency may unilaterally terminate this award or take any remedial actions authorized by 22 U.S.C. 7104b(c), without penalty, if any private entity under this award:
- (i) Is determined to have violated a prohibition in paragraph (a)(1) of this appendix; or
 - (ii) Has an employee that is determined to have violated a prohibition in paragraph (a)(1) of this this appendix through conduct that is either:
 - (A) Associated with the performance under this award; or
 - (B) Imputed to the recipient or the subrecipient using the standards and due process for imputing the conduct of an individual to an organization that are provided in 2 CFR part 180, "OMB Guidelines to Agencies on Government-wide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement)," as implemented by DOJ at 2 C.F.R. Part 2867.
- (b) Provision applicable to a recipient other than a private entity.
- (1) The Federal agency may unilaterally terminate this award or take any remedial actions authorized by 22 U.S.C. 7104b(c), without penalty, if a subrecipient that is a private entity under this award:
- (i) Is determined to have violated a prohibition in paragraph (a)(1) of this appendix; or
 - (ii) Has an employee that is determined to have violated a prohibition in paragraph (a)(1) of this appendix through conduct that is either:
 - (A) Associated with the performance under this award; or
 - (B) Imputed to the subrecipient using the standards and due process for imputing the conduct of an individual to an organization that are provided in 2 CFR part 180, "OMB Guidelines to Agencies on Government-wide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement)," as implemented by 2 C.F.R. Part 2867.
- (c) Provisions applicable to any recipient.
- (1) The recipient must inform the Federal agency and the Inspector General of the Federal agency immediately of any information you receive from any source alleging a violation of a prohibition in paragraph (a)(1) of this appendix.
- (2) The Federal agency's right to unilaterally terminate this award as described in paragraphs (a)(2) or (b)(1) of this appendix:
- (i) Implements the requirements of 22 U.S.C. 78, and
 - (ii) Is in addition to all other remedies for noncompliance that are available to the Federal agency under this award.
- (3) The recipient must include the requirements of paragraph (a)(1) of this award term in any subaward it makes to a private entity.

- (4) If applicable, the recipient must also comply with the compliance plan and certification requirements in 2 CFR 175.105(b).
- (d) Definitions. For purposes of this award term:

Employee means either:

- (1) An individual employed by the recipient or a subrecipient who is engaged in the performance of the project or program under this award; or
- (2) Another person engaged in the performance of the project or program under this award and not compensated by the recipient including, but not limited to, a volunteer or individual whose services are contributed by a third party as an in-kind contribution toward cost sharing requirements.

Private Entity means any entity, including for-profit organizations, nonprofit organizations, institutions of higher education, and hospitals. The term does not include foreign public entities, Indian Tribes, local governments, or states as defined in 2 CFR 200.1.

The terms “severe forms of trafficking in persons,” “commercial sex act,” “sex trafficking,” “Abuse or threatened abuse of law or legal process,” “coercion,” “debt bondage,” and “involuntary servitude” have the meanings given at section 103 of the TVPA, as amended (22 U.S.C. 7102).

12. Termination

Recipient understands and agrees that the COPS Office may terminate funding, in whole or in part, for the following reasons:

1. When the recipient fails to comply with the terms and conditions of a Federal award.
2. When the recipient agrees to the termination and termination conditions.
3. When the recipient provides the COPS Office written notification requesting termination including the reasons, effective date, and the portion of the award to be terminated. The COPS Office may terminate the entire award if the remaining portion will not accomplish the purposes of the award.
4. Pursuant to any other award terms and conditions, including when an award no longer effectuates the program goals or agency priorities to the extent such termination is authorized by law. (2. C.F.R. § 200.340.)

13. Recipient Integrity and Performance Matters

For awards over \$500,000, the recipient agrees to comply with the following requirements of 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Appendix XII to Part 200 – Award Term and Condition for Recipient Integrity and Performance Matters:

I. Reporting of Matters Related to Recipient Integrity and Performance

- (a) General Reporting Requirement.
 - (1) If the total value of your active grants, cooperative agreements, and procurement contracts from all Federal agencies exceeds \$10,000,000 for any period of time during the period of performance of this Federal award, then you as the recipient must ensure the information available in the responsibility/qualification records through the System for Award Management (SAM.gov), about civil, criminal, or administrative proceedings described in paragraph (b) of this award term is current and complete. This is a statutory requirement under

section 872 of Public Law 110–417, as amended (41 U.S.C. 2313). As required by section 3010 of Public Law 111–212, all information posted in responsibility/qualification records in SAM.gov on or after April 15, 2011 (except past performance reviews required for Federal procurement contracts) will be publicly available.

(b) Proceedings About Which You Must Report.

(1) You must submit the required information about each proceeding that—

- (i) Is in connection with the award or performance of a grant, cooperative agreement, or procurement contract from the Federal Government;
- (ii) Reached its final disposition during the most recent five-year period; and
- (iii) Is one of the following—
 - (A) A criminal proceeding that resulted in a conviction;
 - (B) A civil proceeding that resulted in a finding of fault and liability and payment of a monetary fine, penalty, reimbursement, restitution, or damages of \$5,000 or more;
 - (C) An administrative proceeding that resulted in a finding of fault and liability and your payment of either a monetary fine or penalty of \$5,000 or more or reimbursement, restitution, or damages in excess of \$100,000; or
 - (D) Any other criminal, civil, or administrative proceeding if—
 - (1) It could have led to an outcome described in paragraph (b)(1)(iii)(A) through (C);
 - (2) It had a different disposition arrived at by consent or compromise with an acknowledgment of fault on your part; and
 - (3) The requirement in this award term to disclose information about the proceeding does not conflict with applicable laws and regulations.

(c) Reporting Procedures. Enter the required information in SAM.gov for each proceeding described in paragraph (b) of this award term. You do not need to submit the information a second time under grants and cooperative agreements that you received if you already provided the information in SAM.gov because you were required to do so under Federal procurement contracts that you were awarded.

(d) Reporting Frequency. During any period of time when you are subject to the requirement in paragraph (a) of this award term, you must report proceedings information in SAM.gov for the most recent five-year period, either to report new information about a proceeding that you have not reported previously or affirm that there is no new information to report. If you have Federal contract, grant, and cooperative agreement awards with a cumulative total value greater than \$10,000,000, you must disclose semiannually any information about the criminal, civil, and administrative proceedings.

- (e) Definitions. For purposes of this award term—

Administrative proceeding means a nonjudicial process that is adjudicatory in nature to make a determination of fault or liability (for example, Securities and Exchange Commission Administrative proceedings, Civilian Board of Contract Appeals proceedings, and Armed Services Board of Contract Appeals proceedings). This includes proceedings at the Federal and State level but only in connection with the performance of a Federal contract or grant. It does not include audits, site visits, corrective plans, or inspection of deliverables.

Conviction means a judgment or conviction of a criminal offense by any court of competent jurisdiction, whether entered upon a verdict or a plea, and includes a conviction entered upon a plea of nolo contendere. Total value of currently active grants, cooperative agreements, and procurement contracts includes the value of the Federal share already received plus any anticipated Federal share under those awards (such as continuation funding).

14. Reporting Subawards and Executive Compensation

The recipient agrees to comply with the following requirements of 2 C.F.R. Part 170, Appendix A to Part 170 – Award Term:

I. Reporting Subawards and Executive Compensation

- (a) Reporting of first-tier subawards—

(1) Applicability. Unless the recipient is exempt as provided in paragraph (d) of this award term, the recipient must report each subaward that equals or exceeds \$30,000 in Federal funds for a subaward to an entity or Federal agency. The recipient must also report a subaward if a modification increases the Federal funding to an amount that equals or exceeds \$30,000. All reported subawards should reflect the total amount of the subaward.

(2) Reporting Requirements.

- (i) The entity or Federal agency must report each subaward described in paragraph (a)(1) of this award term to the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act Subaward Reporting System (FSRS) at <http://www.fsr.gov>.
- (ii) For subaward information, report no later than the end of the month following the month in which the subaward was issued. (For example, if the subaward was made on November 7, 2025, the subaward must be reported by no later than December 31, 2025).

- (b) Reporting total compensation of recipient executives for entities—

(1) Applicability. The recipient must report the total compensation for each of the recipient's five most highly compensated executives for the preceding completed fiscal year if:

- (i) The total Federal funding authorized to date under this Federal award equals or exceeds \$30,000;
- (ii) in the preceding fiscal year, the recipient received:
 - (A) 80 percent or more of the recipient's annual gross revenues from Federal procurement contracts (and subcontracts) and Federal awards (and subawards) subject to the Transparency Act; and
 - (B) \$25,000,000 or more in annual gross revenues from Federal procurement contracts (and subcontracts) and Federal awards (and subawards) subject to the Transparency Act; and,

- (iii) The public does not have access to information about the compensation of the executives through periodic reports filed under section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78m(a), 78o(d)) or section 6104 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 after receiving this subaward. (To determine if the public has access to the compensation information, see the U.S. Security and Exchange Commission total compensation filings at <http://www.sec.gov/answers/execomp.htm>.)
- (2) Reporting Requirements. The recipient must report executive total compensation described in paragraph (b)(1) of this appendix:
- (i) As part of the recipient’s registration profile at <https://www.sam.gov>.
 - (ii) No later than the month following the month in which this Federal award is made, and annually after that. (For example, if this Federal award was made on November 7, 2025, the executive total compensation must be reported by no later than December 31, 2025.)
- (c) Reporting of total compensation of subrecipient executives—
- (1) Applicability. Unless a first-tier subrecipient is exempt as provided in paragraph (d) of this appendix, the recipient must report the executive total compensation of each of the subrecipient’s five most highly compensated executives for the subrecipient’s preceding completed fiscal year, if:
- (i) The total Federal funding authorized to date under the subaward equals or exceeds \$30,000;
 - (ii) In the subrecipient’s preceding fiscal year, the subrecipient received:
 - (A) 80 percent or more of its annual gross revenues from Federal procurement contracts (and subcontracts) and Federal awards (and subawards) subject to the Transparency Act; and,
 - (B) \$25,000,000 or more in annual gross revenues from Federal procurement contracts (and subcontracts), and Federal awards (and subawards) subject to the Transparency Act; and
 - (iii) The public does not have access to information about the compensation of the executives through periodic reports filed under section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78m(a), 78o(d)) or section 6104 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 after receiving this subaward. (To determine if the public has access to the compensation information, see the U.S. Security and Exchange Commission total compensation filings at <http://www.sec.gov/answers/execomp.htm>.)
- (2) Reporting Requirements. Subrecipients must report to the recipient their executive total compensation described in paragraph (c)(1) of this appendix. The recipient is required to submit this information to the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act Subaward Reporting System (FSRS) at <http://www.fsrs.gov> no later than the end of the month following the month in which the subaward was made. (For example, if the subaward was made on November 7, 2025, the subaward must be reported by no later than December 31, 2025).
- (d) Exemptions.
- (1) A recipient with gross income under \$300,000 in the previous tax year is exempt from the requirements to report:
- (i) Subawards, and
 - (ii) The total compensation of the five most highly compensated executives of any subrecipient.

(e) Definitions. For purposes of this award term:

Entity includes:

(1) Whether for profit or nonprofit:

- (i) A corporation;
- (ii) An association;
- (iii) A partnership;
- (iv) A limited liability company;
- (v) A limited liability partnership;
- (vi) A sole proprietorship;
- (vii) Any other legal business entity;
- (viii) Another grantee or contractor that is not excluded by subparagraph (2); and
- (ix) Any State or locality;

(2) Does not include:

- (i) An individual recipient of Federal financial assistance; or
- (ii) A Federal employee.

Executive means an officer, managing partner, or any other employee holding a management position.

Subaward has the meaning given in 2 CFR200.1.

Subrecipient has the meaning given in 2CFR 200.1.

Total Compensation means the cash and noncash dollar value an executive earns during an entity's preceding fiscal year. This includes all items of compensation as prescribed in 17 CFR 229.402(c)(2).

15. Assurances and Certifications

The recipient acknowledges its agreement to comply with the Assurances and Certifications forms that were signed as part of its application.

16. Conflict of Interest

Recipients and subrecipients must disclose in writing to the COPS Office or pass-through entity, as applicable, any potential conflict of interest affecting the awarded federal funding in 2 C.F.R. § 200.112.

17. Debarment and Suspension

The recipient agrees not to award federal funds under this program to any party which is debarred or suspended from participation in federal assistance programs. (2 C.F.R. Part 180 (Government-wide Nonprocurement Debarment and Suspension) and 2 C.F.R. Part 2867 (DOJ Nonprocurement Debarment and Suspension).)

18. Equal Employment Opportunity Plan (EEOP)

Please see the Office for Civil Rights website <https://www.ojp.gov/eeop-notice> for current information on the recipient's responsibilities related to the federal regulations pertaining to the development and implementation of an Equal Employment Opportunity Plan.

19. Employment Eligibility

The recipient agrees to complete and keep on file, as appropriate, the Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) Employment Eligibility Verification Form (I-9). This form is to be used by recipients of federal funds to verify that persons are eligible to work in the United States. (Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 (IRCA), Public Law 99-603.)

20. Enhancement of Contractor Protection from Reprisal for Disclosure of Certain Information

Recipients and subrecipients agree not to discharge, demote, or otherwise discriminate against an employee as reprisal for the employee disclosing information that he or she reasonably believes is evidence of gross mismanagement of a federal contract or award, a gross waste of federal funds, an abuse of authority relating to a federal contract or award, a substantial and specific danger to public health or safety, or a violation of law, rule, or regulation related to a Federal contract (including the competition for or negotiation of a contract) or award. Recipients and subrecipients also agree to inform their employees in writing (in the predominant native language of the workforce) of the rights and remedies provided in 41 U.S.C. § 4712. Please see appendices in the Award Owner's Manual for a full text of the statute.

21. False Statements

False statements or claims made in connection with COPS Office awards may result in fines, imprisonment, debarment from participating in federal awards or contracts, and/or any other remedy available by law. (31 U.S.C. § 3729-3733.)

22. Mandatory Disclosure

Recipients and subrecipients must timely disclose in writing to the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity, as applicable, all federal criminal law violations involving fraud, bribery, or gratuity that may potentially affect the awarded federal funding. Recipients that receive an award over \$500,000 must also report certain civil, criminal, or administrative proceedings in SAM and are required to comply with the Term and Condition for Recipient Integrity and Performance Matters as set out in 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Appendix XII to Part 200. Failure to make required disclosures can result in any of the remedies, including suspension and debarment, described in 2 C.F.R. § 200.339. (2 C.F.R. § 200.113.)

23. Reports/Performance Goals

To assist the COPS Office in monitoring and tracking the performance of your award, your agency will be responsible for submitting semi-annual programmatic performance reports that describe project activities during the reporting period and quarterly Federal Financial Reports using Standard Form 425 (SF-425). 2 C.F.R. §§ 200.328 - 200.329. The performance report is used to track your agency's progress in implementing the award, and, as applicable, community policing strategies including gauging the effectiveness of your agency's community policing capacity. The Federal Financial Report is used to track the expenditures of the recipient's award funds on a cumulative basis throughout the life of the award.

24. System for Award Management (SAM) and Universal Identifier Requirements

The recipient agrees to comply with the following requirements of 2 C.F.R. Part 25, Appendix A to Part 25 – Award Term:

I. System for Award Management (SAM.gov) and Universal Identifier Requirements

(a) Requirement for System for Award Management.

- (1) Unless exempt from this requirement under 2 CFR 25.110, the recipient must maintain a current and active registration in SAM.gov. The recipient's registration must always be current and active until the recipient submits all final reports required under this Federal award or receives the final payment, whichever is later. The recipient must review and update its information in SAM.gov at least annually from the date of its initial registration or any subsequent updates to ensure it is current, accurate, and complete. If applicable, this includes identifying the recipient's immediate and highest-level owner and subsidiaries and providing information about the recipient's predecessors that have received a Federal award or contract within the last three years.

(b) Requirement for Unique Entity Identifier (UEI).

- (1) If the recipient is authorized to make subawards under this Federal award, the recipient:

- (i) Must notify potential subrecipients that no entity may receive a subaward until the entity has provided its UEI to the recipient.
- (ii) Must not make a subaward to an entity unless the entity has provided its UEI to the recipient. Subrecipients are not required to complete full registration in SAM.gov to obtain a UEI.

(c) Definitions. For the purposes of this award term:

System for Award Management (SAM.gov) means the Federal repository into which a recipient must provide the information required for the conduct of business as a recipient. Additional information about registration procedures may be found in SAM.gov (currently at <https://www.sam.gov>).

Unique entity identifier means the universal identifier assigned by SAM.gov to uniquely identify an entity.

Entity is defined at 2 CFR 25.400 and includes all of the following types as defined in 2 CFR 200.1:

- (1) Non-Federal entity;
- (2) Foreign organization;
- (3) Foreign public entity;
- (4) Domestic for-profit organization; and
- (5) Federal agency.

Subaward has the meaning given in 2 CFR 200.1.

Subrecipient has the meaning given in 2 CFR 200.1.

25. Additional High-Risk Recipient Requirements

The recipient agrees to comply with any additional requirements that may be imposed during the award performance period if the awarding agency determines that the recipient is a high-risk recipient. (2 C.F.R. § 200.208.)

26. Modifications

Occasionally, a change in an agency's fiscal or law enforcement situation necessitates a change in its COPS Office CHP award. Award modifications under CHP are evaluated on a case-by-case basis in accordance with 2 C.F.R. § 200.308(i). For federal awards in excess of the simplified acquisition threshold (currently \$350,000), any modification request involving the reallocation of funding between budget categories that exceed or are expected to exceed 10 percent (10%) of the total approved budget requires prior written approval by the COPS Office. Regardless of the federal award amount or budget modification percentage, any reallocation of funding is limited to approved budget categories.

Modification requests should be submitted to the COPS Office when an agency determines that it will need to shift officer positions awarded in one hiring category into a different hiring category, reduce the total number of positions awarded, shift funds among benefit categories, and/or reduce the entry-level salary and fringe benefit amounts. For example, an agency may have been awarded CHP funding for 10 new, additional full-time sworn officer positions, but due to severe fiscal distress/constraints, the agency determines it is unable to sustain all 10 positions and must reduce its request to five full-time positions; or an agency may have been awarded CHP funding for two new, additional sworn officer positions, but due to fiscal distress/constraints the agency needs to change the hiring category from the new hire category to the rehire category for officers laid off or scheduled for layoff on a specific future date post-application. The COPS Office will only consider a modification request after an agency makes final, approved budget and/or personnel decisions. An agency may implement the modified award following written approval from the COPS Office. Please be aware that the COPS Office will not approve any modification request that results in an increase of federal funds.

27. Contracts and/or MOUs with other Jurisdictions

Sworn law enforcement officer positions awarded must be used for law enforcement activities or services that benefit your agency and the population that it serves. The items funded under the CHP award cannot be utilized by other agencies unless the items benefit the population that your agency serves. Your agency may use items funded under the CHP award to assist other law enforcement agencies under a resource sharing, mutual aid, or other agreement to address multijurisdictional issues as described in the agreement.

28. Allowable Costs

The funding under this project is for the payment of three years (36 months) of approved full-time entry-level salaries and fringe benefits during the five-year (60 months) period of performance. The maximum federal share is \$125,000 per officer position (unless a local match waiver is approved) for career law enforcement officer positions hired and/or rehired on or after the official award start date. Any salary and fringe benefit costs higher than entry-level that your agency pays a CHP-funded officer must be paid with local funds. Your agency is required to use CHP award funds for the specific hiring categories awarded. In accordance with 2 C.F.R. § 200.400(g), the recipient or subrecipient must not earn or keep any profit resulting from the award.

Funding under this program may be used for the following categories:

- Hiring new officers, which includes filling existing officer vacancies that are no longer funded in your agency's budget;
- Rehiring officers laid off by any jurisdiction as a result of state, local, or Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) budget reductions; and/or
- Rehiring officers who were, at the time of award application, scheduled to be laid off (by your jurisdiction) on a specific future date as a result of state, local, or BIA budget reductions.

If your agency's local fiscal conditions have changed and your agency needs to change one or more of the funded hiring categories, your agency should request an award modification and receive prior approval before spending CHP funding under the new category. The approved budget in the award package specifies the amount of CHP funds awarded to your agency. Please note that the salary and fringe benefit costs requested in your CHP application may have been adjusted or removed. Your agency may only be reimbursed for the approved cost categories up to the amounts specified in the approved budget. Only actual allowable costs incurred during the award period will be eligible for reimbursement and drawdown. If your agency experiences any cost savings over the course of the award (for example, your award application overestimated the total entry-level officer salary and fringe benefits package), your agency may not use that excess funding to continue salary payments to the officers beyond 36 months. Any funds remaining after your agency has drawn down for the costs of approved salaries and fringe benefits incurred for each awarded position during the 36-month funding period will be deobligated during the closeout process and should not be spent by your agency.

29. Local Match

COPS Hiring Program award recipients are required to contribute a local match of at least 25 percent towards the total cost of the approved award project, unless waived in writing by the COPS Office. The local match must be a cash match from funds not previously budgeted for law enforcement purposes and must be paid during the award period. The local match contribution must be made on an increasing basis during each year of the three-year award period, with the federal share decreasing accordingly. 34 U.S.C. § 10381(g).

30. Extensions

Your agency may request an extension of the 60-month award performance period to receive additional time to implement your award program. Such extensions do not provide additional funding. Any request for an extension will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. Only those recipients that can provide a reasonable justification for delays will be granted no-cost extensions. Reasonable justifications may include difficulties in filling COPS Office-funded positions, officer turnover, or other circumstances that interrupt the 36-month funding period. An extension allows your agency to compensate for such delays by providing additional time to complete the full 36 months of funding for each position awarded. 2 C.F.R. §§ 200.308(f)(10) and 200.309. Extension requests must be received prior to the end date of the award.

31. Retention

At the time of award application, your agency committed to retaining all sworn officer positions awarded under the CHP award with state and/or local funds for a minimum of 12 months following the conclusion of 36 months of federal funding for each position, over and above the number of locally-funded sworn officer positions that would have existed in the absence of the award. Your agency cannot satisfy the retention requirement by using CHP-funded positions to fill locally funded vacancies resulting from attrition. 34 U.S.C. § 10382 (c)(8).

32. Background Investigations

Recipients agree to ensure that each officer(s) hired with CHP funding will be subject to a background investigation, notify the COPS Office upon completion of the background investigation for each officer hired under the CHP award, and cooperate with the COPS Office and provide updates on the status of background investigations upon request. 2 C.F.R. § 200.208

If the COPS Office determines that CHP funds are being used to pay the salary and fringe benefits of an officer who has not undergone a background investigation, the COPS Office may temporarily suspend grant funds in accordance with 2 C.F.R. §200.339 until the agency can demonstrate the background investigation has been completed.

33. Supplementing, not Supplanting

State, local, and tribal government recipients must use award funds to supplement, and not supplant, state, local, or Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) funds that are already committed or otherwise would have been committed for award purposes (hiring, training, purchases, and/or activities) during the award period. In other words, state, local, and tribal government recipients may not use COPS Office funds to supplant (replace) state, local, or BIA funds that would have been dedicated to the COPS Office-funded item(s) in the absence of the COPS Office award. 34 U.S.C. § 10384(a).

34. Community Policing

Community policing activities to be initiated or enhanced by your agency and the officers funded by this award program were identified and described in your CHP award application. Your agency developed a community policing plan for the CHP award with specific reference to a crime or disorder problem and the following elements of community policing: (a) problem solving—your agency’s plan to assess and respond to the problem identified; (b) community partnerships and support, including related governmental and community initiatives that complement your agency’s proposed use of CHP funding; and (c) organizational transformation—how your agency will use the funds to reorient its mission to community policing or enhance its involvement in and commitment to community policing. Throughout the CHP award period, your agency is required to implement the community policing plan it set forth in the CHP award application.

The COPS Office defines community policing as 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. CHP awards through the specific officers funded (or an equal number of redeployed veteran officers) must be used to initiate or enhance community policing activities. All newly hired additional or rehired officers (or an equal number of redeployed veteran officers) funded under CHP must implement your agency’s approved community policing plan, which you described in your award application.

35. Career Law Enforcement Officer

Officer hiring funds may only be used to pay entry-level salaries and fringe benefits for full-time “career law enforcement officers” for 36 months. 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).

36. Evaluations

The COPS Office may conduct monitoring or sponsor national evaluations of its award programs. The recipient agrees to cooperate with the monitors and evaluators. 34 U.S.C. § 10385(b).

37. Advancing Department of Justice Priority Problem Focus Areas

This condition applies to agencies that selected one of the following priority crime problem/focus areas to address in their COPS Hiring Program (CHP) application:

- Violent Crime
- Squatting and Encampment Enforcement
- Homeland and Border Security
- Nuisance Abatement and Quality of Life
- School Based Policing
- Combatting Domestic Terrorism

Your agency understands and agrees to the following:

- Your agency will implement the one specific community policing plan identified in your CHP award application;
- Your agency will address its specific priority crime problem throughout the entire CHP award period;
- Your agency will implement any organizational changes identified in its CHP award application;
- Your agency will cooperate with any award monitoring by the COPS Office to ensure that it is initiating or enhancing its community policing efforts to address its priority crime problem, which may include your agency having to respond to additional or modified reporting requirements.

38. Memorandum of Understanding Requirement (for School Resource Officers Only)

Recipients using award funding to hire and/or deploy School Resource Officers into schools understand and agree to the following:

- Your agency must submit a signed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the law enforcement agency and the school partner(s) to the COPS Office before obligating or drawing down funds under this award. The MOU must be submitted to the COPS Office within 90 days of the date shown on the award letter.
- Your agency's MOU must contain the following information:
 - The purpose of the MOU
 - Clearly defined roles and responsibilities of the school district and the law enforcement agency, focusing officers' roles on safety
 - Information sharing
 - Supervision responsibility and chain of command for the SRO
 - Signatures

Note: Please refer to the MOU Fact Sheet for a detailed explanation of the requirements under each of the bullets.

A signed MOU must be submitted to the COPS Office within 90 days of the date shown on the award congratulatory letter. If an agency fails to submit the MOU within the 90 days, the COPS Office may temporarily suspend grant funds in accordance with 2 C.F.R. §200.339 until the agency submits the MOU.

39. School Resource Officer (SRO) Training Requirement

COPS Office-funded SRO(s) are required to complete an SRO 40-hour basic training course from a list of COPS Office approved provider(s). 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. If a COPS Office-funded SRO leaves the recipient agency after completing the training, the recipient agrees to pay for the new SRO who is assigned to backfill this position to attend a 40-hour basic training course. The new SRO must complete the training no later than nine months after being placed in the school. If the officer has completed 40-hour basic training within the last 12 months prior to the award date, the condition has been fulfilled. Any longer than 12 months will require the officers to retake the course. The agency must coordinate with the training provider if they want funds to cover registration and travel costs. If your agency fails to comply with the SRO basic training within the specified timeframe, the COPS Office may temporarily suspend grant funds or take other remedial actions in accordance with 2 C.F.R. §200.339 until your agency complies with this requirement.

Additional National and Administrative Requirements

The following section describes the additional requirements applicants should be aware of before applying to COPS Office programs. Please review each section carefully. The submission of the application assures the COPS Office that your agency will comply with all legal and administrative requirements that govern the award.

Disclosure of Lobbying Activities

The Anti-Lobbying Act (18 U.S.C. § 1913) restricts the use of appropriated funding for lobbying and makes these restrictions enforceable via large civil penalties, between \$10,000 and \$100,000 per each individual restricted occurrence of lobbying activity. These restrictions are in addition to the anti-lobbying restrictions and lobbying disclosure requirements imposed by 31 U.S.C. § 1352.

Indian tribes and tribal organizations are excluded from coverage under 31 U.S.C. § 1352 but only with respect to expenditures for purposes specified in 31 U.S.C. § 1352(a) that are permitted by other federal law. For these purposes, the terms “Indian tribe” and “tribal organization,” respectively, have the meaning provided in section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. § 5304).

Although Indian tribes and tribal organizations are excluded from coverage as set forth under 31 U.S.C. § 1352, these entities still must obtain lobbying disclosure documentation and any required certifications from any subrecipients (recipients of a subaward (see “subaward” definition at 2 C.F.R. § 200.1)) or procurement contractors (recipients of a contract (see “contract” definition at 2 C.F.R. § 200.1) and their subcontractors) that would be required to report lobbying activities consistent with 31 U.S.C. § 1352.

In general, under the statutes above and as set out in the Cost Principles at 2 C.F.R. § 200.450, for most organizations, no federally appropriated funding made available under this grant program may be used, either directly or indirectly, to support the enactment, repeal, modification, or adoption of any law, regulation, or policy at any level of government without the express prior written approval of the U.S. Department of Justice. Any violation of this prohibition is subject to a minimum \$10,000 fine for each occurrence.

Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act

If you are an applicant using assistive technology and you encounter difficulty when applying please contact: **COPS Office Response Center, U.S. Department of Justice, AskCopsRC@usdoj.gov**.

The department is committed to ensuring equal access to all applicants and will assist any applicant who may experience difficulties with assistive technology when applying for awards using the COPS Office online system.

Appendices

Appendix A. Certified Standard Assurance

On behalf of the Applicant, and in support of this application for a grant or cooperative agreement, I certify under penalty of perjury to the U.S. Department of Justice ("Department"), that all of the following are true and correct:

1. I have the authority to make the following representations on behalf of myself and the Applicant. I understand that these representations will be relied upon as material in any Department decision to make an award to the Applicant based on its application.
2. I certify that the Applicant has the legal authority to apply for the federal assistance sought by the application, and that it has the institutional, managerial, and financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay any required non-federal share of project costs) to plan, manage, and complete the project described in the application properly.
3. I assure that, throughout the period of performance for the award (if any) made by the Department based on the application—
 - a. the Applicant will comply with all award requirements and all federal statutes and regulations applicable to the award;
 - b. the Applicant will require all subrecipients to comply with all applicable award requirements and all applicable federal statutes and regulations; and
 - c. the Applicant will maintain safeguards to address and prevent any organizational conflict of interest, and also to prohibit employees from using their positions in any manner that poses, or appears to pose, a personal or financial conflict of interest.
4. The Applicant understands that the federal statutes and regulations applicable to the award (if any) made by the Department based on the application specifically include statutes and regulations pertaining to civil rights and nondiscrimination, and, in addition--
 - a. the Applicant understands that the applicable statutes pertaining to civil rights will include section 601 of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. § 2000d); section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. § 794); section 901 of the Education Amendments of 1972 (20 U.S.C. § 1681); and section 303 of the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 U.S.C. § 6102);
 - b. the Applicant understands that the applicable statutes pertaining to nondiscrimination may include section 809(c) of Title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10228(c)); section 1407(e) of the Victims of Crime Act of 1984 (34 U.S.C. § 20110(e)); section 299A(b) of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 2002 (34 U.S.C. § 11182(b)); and that the grant condition set out at section 40002(b)(13) of the Violence Against Women Act (34 U.S.C. § 12291(b)(13)), which will apply to all awards made by the Office on Violence Against Women, also may apply to an award made otherwise;
 - c. the Applicant understands that it must require any subrecipient to comply with all such applicable statutes (and associated regulations); and
 - d. on behalf of the Applicant, I make the specific assurances set out in 28 C.F.R. §§ 42.105 and 42.204.

5. The Applicant also understands that (in addition to any applicable program-specific regulations and to applicable federal regulations that pertain to civil rights and nondiscrimination) the federal regulations applicable to the award (if any) made by the Department based on the application may include, but are not limited to, 2 C.F.R. Part 2800 (the DOJ "Part 200 Uniform Requirements") and 28 C.F.R. Parts 22 (confidentiality - research and statistical information), 23 (criminal intelligence systems), 38 (regarding faith-based or religious organizations participating in federal financial assistance programs), and 46 (human subjects protection).
6. I assure that the Applicant will assist the Department as necessary (and will require subrecipients and contractors to assist as necessary) with the Department's compliance with section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (54 U.S.C. § 306108), the Archeological and Historical Preservation Act of 1974 (54 U.S.C. §§ 312501-312508), and the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. §§ 4321-4335), and 28 C.F.R. Parts 61 (NEPA) and 63 (floodplains and wetlands).
7. I assure that the Applicant will give the Department and the Government Accountability Office, through any authorized representative, access to, and opportunity to examine, all paper or electronic records related to the award (if any) made by the Department based on the application.
8. If this application is for an award from the National Institute of Justice or the Bureau of Justice Statistics pursuant to which award funds may be made available (whether by the award directly or by any subaward at any tier) to an institution of higher education (as defined at 34 U.S.C. § 10251(a)(17)), I assure that, if any award funds actually are made available to such an institution, the Applicant will require that, throughout the period of performance—
 - a. each such institution comply with any requirements that are imposed on it by the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States; and
 - b. subject to par. a, each such institution comply with its own representations, if any, concerning academic freedom, freedom of inquiry and debate, research independence, and research integrity, at the institution, that are included in promotional materials, in official statements, in formal policies, in applications for grants (including this award application), for accreditation, or for licensing, or in submissions relating to such grants, accreditation, or licensing, or that otherwise are made or disseminated to students, to faculty, or to the general public.
9. I assure that, if the Applicant is a governmental entity, with respect to the award (if any) made by the Department based on the application—
 - a. it will comply with the requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisitions Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. §§ 4601-4655), which govern the treatment of persons displaced as a result of federal and federally-assisted programs; and
 - b. it will comply with requirements of 5 U.S.C. §§ 1501-1508 and 7324-7328, which limit certain political activities of State or local government employees whose principal employment is in connection with an activity financed in whole or in part by federal assistance.
10. If the Applicant applies for and receives an award from the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office), I assure that as required by 34 U.S.C. § 10382(c)(11), it will, to the extent practicable and consistent with applicable law—including, but not limited to, the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act—seek, recruit, and hire qualified members of racial and ethnic minority groups and qualified women in order to further effective law enforcement by increasing their ranks within the sworn positions, as provided under 34 U.S.C. § 10382(c)(11).

11. If the Applicant applies for and receives a DOJ award under the STOP School Violence Act program, I assure as required by 34 U.S.C. § 10552(a)(3), that it will maintain and report such data, records, and information (programmatic and financial) as DOJ may reasonably require.

I acknowledge that a materially false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement (or concealment or omission of a material fact) in this certification, or in the application that it supports, may be the subject of criminal prosecution (including under 18 U.S.C. §§ 1001 and/or 1621, and/or 34 U.S.C. §§ 10271-10273), and also may subject me and the Applicant to civil penalties and administrative remedies for false claims or otherwise (including under 31 U.S.C. §§ 3729-3730 and 3801-3812). I also acknowledge that the Department's awards, including certifications provided in connection with such awards, are subject to review by the Department, including by its Office of the Inspector General.

Appendix B. Certifications Regarding Lobbying; Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters; Federal Taxes and Assessments; Drug-Free Workplace Requirements; Coordination with Affected Agencies

Although the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) has made every effort to simplify the application process, federal law requires that an applicant must provide with its application a certification as to certain matters in order to be eligible to receive a federal grant or cooperative agreement. Applicants are expected to read carefully the certification requirements as set forth below—and any cited statute, regulation, or other material—before determining whether a certification properly may be made. (As an example, the applicant should first determine whether any condition legally required to be met has been met, such that an applicant’s certification as to the condition would be verifiably accurate and true.)

Any certification that the applicant submits must be executed by an official who is both familiar with the requirements of the certification and authorized to make the certification on behalf of the applicant.

Elections or other selections of new officials—that is, changes in authorized representatives, such as a chief executive officer authorized to bind or otherwise act on behalf of the applicant—will not relieve the applicant of its obligations under any grant or cooperative agreement if funded.

Where the applicant is unable to make a certification or provide an assurance set out in this form, the applicant may still apply but is to attach an explanation to this application regarding the particular certification that cannot be made or assurance that cannot be provided. The DOJ may not be able to make an award to an applicant that is unable to make certifications or provide assurances required by law as a condition of eligibility for a DOJ federal award.

The DOJ will treat the applicant’s certifications, upon their submission with the application, as representations of fact upon which the DOJ will rely in making any determination with respect to the application or in making any decision to award a federal grant or cooperative agreement to the applicant.

False statements or claims made in connection with DOJ grants (including cooperative agreements) may result in fines, imprisonment, debarment from participating in federal grants or contracts, or any other remedy available by law.

1. *Lobbying.* As a general matter, 18 U.S.C. § 1913 prohibits lobbying with federally appropriated funds, except where expressly authorized by law. In addition, under 31 U.S.C. § 1352, applicants (and recipients) are prohibited from using federal appropriations to influence certain federal transactions, specifically including federal grant and cooperative agreement actions. Indian tribes and tribal organizations are excluded from coverage under 31 U.S.C. § 1352 but only with respect to expenditures for purposes specified in 31 U.S.C. § 1352(a) that are permitted by other federal law. For these purposes, the terms “Indian tribe” and “tribal organization,” respectively, have the meaning provided in section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. § 5304). Although Indian tribes and tribal organizations are excluded from coverage as set forth under 31 U.S.C. § 1352, these entities still must obtain lobbying disclosure documentation and any required certifications from any subgrantees (recipients of a subaward (see “subaward” definition at 2 C.F.R. § 200.92)) or procurement contractors (recipients of a contract (see “contract” definition at 2 C.F.R. § 200.22) and their subcontractors) that would be required to report lobbying activities consistent with 31 U.S.C. § 1352.

As required by 31 U.S.C. § 1352 and implemented at 28 C.F.R. Part 69, the applicant certifies and assures (to the extent applicable) the following:

- A. No federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid by or on behalf of the applicant to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with the making of any federal grant; the entering into of any cooperative agreement; or the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any federal grant or cooperative agreement.
 - B. If the applicant's request for federal funds is in excess of \$100,000 and any funds other than federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with this federal grant or cooperative agreement, the applicant shall complete and submit Standard Form - LLL, "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities" in accordance with its (and any DOJ awarding agency's) instructions.
 - C. The applicant shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subgrants and procurement contracts (and their subcontracts) funded with federal award funds and shall ensure that any certifications or lobbying disclosures required of recipients of such subgrants and procurement contracts (or their subcontractors) are made and filed in accordance with 31 U.S.C. § 1352.
2. *Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters (Direct Recipient)*. Pursuant to DOJ regulations on nonprocurement debarment and suspension implemented at 2 C.F.R. Part 2867 and other requirements for prospective participants in a primary tier "covered transaction" as defined at 2 C.F.R. § 2867.20(a), the applicant certifies that it and its principals for this covered transaction (that is, for the grant(s) or cooperative agreement(s) for which this application is being submitted)
- A. are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, sentenced to a denial of federal benefits by a state or federal court, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any federal department or agency;
 - B. have not within a three-year period preceding this application been convicted of a felony criminal violation under any federal law or been convicted or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (federal, state, tribal, or local) or private agreement or transaction; violation of federal or state antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, tax evasion or receiving stolen property, making false claims, or obstruction of justice or commission of any offense indicating a lack of business integrity or business honesty that seriously and directly affects your present responsibility;
 - C. are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (federal, state, tribal, or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (B) of this certification;
 - D. have not within a three-year period preceding this application had one or more public transactions (federal, state, tribal, or local) terminated for cause or default.

Where the applicant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, it shall attach an explanation to this application. Where the applicant or any of its principals was convicted, within a three-year period preceding this application, of a felony criminal violation under any federal law, the applicant also must disclose such felony criminal conviction in writing to DOJ (for OJP Applicants, to OJP at Ojpcompliancereporting@usdoj.gov; for OVW Applicants, to OVW at OVW.GFMD@usdoj.gov; or for COPS Office Applicants, to the COPS Office at AskCOPSRC@usdoj.gov), unless such disclosure has already been made.

3. **Mandatory Disclosure.** Pursuant to 2 CFR Part 2800, the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards by the U.S. Department of Justice, and as set out at 2 C.F.R. § 200.113, the applicant certifies and assures that it
 - A. has not violated any federal criminal law involving fraud, bribery, or gratuity that may potentially affect the federal grant or cooperative agreement;
 - B. shall timely disclose in writing to the federal awarding agency or pass-through entity, as applicable, any violation of federal criminal law involving fraud, bribery, or gratuity that may potentially affect the federal grant or cooperative agreement;
 - C. shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards (as the term “Subaward” is defined at 2 C.F.R. § 200.92) and shall require that all subrecipients certify and disclose accordingly.
4. **Federal Taxes and Assessments.**
 - A. If applicable, an applicant who requests an award in excess of \$5,000,000 certifies that, to the best of its knowledge and belief, the applicant has filed all federal tax returns required during the three years preceding the certification; has not been convicted of a criminal offense under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986; and has not, more than 90 days prior to certification, been notified of any unpaid federal tax assessment for which the liability remains unsatisfied, unless the assessment is the subject of an installment agreement or offer in compromise that has been approved by the Internal Revenue Service and is not in default or the assessment is the subject of a nonfrivolous administrative or judicial proceeding.
 - B. If the applicant is a corporation, the applicant certifies that either (1) the corporation does not have any unpaid federal tax liability that has been assessed for which all judicial and administrative remedies have been exhausted or have lapsed and that is not being paid in a timely manner pursuant to an agreement with the authority responsible for collecting the tax liability or (2) the corporation has provided written notice of such unpaid tax liability (or liabilities) to the DOJ awarding agency (for disclosure to OJP, in writing to OJP at OJPcompliance-reporting@usdoj.gov; for disclosure to OVW, in writing to OVW at OVW.GFMD@usdoj.gov; for disclosure to the COPS Office, in writing to the COPS Office at AskCOPSRC@usdoj.gov), and, after such disclosure, the applicant has received a specific written determination from the DOJ awarding agency that neither suspension nor debarment of the applicant is necessary to protect the interests of the Government in this case.
5. **Drug-Free Workplace.** As required by the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988 (41 U.S.C. § 8103) and implemented at 28 CFR Part 83 for recipients (other than individuals), as defined at 28 C.F.R. § 83.660—
 - A. The applicant certifies and assures that it will provide or will continue to provide a drug-free workplace by
 - (a) publishing a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the applicant’s (and, if funded, the recipient’s) workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violation of such prohibition;
 - (b) establishing an ongoing drug-free awareness program to inform employees about
 - (1) the dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;
 - (2) the grantee’s policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;
 - (3) any available drug counseling, rehabilitation and employee assistance programs; and
 - (4) the penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug-abuse violations occurring in the workplace;

- (c) making it a requirement that each employee to be engaged in the performance of the grant be given a copy of the statement required by paragraph (i);
- (d) notifying the employee in the statement required by paragraph (i) that, as a condition of employment under the grant, the employee will
 - (1) abide by the terms of the statement; and
 - (2) notify the employer in writing of his or her conviction for a violation of a criminal drug statute occurring in the workplace no later than five calendar days after such conviction;
- (e) notifying the agency in writing within 10 calendar days after receiving notice under subparagraph (iv)(b) from an employee or otherwise receiving actual notice of such conviction. Employers of convicted employees must provide notice, including position title of any such convicted employee, to the following agencies, as applicable:
 - (1) For COPS Office awards: COPS Office, 145 N Street, NE, Washington, DC, 20530
 - (2) For OJP awards: Office of Justice Programs, ATTN: Control Desk, 810 7th Street, NW, Washington, DC, 20531
 - (3) For OVW awards: U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women (OVW), 145 N Street, NE, Washington, DC, 20530

Notice shall include the identification number(s) (that is, the DOJ awarding agency-assigned grant or cooperative agreement number) of each affected grant;

- (f) taking one of the following actions within 30 calendar days of receiving notice under subparagraph (iv)(b) with respect to any employee who is so convicted:
 - (1) Taking appropriate personnel action against such employee, up to and including termination, consistent with the requirements of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended
 - (2) Requiring such employee to participate satisfactorily in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved for such purposes by a federal, state, tribal, or local health, law enforcement, or other appropriate agency;
- (g) making a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of paragraphs (i), (ii), (iii), (iv), (v), and (vi).

B. The applicant further certifies and assures that it will identify all known workplaces under each DOJ award in accordance with the provisions at 28 C.F.R. § 83.230.

6. *Coordination.* The Public Safety Partnership and Community Policing Act of 1994, as this Act specifies at 34 U.S.C. § 10382(c)(5), requires applicants to certify that there has been appropriate coordination with all agencies that may be affected by the applicant's grant proposal if approved. Affected agencies may include, among others, Offices of the United States Attorneys; state, local, or tribal prosecutors; or correctional agencies. The applicant certifies that there has been appropriate coordination with all affected agencies.

As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I certify that (a) I am familiar with the requirements of these certifications and am authorized to make these certifications and provide these assurances and that (b) any statements or representations of fact contained herein have an adequate factual basis (as determined through inquiry, wherever appropriate) and are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Appendix C. 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Appendix II to Part 200 - Contract Provisions for Non-Federal Entity Contracts Under Federal Awards

In addition to other provisions required by the Federal agency or non-Federal entity, all contracts made by the non-Federal entity under the Federal award must contain provisions covering the following, as applicable.

(A) Contracts for more than the simplified acquisition threshold, which is the inflation adjusted amount determined by the Civilian Agency Acquisition Council and the Defense Acquisition Regulations Council (Councils) as authorized by 41 U.S.C. 1908, must address administrative, contractual, or legal remedies in instances where contractors violate or breach contract terms, and provide for such sanctions and penalties as appropriate.

(B) All contracts in excess of \$10,000 must address termination for cause and for convenience by the non-Federal entity including the manner by which it will be effected and the basis for settlement.

(C) Equal Employment Opportunity. Except as otherwise provided under 41 CFR Part 60, all contracts that meet the definition of “federally assisted construction contract” in 41 CFR Part 60-1.3 must include the equal opportunity clause provided under 41 CFR 60-1.4(b), in accordance with Executive Order 11246, “Equal Employment Opportunity” (30 FR 12319, 12935, 3 CFR Part, 1964-1965 Comp., p. 339), as amended by Executive Order 11375, “Amending Executive Order 11246 Relating to Equal Employment Opportunity,” and implementing regulations at 41 CFR part 60, “Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, Department of Labor.”

(D) Davis-Bacon Act, as amended (40 U.S.C. 3141-3148). When required by Federal program legislation, all prime construction contracts in excess of \$2,000 awarded by non-Federal entities must include a provision for compliance with the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. 3141-3144, and 3146-3148) as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 5, “Labor Standards Provisions Applicable to Contracts Covering Federally Financed and Assisted Construction”). In accordance with the statute, contractors must be required to pay wages to laborers and mechanics at a rate not less than the prevailing wages specified in a wage determination made by the Secretary of Labor. In addition, contractors must be required to pay wages not less than once a week. The non-Federal entity must place a copy of the current prevailing wage determination issued by the Department of Labor in each solicitation. The decision to award a contract or subcontract must be conditioned upon the acceptance of the wage determination. The non-Federal entity must report all suspected or reported violations to the Federal awarding agency. The contracts must also include a provision for compliance with the Copeland “Anti-Kickback” Act (40 U.S.C. 3145), as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 3, “Contractors and Subcontractors on Public Building or Public Work Financed in Whole or in Part by Loans or Grants from the United States”). The Act provides that each contractor or subrecipient must be prohibited from inducing, by any means, any person employed in the construction, completion, or repair of public work, to give up any part of the compensation to which he or she is otherwise entitled. The non-Federal entity must report all suspected or reported violations to the Federal awarding agency.

(E) Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 3701-3708). Where applicable, all contracts awarded by the non-Federal entity in excess of \$100,000 that involve the employment of mechanics or laborers must include a provision for compliance with 40 U.S.C. 3702 and 3704, as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 5). Under 40 U.S.C. 3702 of the Act, each contractor must be required to compute the wages of every mechanic and laborer on the basis of a standard work week of 40 hours. Work in excess of the standard work week is permissible provided that the worker is compensated at a rate of not less than one and a half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of 40 hours in the work week. The requirements of 40 U.S.C. 3704 are applicable to construction work and provide that no laborer or mechanic must be required to work in surroundings or under

working conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous or dangerous. These requirements do not apply to the purchases of supplies or materials or articles ordinarily available on the open market, or contracts for transportation or transmission of intelligence.

(F) Rights to Inventions Made Under a Contract or Agreement. If the Federal award meets the definition of “funding agreement” under 37 CFR §401.2 (a) and the recipient or subrecipient wishes to enter into a contract with a small business firm or nonprofit organization regarding the substitution of parties, assignment or performance of experimental, developmental, or research work under that “funding agreement,” the recipient or subrecipient must comply with the requirements of 37 CFR Part 401, “Rights to Inventions Made by Nonprofit Organizations and Small Business Firms Under Government Grants, Contracts and Cooperative Agreements,” and any implementing regulations issued by the awarding agency.

(G) Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q.) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251-1387), as amended—Contracts and subgrants of amounts in excess of \$150,000 must contain a provision that requires the non-Federal award to agree to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act as amended (33 U.S.C. 1251- 1387). Violations must be reported to the Federal awarding agency and the Regional Office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

(H) Debarment and Suspension (Executive Orders 12549 and 12689)—A contract award (see 2 CFR 180.220) must not be made to parties listed on the governmentwide exclusions in the System for Award Management (SAM), in accordance with the OMB guidelines at 2 CFR 180 that implement Executive Orders 12549 (3 CFR part 1986 Comp., p. 189) and 12689 (3 CFR part 1989 Comp., p. 235), “Debarment and Suspension.” SAM Exclusions contains the names of parties debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded by agencies, as well as parties declared ineligible under statutory or regulatory authority other than Executive Order 12549.

(I) Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment (31 U.S.C. 1352)—Contractors that apply or bid for an award exceeding \$100,000 must file the required certification. Each tier certifies to the tier above that it will not and has not used Federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with obtaining any Federal contract, grant or any other award covered by 31 U.S.C. 1352. Each tier must also disclose any lobbying with non-Federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any Federal award. Such disclosures are forwarded from tier to tier up to the non-Federal award.

(J) See §200.323.

(K) See §200.216.

(L) See §200.322.

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Appendix D. 2 C. F. R. Part 200, Appendix XII to Part 200—Award Term and Condition for Recipient Integrity and Performance Matters

I. Reporting of Matters Related to Recipient Integrity and Performance

(a) General Reporting Requirement.

- (1) If the total value of your active grants, cooperative agreements, and procurement contracts from all Federal agencies exceeds \$10,000,000 for any period of time during the period of performance of this Federal award, then you as the recipient must ensure the information available in the responsibility/qualification records through the System for Award Management (SAM.gov), about civil, criminal, or administrative proceedings described in paragraph (b) of this award term is current and complete. This is a statutory requirement under section 872 of Public Law 110-417, as amended (41 U.S.C. 2313). As required by section 3010 of Public Law 111-212, all information posted in responsibility/qualification records in SAM.gov on or after April 15, 2011 (except past performance reviews required for Federal procurement contracts) will be publicly available.

(b) Proceedings About Which You Must Report.

- (1) You must submit the required information about each proceeding that—
 - (i) Is in connection with the award or performance of a grant, cooperative agreement, or procurement contract from the Federal Government;
 - (ii) Reached its final disposition during the most recent five-year period; and
 - (iii) Is one of the following—
 - (A) A criminal proceeding that resulted in a conviction;
 - (B) A civil proceeding that resulted in a finding of fault and liability and payment of a monetary fine, penalty, reimbursement, restitution, or damages of \$5,000 or more;
 - (C) An administrative proceeding that resulted in a finding of fault and liability and your payment of either a monetary fine or penalty of \$5,000 or more or reimbursement, restitution, or damages in excess of \$100,000; or
 - (D) Any other criminal, civil, or administrative proceeding if—
 - (1) It could have led to an outcome described in paragraph (b)(1)(iii)(A) through (C);
 - (2) It had a different disposition arrived at by consent or compromise with an acknowledgment of fault on your part; and
 - (3) The requirement in this award term to disclose information about the proceeding does not conflict with applicable laws and regulations.

- (c) Reporting Procedures. Enter the required information in SAM.gov for each proceeding described in paragraph (b) of this award term. You do not need to submit the information a second time under grants and cooperative agreements that you received if you already provided the information in SAM.gov because you were required to do so under Federal procurement contracts that you were awarded.
- (d) Reporting Frequency. During any period of time when you are subject to the requirement in paragraph (a) of this award term, you must report proceedings information in SAM.gov for the most recent five-year period, either to report new information about a proceeding that you have not reported previously or affirm that there is no new information to report. If you have Federal contract, grant, and cooperative agreement awards with a cumulative total value greater than \$10,000,000, you must disclose semiannually any information about the criminal, civil, and administrative proceedings.
- (e) Definitions. For purposes of this award term—

Administrative proceeding means a non-judicial process that is adjudicatory in nature to make a determination of fault or liability (for example, Securities and Exchange Commission Administrative proceedings, Civilian Board of Contract Appeals proceedings, and Armed Services Board of Contract Appeals proceedings). This includes proceedings at the Federal and State level but only in connection with the performance of a Federal contract or grant. It does not include audits, site visits, corrective plans, or inspection of deliverables.

Conviction means a judgment or conviction of a criminal offense by any court of competent jurisdiction, whether entered upon a verdict or a plea, and includes a conviction entered upon a plea of nolo contendere.

Total value of currently active grants, cooperative agreements, and procurement contracts includes the value of the Federal share already received plus any anticipated Federal share under those awards (such as continuation funding).

II. [Reserved]

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Appendix E. 41 U.S.C. § 4712 - Enhancement of contractor protection from reprisal for disclosure of certain information

(a) Prohibition of reprisals.

- (1)** In general. An employee of a contractor, subcontractor, grantee, subgrantee, or personal services contractor may not be discharged, demoted, or otherwise discriminated against as a reprisal for disclosing to a person or body described in paragraph (2) information that the employee reasonably believes is evidence of gross mismanagement of a Federal contract or grant, a gross waste of Federal funds, an abuse of authority relating to a Federal contract or grant, a substantial and specific danger to public health or safety, or a violation of law, rule, or regulation related to a Federal contract (including the competition for or negotiation of a contract) or grant.
- (2)** Persons and bodies covered. The persons and bodies described in this paragraph are the persons and bodies as follows:
 - (A)** A Member of Congress or a representative of a committee of Congress.
 - (B)** An Inspector General.
 - (C)** The Government Accountability Office.
 - (D)** A Federal employee responsible for contract or grant oversight or management at the relevant agency.
 - (E)** An authorized official of the Department of Justice or other law enforcement agency.
 - (F)** A court or grand jury.
 - (G)** A management official or other employee of the contractor, subcontractor, grantee, subgrantee, or personal services contractor who has the responsibility to investigate, discover, or address misconduct.
- (3)** Rules of construction. For the purposes of paragraph (1)—
 - (A)** an employee who initiates or provides evidence of contractor, subcontractor, grantee, subgrantee, or personal services contractor misconduct in any judicial or administrative proceeding relating to waste, fraud, or abuse on a Federal contract or grant shall be deemed to have made a disclosure covered by such paragraph; and
 - (B)** a reprisal described in paragraph (1) is prohibited even if it is undertaken at the request of an executive branch official, unless the request takes the form of a non-discretionary directive and is within the authority of the executive branch official making the request.

(b) Investigation of complaints.

- (1)** Submission of complaint. A person who believes that the person has been subjected to a reprisal prohibited by subsection (a) may submit a complaint to the Inspector General of the executive agency involved. Unless the Inspector General determines that the complaint is frivolous, fails to allege a violation of the prohibition in subsection (a), or has previously been addressed in another Federal or State judicial or administrative proceeding initiated by the complainant, the Inspector General shall investigate the complaint and, upon completion of such investigation, submit a report of the findings of the investigation to the person, the contractor, subcontractor, grantee, subgrantee, or personal services contractor concerned, and the head of the agency.

- (2) Inspector General action.**
 - (A)** Determination or submission of report on findings. Except as provided under subparagraph (B), the Inspector General shall make a determination that a complaint is frivolous, fails to allege a violation of the prohibition in subsection (a), or has previously been addressed in another Federal or State judicial or administrative proceeding initiated by the complainant or submit a report under paragraph (1) within 180 days after receiving the complaint.
 - (B)** Extension of time. If the Inspector General is unable to complete an investigation in time to submit a report within the 180-day period specified in subparagraph (A) and the person submitting the complaint agrees to an extension of time, the Inspector General shall submit a report under paragraph (1) within such additional period of time, up to 180 days, as shall be agreed upon between the Inspector General and the person submitting the complaint.
- (3) Prohibition on disclosure.** The Inspector General may not respond to any inquiry or disclose any information from or about any person alleging the reprisal, except to the extent that such response or disclosure is—
 - (A)** made with the consent of the person alleging the reprisal;
 - (B)** made in accordance with the provisions of section 552a of title 5 [5 USCS § 552a] or as required by any other applicable Federal law; or
 - (C)** necessary to conduct an investigation of the alleged reprisal.
- (4) Time limitation.** A complaint may not be brought under this subsection more than three years after the date on which the alleged reprisal took place.
- (c) Remedy and enforcement authority.**
 - (1) In general.** Not later than 30 days after receiving an Inspector General report pursuant to subsection (b), the head of the executive agency concerned shall determine whether there is sufficient basis to conclude that the contractor, subcontractor, grantee, subgrantee, or personal services contractor concerned has subjected the complainant to a reprisal prohibited by subsection (a) and shall either issue an order denying relief or shall take one or more of the following actions:
 - (A)** Order the contractor, subcontractor, grantee, subgrantee, or personal services contractor to take affirmative action to abate the reprisal.
 - (B)** Order the contractor, subcontractor, grantee, subgrantee, or personal services contractor to reinstate the person to the position that the person held before the reprisal, together with compensatory damages (including back pay), employment benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment that would apply to the person in that position if the reprisal had not been taken.
 - (C)** Order the contractor, subcontractor, grantee, subgrantee, or personal services contractor to pay the complainant an amount equal to the aggregate amount of all costs and expenses (including attorneys' fees and expert witnesses' fees) that were reasonably incurred by the complainant for, or in connection with, bringing the complaint regarding the reprisal, as determined by the head of the executive agency.
 - (D)** Consider disciplinary or corrective action against any official of the executive agency, if appropriate.

- (2)** Exhaustion of remedies. If the head of an executive agency issues an order denying relief under paragraph (1) or has not issued an order within 210 days after the submission of a complaint under subsection (b), or in the case of an extension of time under paragraph (b)(2)(B), not later than 30 days after the expiration of the extension of time, and there is no showing that such delay is due to the bad faith of the complainant, the complainant shall be deemed to have exhausted all administrative remedies with respect to the complaint, and the complainant may bring a de novo action at law or equity against the contractor, subcontractor, grantee, subgrantee, or personal services contractor to seek compensatory damages and other relief available under this section in the appropriate district court of the United States, which shall have jurisdiction over such an action without regard to the amount in controversy. Such an action shall, at the request of either party to the action, be tried by the court with a jury. An action under this paragraph may not be brought more than two years after the date on which remedies are deemed to have been exhausted.
- (3)** Admissibility of evidence. An Inspector General determination and an agency head order denying relief under paragraph (2) shall be admissible in evidence in any de novo action at law or equity brought pursuant to this subsection.
- (4)** Enforcement of orders. Whenever a person fails to comply with an order issued under paragraph (1), the head of the executive agency concerned shall file an action for enforcement of such order in the United States district court for a district in which the reprisal was found to have occurred. In any action brought under this paragraph, the court may grant appropriate relief, including injunctive relief, compensatory and exemplary damages, and attorney fees and costs. The person upon whose behalf an order was issued may also file such an action or join in an action filed by the head of the executive agency.
- (5)** Judicial review. Any person adversely affected or aggrieved by an order issued under paragraph (1) may obtain review of the order's conformance with this subsection, and any regulations issued to carry out this section, in the United States court of appeals for a circuit in which the reprisal is alleged in the order to have occurred. No petition seeking such review may be filed more than 60 days after issuance of the order by the head of the executive agency. Review shall conform to chapter 7 of title 5. Filing such an appeal shall not act to stay the enforcement of the order of the head of an executive agency, unless a stay is specifically entered by the court.
- (6)** Burdens of proof. The legal burdens of proof specified in section 1221(e) of title 5 [5 USCS § 1221(e)] shall be controlling for the purposes of any investigation conducted by an Inspector General, decision by the head of an executive agency, or judicial or administrative proceeding to determine whether discrimination prohibited under this section has occurred.
- (7)** Rights and remedies not waivable. The rights and remedies provided for in this section may not be waived by any agreement, policy, form, or condition of employment.
- (d)** Notification of employees. The head of each executive agency shall ensure that contractors, subcontractors, grantees, subgrantees, and personal services contractors of the agency inform their employees in writing of the rights and remedies provided under this section, in the predominant native language of the workforce.
- (e)** Construction. Nothing in this section may be construed to authorize the discharge of, demotion of, or discrimination against an employee for a disclosure other than a disclosure protected by subsection (a) or to modify or derogate from a right or remedy otherwise available to the employee.
- (f)** Exceptions.

- (1) (This section shall not apply to any element of the intelligence community, as defined in section 3(4) of the National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 401a(4)).
- (2) This section shall not apply to any disclosure made by an employee of a contractor, subcontractor, grantee, subgrantee, or personal services contractor of an element of the intelligence community if such disclosure—

 - (A) relates to an activity of an element of the intelligence community; or
 - (B) was discovered during contract, subcontract, grantee, subgrantee, or personal services contractor services provided to an element of the intelligence community.
- (g) Definitions. In this section:

 - (1) The term “abuse of authority” means an arbitrary and capricious exercise of authority that is inconsistent with the mission of the executive agency concerned or the successful performance of a contract or grant of such agency.
 - (2) The term “Inspector General” means an Inspector General appointed under chapter 4 of title 5 [5 USCS §§ 401 et seq.] and any Inspector General that receives funding from, or has oversight over contracts or grants awarded for or on behalf of, the executive agency concerned.
- (h) Construction. Nothing in this section, or the amendments made by this section, shall be construed to provide any rights to disclose classified information not otherwise provided by law.
- (i) (i) [Deleted]

Added Jan. 2, 2013, P. L. 112-239, Div A, Title VIII, Subtitle C, § 828(a)(1), 126 Stat. 1837; Dec. 26, 2013, P. L. 113- 66, Div A, Title X, Subtitle I, § 1091(e), 127 Stat. 876; Dec. 16, 2016, P. L. 114-261, § 1(a)(2), (3)(A), 130 Stat. 1362; Dec. 27, 2020, P.L. 116-260, Div U, Title VIII, § 801, 134 Stat. 2297; Dec. 23, 2022, P.L. 117-263, Div A, Title VIII, Subtitle A, § 807(b), 136 Stat. 2704; Dec. 27, 2022, P.L. 117-286, § 4(b)(74), 136 Stat. 4351. Recipients and subrecipients who wish to use the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Inspector General whistleblower information brochure to inform their employees of their rights may obtain a copy at <https://oig.justice.gov/sites/default/files/2020-04/NDAA-brochure.pdf>.

Appendix F. Intergovernmental Review Process, Points of Contact by State

Executive Order 12372 requires applicants from state and local units of government or other organizations or individuals providing service within a state to submit a copy of the application to the state single point of contact (SPOC), if one exists and if this program has been selected for review by the state. Before the application due date, you must contact your state SPOC to find out if this program has been selected for review and comply with the state's process under Executive Order 12372. The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance reference for this program is number 16.710, "Public Safety and Community Policing Grants."

A current list of state SPOCs is available at <https://www.ojp.gov/IntergovernmentalReviewSPOCList.pdf>.

States that are not listed have chosen not to participate in the intergovernmental review process and therefore do not have an SPOC.

Appendix G. Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA)—Reporting Subaward and Executive Compensation Award Term

2 C.F.R. Part 170, Appendix A to Part 170—Award term

I. REPORTING SUBAWARDS AND EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

I. Reporting Subawards and Executive Compensation

(a) Reporting of first-tier subawards —

- (1) Applicability. Unless the recipient is exempt as provided in paragraph (d) of this award term, the recipient must report each subaward that equals or exceeds \$30,000 in Federal funds for a subaward to an entity or Federal agency. The recipient must also report a subaward if a modification increases the Federal funding to an amount that equals or exceeds \$30,000. All reported subawards should reflect the total amount of the subaward.

Reporting Requirements.

- (i) The recipient must report each subaward described in paragraph (a)(1) of this award term to the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act Subaward Reporting System (FSRS) at <http://www.fsrs.gov>.
- (ii) For subaward information, report no later than the end of the month following the month in which the subaward was issued. (For example, if the subaward was made on November 7, 2025, the subaward must be reported by no later than December 31, 2025).

(b) Reporting total compensation of recipient executives for entities —

- (1) Applicability. The recipient must report the total compensation for each of the recipient's five most highly compensated executives for the preceding completed fiscal year if:
 - (i) The total Federal funding authorized to date under this Federal award equals or exceeds \$30,000;
 - (ii) (ii) in the preceding fiscal year, the recipient received:
 - (A) 80 percent or more of the recipient's annual gross revenues from Federal procurement contracts (and subcontracts) and Federal awards (and subawards) subject to the Transparency Act; and
 - (B) \$25,000,000 or more in annual gross revenues from Federal procurement contracts (and subcontracts) and Federal awards (and subawards) subject to the Transparency Act; and,

- (iii) The public does not have access to information about the compensation of the executives through periodic reports filed under section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78m(a), 78o(d)) or section 6104 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 after receiving this subaward. (To determine if the public has access to the compensation information, see the U.S. Security and Exchange Commission total compensation filings at <http://www.sec.gov/answers/execomp.htm>.)
- (2) Reporting Requirements. The recipient must report executive total compensation described in paragraph (b)(1) of this appendix:
- (i) As part of the recipient's registration profile at <https://www.sam.gov>.
 - (ii) No later than the month following the month in which this Federal award is made, and annually after that. (For example, if this Federal award was made on November 7, 2025, the executive total compensation must be reported by no later than December 31, 2025.)
- (c) Reporting of total compensation of subrecipient executives —**
- (1) Applicability. Unless a first-tier subrecipient is exempt as provided in paragraph (d) of this appendix, the recipient must report the executive total compensation of each of the subrecipient's five most highly compensated executives for the subrecipient's preceding completed fiscal year, if:
- (i) The total Federal funding authorized to date under the subaward equals or exceeds \$30,000;
 - (ii) In the subrecipient's preceding fiscal year, the subrecipient received:
 - (A) 80 percent or more of its annual gross revenues from Federal procurement contracts (and subcontracts) and Federal awards (and subawards) subject to the Transparency Act; and
 - (B) \$25,000,000 or more in annual gross revenues from Federal procurement contracts (and subcontracts), and Federal awards (and subawards) subject to the Transparency Act; and
 - (iii) The public does not have access to information about the compensation of the executives through periodic reports filed under section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78m(a), 78o(d)) or section 6104 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 after receiving this subaward. (To determine if the public has access to the compensation information, see the U.S. Security and Exchange Commission total compensation filings at <http://www.sec.gov/answers/execomp.htm>.)
- (2) Reporting Requirements. Subrecipients must report to the recipient their executive total compensation described in paragraph (c)(1) of this appendix. The recipient is required to submit this information to the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act Subaward Reporting System (FSRS) at <http://www.fsr.gov> no later than the end of the month following the month in which the subaward was made. (For example, if the subaward was made on November 7, 2025, the subaward must be reported by no later than December 31, 2025).

(d) Exemptions.

- (1) A recipient with gross income under \$300,000 in the previous tax year is exempt from the requirements to report:
 - (i) Subawards, and
 - (ii) The total compensation of the five most highly compensated executives of any subrecipient.

(e) Definitions.

For purposes of this award term:

Entity includes:

(1) Whether for profit or nonprofit:

- (i) A corporation;
- (ii) An association;
- (iii) A partnership;
- (iv) A limited liability company;
- (v) A limited liability partnership;
- (vi) A sole proprietorship;
- (vii) Any other legal business entity;
- (viii) Another grantee or contractor that is not excluded by subparagraph (2); and
- (ix) Any State or locality;

(2) Does not include:

- (i) An individual recipient of Federal financial assistance; or
- (ii) A Federal employee.

Executive means an officer, managing partner, or any other employee holding a management position.

Subaward has the meaning given in 2 CFR 200.1.

Subrecipient has the meaning given in 2 CFR 200.1.

- (f) Total Compensation means the cash and noncash dollar value an executive earns during an entity's preceding fiscal year. This includes all items of compensation as prescribed in 17 CFR 229.402(c)(2).

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Appendix H. System for Award Management (SAM) and Universal Identifier Award Term

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I. System for Award Management (SAM.gov) and Universal Identifier Requirements

(a) **Requirement for System for Award Management.**

- (1) Unless exempt from this requirement under 2 CFR 25.110, the recipient must maintain a current and active registration in SAM.gov. The recipient's registration must always be current and active until the recipient submits all final reports required under this Federal award or receives the final payment, whichever is later. The recipient must review and update its information in SAM.gov at least annually from the date of its initial registration or any subsequent updates to ensure it is current, accurate, and complete. If applicable, this includes identifying the recipient's immediate and highest-level owner and subsidiaries and providing information about the recipient's predecessors that have received a Federal award or contract within the last three years.

(b) **Requirement for Unique Entity Identifier (UEI).**

- (1) If the recipient is authorized to make subawards under this Federal award, the recipient:
 - (i) Must notify potential subrecipients that no entity may receive a subaward until the entity has provided its UEI to the recipient.
 - (ii) Must not make a subaward to an entity unless the entity has provided its UEI to the recipient. Subrecipients are not required to complete full registration in SAM.gov to obtain a UEI.

(c) **Definitions.** For the purposes of this award term:

System for Award Management (SAM.gov) means the Federal repository into which a recipient must provide the information required for the conduct of business as a recipient. Additional information about registration procedures may be found in SAM.gov (currently at <https://www.sam.gov>).

Unique entity identifier means the universal identifier assigned by SAM.gov to uniquely identify an entity.

Entity is defined at 2 CFR 25.400 and includes all of the following types as defined in 2 CFR 200.1:

- (1) Non-Federal entity;
- (2) Foreign organization;
- (3) Foreign public entity;
- (4) Domestic for-profit organization; and
- (5) Federal agency.

Subaward has the meaning given in 2 CFR 200.1.

Subrecipient has the meaning given in 2 CFR 200.1.

Resources

Financial Resources

Recipients should refer to the **DOJ Grants Financial Guide**. The DOJ Grants Financial Guide (the “Guide”) serves as the primary reference manual to assist OJP, OVW, and COPS Office award recipients in fulfilling their fiduciary responsibility to safeguard grant funds and ensure funds are used for the purposes for which they were awarded. It compiles a variety of laws, rules and regulations that affect the financial and administrative management of your award. There may be instances where the requirements may differ among the three grant-making components; to the extent possible, those differences are spelled out throughout the Guide. However, recipients (and subrecipients) should refer to the award terms and conditions outlined in this Award Owner’s Manual to determine the specific requirements that apply to your award.

JustGrants Resources

DOJ has made a collection of training resources available for JustGrants users. See **[Training | JustGrants Resources | U.S. Department of Justice](#)**.

Training materials include self-guided eLearning videos, which are supplemented by job aid reference guides, checklists, and infographics. These resources will help users learn to navigate the system effectively and complete various essential grants management tasks.

As a supplement to the self-guided training materials, the JustGrants team offers additional opportunities through Weekly Training Webinars for award recipients to receive real-time technical assistance and support on JustGrants system functionality.

- Visit the **[Weekly Training Webinars](#)** page for more information.

Please contact the **[JustGrants Training team](#)** with any questions about the training content.

If you have trouble accessing the trainings or you need technical assistance with your JustGrants account, please contact **[JustGrants User Support](#)**.

COPS Office Resources

1. COPS Office Newsletter, *Community Policing Dispatch*: **<https://cops.usdoj.gov/html/dispatch/>**
2. COPS Office *The Beat* Podcast: **<https://cops.usdoj.gov/thebeat>**
3. Grants information: **<https://cops.usdoj.gov/grants>**
4. COPS Office Publications: **<https://cops.usdoj.gov/RIC/ric.php>**
5. **[SRO MOU Fact Sheet](#)**
6. **[SRO Mandatory Training Fact Sheet](#)**
7. **[Guidance for Understaffed Law Enforcement Agencies Operating below Budgeted Strength Under the COPS Hiring Program \(CHP\) and Tribal Resources Grant Program-Hire \(TRGP-Hire\) Fact Sheet](#)**
8. **[Background Investigation FAQs](#)**