



Pre-Award Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) for 2026 COPS Office Community Policing Development Accreditation Grant Program

Q: Are law enforcement agencies eligible to apply for the Accreditation Program?

A. Law enforcement agencies are NOT eligible to apply for the Accreditation Program.

Q. Can my organization apply to be a new state (or regional) accreditation body?

A. Organizations that are eligible include the following:

- All public governmental agencies
- Federally recognized Indian tribes
- For-profit (commercial) organizations
- Nonprofit organizations
- Institutions of higher education
- Community groups
- Faith-based organizations

All applicants must clearly explain the need to establish a new accreditation body.

Q. Can my organization apply if we received COPS Office Accreditation funding in FY 2024 or FY2025 or are a national-level accreditation body?

A. No, agencies that received COPS Office Accreditation Funding in FY24 or FY25 or are national-level accreditation bodies are not eligible to receive funding in FY26.

Q. What are the expected deliverables or outcomes of this opportunity?

A. Recipients will be expected to do the following:

- Create marketing and outreach plans to engage law enforcement agencies.
- Implement measurable strategic enhancements to law enforcement accreditation, including an increase in the number of accredited agencies and/or agencies seeking accreditation.

For additional information on the application process visit our [How To Apply](#) page.

Questions? For technical assistance with submitting the **full application** in JustGrants, contact the JustGrants Service Desk at JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov or 833-872-5175. The JustGrants Service Desk operates 5:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. eastern time (ET) Monday to Friday, and 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. ET on Saturday, Sunday, and federal holidays.

For programmatic and general assistance with the funding opportunity requirements, contact the COPS Office Response Center at 800-421-6770 or by email at AskCOPSRC@usdoj.gov. The Response Center's hours of operation are Monday–Friday (except U.S. Federal Government holidays; see <https://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/snow-dismissal-procedures/federal-holidays/>) from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time (ET). The Response Center will remain open on the funding opportunity closing date until 4:59 p.m. ET.