



Fact Sheet

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FY 2026 Accreditation Program Community Policing Development

Community Policing Development (CPD) funds are used to develop the capacity of law enforcement to implement effective practices, outcomes, and strategies to prevent crime and promote safe communities. The CPD Accreditation program awards funding for state accreditation bodies that support accreditation. To obtain accreditation, a law enforcement agency must ensure all policies and procedures are of the highest standards and in compliance with those defined by the accreditation entity. The community benefits when it is assured its law enforcement personnel are following best practice policies and procedures to provide efficient, effective, and fair policing.

WHEN: Deadline for first part of application in Grants.gov is **August 27, 2026**, at 4:59 p.m. ET. Deadline for completed application in JustGrants is **September 3, 2026**, at 4:59 p.m. ET.

Start EARLY. The process takes more than one day.

WHERE: 1. Register online with www.sam.gov to obtain a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) and www.grants.gov to complete the Grants.gov application package.

2. Complete the application in the [JustGrants Justice Grants System](#).

HOW: Online only. No hard copies sent by U.S. Mail or electronic copies sent via email.

FY26 Accreditation—Community Policing Development

This year's Accreditation CPD program seeks to expand law enforcement accreditation by providing support to existing and new state level accreditation bodies.

All awards are subject to the availability of appropriated funds and any modifications or additional requirements that may be imposed by law.

Additional Applicant Eligibility Factors

State and local governmental entities must comply with 8 U.S.C. § 1373, which provides that state and local government entities may not prohibit, or in any way restrict, any government entity or official from sending to, receiving from, maintaining, or exchanging information regarding citizenship or immigration status, lawful or unlawful, of any individual with components of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security or any other federal, state or local government entity. This includes any prohibitions or restrictions imposed or established by a state or local government entity or official. For additional information, please see the appendices in the FY26 Community Policing

Title of funding opportunity	Eligible applicants	Overview summary	Cap per award
FY26 Community Policing Development Funding Opportunity	All public governmental agencies, federally recognized Indian tribes, for-profit (commercial) organizations, nonprofit organizations, institutions of higher education, community groups, and faith-based organizations	Support and enhancement of law enforcement accreditation bodies to facilitate agencies' ability to become accredited.	\$350,000

Development (CDP) Accreditation Resource Guide. Applicants that received Accreditation funding in FY25 are ineligible for funding in FY26.

Funding Provisions

In addition to the table, provisions include the following:

- Applications should be responsive to the Notice of Funding Opportunity. Detailed descriptions of eligibility and additional information are available in the individual funding opportunity guides.
- There is up to \$2,500,000 in funding available through the FY 2026 Accreditation CPD program. Each award is two years (24 months) in length. There is no local match.
- Additional consideration may be provided to applicants that cooperate with federal law enforcement to address illegal immigration.

This program is meant to support state level accreditation bodies. National-level accreditation entities will not be considered for funding.

Addressing these priorities is one of many factors that the COPS Office considers in making funding decisions. Receiving priority consideration does not guarantee funding.

How to Apply

Before You Begin: SAM. Register with the SAM (System of Award Management) database or confirm or renew your existing SAM registration.

Confirm your entity’s electronic business point of contact (E-Biz POC) in SAM is accurate.

Step 1: Grants.gov. Register with Grants.gov or confirm your existing registration.

Submit the first part of your application in Grants.gov.

Deadline to complete this step is August 27, 2026, at 4:59 p.m. ET.

Step 2: JustGrants. Onboard your agency to the JustGrants Justice Grants System.

Complete and submit the second part of your application in JustGrants (<https://www.justicegrants.usdoj.gov>).

Further instructions and explanations of the application process can be found on the COPS Office website at <https://cops.usdoj.gov>.

Complete application packages for the FY 2026 CPD Accreditation funding opportunity are due by **September 3, 2026**, at 4:59 p.m. ET.

Contact the COPS Office

For more information about COPS Office programs and resources, please call the COPS Office Response Center at 800-421-6770 or visit the COPS Office website at cops.usdoj.gov.