

FY 2026

COPS Community Policing Development: Law Enforcement Products and Resources

Grants.gov Funding Opportunity Number: O-COPS-2026-172561

Application Deadlines in Eastern Time (ET):

- 1: Complete SF-424 and Submit in Grants.gov: **August 24, 2026, by 4:59 p.m. ET**
 - 2: Submit full application in JustGrants: **August 31, 2026, by 4:59 p.m. ET**
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1. BASIC INFORMATION

Purpose of the Funding

The Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office) is the component of the U.S. Department of Justice responsible for advancing the practice of community policing and the Administration's priority of Making America Safe Again by supporting the nation's state, local, territorial and Tribal law enforcement agencies through information and grant resources.

Community Policing Development (CPD): Law Enforcement Products and Resources funds are used to develop products and resources to provide guidance on promising practices; develop and test innovative strategies; build knowledge about effective practices and outcomes; and support new, creative approaches to preventing crime and promoting safe communities and a positive image of policing.

The COPS Office seeks to enhance community policing development through this NOFO in the following **two funding categories**:

Category 1: FY26 Community Policing Development – Law Enforcement Products and Resources

The COPS Office CPD: Law Enforcement Products and Resources program provides funding for the development of resources on law enforcement topics, specifically designed for national distribution, that offer creative ideas to advance crime fighting and community policing through common sense policing practices and initiatives. Any proposed product or resource should be directly in support of the advancement of community policing through common sense policing strategies and practices.

Applicants must select one of the following priority topic areas to address in their proposal:

- **Detecting and Investigating Human Trafficking**

Projects under this topic area should support law enforcement agencies in developing or enhancing collaborative, multidisciplinary approaches that strengthen the detection and investigation of human trafficking through the development of resources.

- **Gang Violence Enforcement and Investigations**

Projects under this topic area should prioritize the development of national-level toolkits, operational models, and multidisciplinary strategies that can improve gang crime investigations, translate research into practical resources for frontline agencies, or expand partnerships across jurisdictions to improve investigative outcomes.

- **Immigration and Border Security**

Projects that improve the ability of agencies to effectively cooperate and coordinate with federal immigration and law enforcement agencies, including the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

- **Investigating and Interrupting Child Exploitation**

Projects under this topic area should support law enforcement agencies in developing or enhancing collaborative, multidisciplinary strategies that strengthen the investigation and interruption of child exploitation.

- **Investigating and Interrupting Cyber Crime**

Projects under this topic area should improve law enforcement officers' and agencies' capacity to prevent or disrupt cyber crime and to investigate and successfully prosecute the perpetrators when harm does occur, through resources such as training (in person, virtual, or on-demand eLearning), guidebooks, toolkits, or other products that can be used by law enforcement nationwide.

- **Investigating and Interrupting Opioids and Drug Markets**

Projects under this topic area should enhance the capacity of law enforcement officers and agencies to interrupt opioid distribution networks, dismantle drug trafficking organizations, employ effective enforcement strategies, promote interagency and cross-jurisdictional collaboration, and promote intelligence sharing and innovative methods for opioid-related crime disruption.

- **Officer Recruitment, Hiring and Retention**

Projects under this topic area should assist law enforcement agencies with developing or enhancing their recruitment, hiring, and/or retention efforts, with an emphasis on moving beyond traditional methods.

- **Preventing and Investigating Domestic Terrorism**

Projects under this topic area should improve law enforcement agencies' ability to prevent and investigate crimes that fall within the definition of domestic terrorism, including their capacity to collaborate with state, local, tribal, territorial, and/or federal law enforcement partners or with other stakeholders and to increase the likelihood of preventing domestic terrorism or successfully investigating and prosecuting crimes involving domestic terrorism.

- **Unmanned Aerial Systems and Drones**

Projects under this topic area should that will improve training, awareness and capacity for working with Unmanned Aerial Systems to enhance public safety.

- **Vagrancy and Squatting**

Projects under this topic area should that will improve law enforcement agencies' capacity to respond to and effectively address vagrancy, squatting, and related matters.

- **Violent Crime Enforcement and Investigations**

Projects under this topic area should prioritize the development of national-level toolkits, operational models, and multidisciplinary strategies that can improve violent crime investigations, translate research into practical resources for frontline agencies, or expand partnerships across jurisdictions to improve investigative outcomes.

Read the [FY26 Community Policing Development Law Enforcement Products and Resources Application Resource Guide](#) for detailed information on each topic area.

Projects Out of Scope

The following will not be considered:

- Projects that do not directly address one of the priority topic areas.
- Projects that do not benefit the broader national law enforcement field and only benefit a state, region, or small set of agencies.
- Projects that duplicate an existing COPS Office or other DOJ product or resource.

Category 2: FY26 Community Policing Development – COPS Training Portal

The COPS Office CPD COPS Training Portal funds are used to deploy the COPS Office's flagship eLearning program, the COPS Training Portal. A cornerstone of the COPS Office's training and technical assistance program, the COPS Training Portal is responsible for approximately 75 percent of training deliveries annually for the COPS Office, provided at no cost to law enforcement officers, agencies, and stakeholders to improve access to high-quality training that fits the schedules, budgets, and needs of users across the country.

Applicants applying under this category must submit a proposal that addresses the following requirements:

- Deploy the full catalogue of COPS Office eLearning products on a standalone learning management system (LMS), without requiring modification of the existing courses (courses are in published SCORM packages), and without a downtime period if handover is needed from the current provider. (There would be a short overlap period to facilitate handover if needed.)
- Host a standalone public-facing website.
- Deploy an LMS that allows for future courses, delivered in published SCORM packages, to be loaded and deployed.
- Maintain the existing userbase, while adding at least 7,000 new users in the first year of the award period.
- Enroll at least 25,000 participants in courses (an enrollment is counted when a user begins a course for the first time in a session) in the first year of the award period.
- Maintain access for existing/prior users to their training history, including downloading their certificates.
- Coordinate with law enforcement agency leaders to provide tools for agency-level and individual registration, enrollment, and tracking of completion data.
- Market the COPS Training Portal, including through attendance (as a vendor and/or presenter) at conferences, hosting webinars or other events, and/or the use of digital media advertising. Specific marketing efforts should include focus on states that are underrepresented in their use of the COPS Training Portal, outreach to law enforcement leaders, and outreach to standards and training boards (POSTs).
- Load, test, and deploy any new eLearning courses created by COPS Office cooperative agreement awardees. There are expected to be between five and 10 new projects to deploy during the first year of the award period; however, the actual number may be different depending on when projects are completed.
- Coordinate with other COPS Office-funded awardees on loading, testing, and deploying new trainings and resources on the COPS Training Portal.
- Create course pages for new eLearning and in-person courses.
- Administer the COPS Training Portal on a day-to-day basis, under the direction of the COPS Office, including maintaining a fully 508-compliant website and LMS infrastructure and providing customer and technical support to users during the first year of the award period.

- Develop and deploy two new eLearning training courses. Topics should be within the following categories:
 - Detecting and Investigating Human Trafficking
 - Gang Violence Enforcement and Investigations
 - Immigration and Border Security
 - Investigating and Interrupting Child Exploitation
 - Investigating and Interrupting Cyber Crime
 - Investigating and Interrupting Opioids and Drug Markets
 - Officer Recruitment, Hiring, and Retention
 - Preventing and Investigating Domestic Terrorism
 - Unmanned Aerial Systems (aka drones)
 - Vagrancy and Squatting
 - Violent Crime Enforcement and Investigations

Projects Out of Scope

- Projects that do not address all requirements listed above and deliverables outlined in *Program Description* section below will not be considered.

See the [Eligible Applicants](#) section for eligibility details.

As community policing is common sense policing, throughout the FY26 Community Policing Development (CPD): Law Enforcement Products and Resources NOFO materials, the terms “community policing” and “common sense policing” are used interchangeably, unless otherwise specified.

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

Funding Details

Announcement Type	[Initial]
Assistance Listing Number	16.710
Statutory Authority	Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, as amended, and the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994, Title I, Part Q, Public Law 103-322, 34 U.S.C. § 10381 et seq.
Grants.gov Opportunity Number	O-COPS-2026-172561
Expected Total Amount of Funding for Funding Opportunity	\$7,000,000
Anticipated Number of Awards Anticipated Award Amount Award Type	Category 1: FY26 Community Policing Development – Law Enforcement Products and Resources • Anticipated Number of Awards: Up to 11

	- Anticipated Award Amount: Up to \$500,000 - Award Type: Cooperative Agreement Category 2: FY26 Community Policing Development – COPS Training Portal - Anticipated Number of Awards: 1 - Anticipated Award Amount: Up to \$1,500,000 - Award Type: Cooperative Agreement
Expected Award Period(s)	24 months, beginning October 1, 2026

Key Dates and Times

NOFO Release Date	12 p.m. ET on July 14, 2026
Pre-application Webinar	April 14, 2026
Step 1: Grants.gov Deadline	04:59 p.m. ET on August 24, 2026
Step 2: JustGrants Deadline	04:59 p.m. ET on August 31, 2026
Anticipated Notification Date	On or after October 1, 2026

See [Questions?](#) at the end of this NOFO for agency contact information.

2. ELIGIBILITY

Eligible Applicants

The following types of entity are eligible to apply for this funding opportunity:

Category 1: FY26 Community Policing Development – Law Enforcement Products and Resources

Eligibility is limited to for-profit (commercial) organizations, nonprofit organizations, institutions of higher education, community groups, and faith-based organizations.

- Educational Organizations
 - Public and state-controlled institutions of higher education
 - Private institutions of higher education
- Nonprofit Organizations
 - Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), other than institutions of higher education
 - Nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education
- For-Profit Organizations
- Organizations other than small businesses
- Other

Category 2: FY26 Community Policing Development – COPS Training Portal

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- For-Profit Organizations
- Organizations other than small businesses
- Small businesses
- Other

“Other” Entities Definition(s)

Small Businesses: Small business grants may be awarded to companies meeting the [size standards established by the U.S. Small Business Administration \(SBA\)](#) for most industries in the economy.

Cost Sharing (Match) Requirement: This NOFO does **not** require cost sharing (match).

Additional 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.

See [Additional Application Components](#) for how to submit.

Eligibility is further limited to applicants who have demonstrated success in the following areas:

- Hosting an eLearning platform that receives thousands of visits and enrollments on a monthly basis
- Marketing/advertising a long-term program to bring in new users as well as recapturing existing users
- Developing high-quality eLearning training courses for law enforcement personnel

3. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Statutory Authority

Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, as amended, and the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994, Title I, Part Q, Public Law 103-322, 34 U.S.C. § 10381 et seq.

Agency Funding Priorities

Consistent with Administration priorities, additional consideration will be provided to the following:

- Agencies that cooperate with federal law enforcement to address illegal immigration. This includes agencies that have a Memorandum of Agreement with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) delegating limited immigration officer authority and allowing access and notice to DHS personnel for agencies that operate detention and correctional facilities.
- Agencies that coordinate and participate with the Homeland Security Task Force (HSTF) or, if awarded, plan to coordinate and participate with the HSTF.

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

Unallowable Activities: The COPS Office has identified activities that are unallowable and will not be funded: Read the [FY26 Community Policing Development Law Enforcement Products and Resources Application Resource Guide](#) for details. In addition, refer to the [Budget](#) section in this NOFO for information on allowable and unallowable costs to help you develop your application.

Goals and Objectives of this Funding Opportunity

Goal 1: Produce innovative knowledge products and resources that promote community-oriented policing and increase the capacity of law enforcement agencies to enhance public safety.

- Objective 1: Provide guidance on promising practices that enhance law enforcement capacity to investigate and solve crimes.
- Objective 2: Develop and test innovative strategies that directly address public safety concerns in order to expand the understanding of critical topics that impact the law enforcement field.
- Objective 3: Build knowledge about effective practices and outcomes to increase awareness of and ready access to cutting-edge solutions to law enforcement investigations.
- Objective 4: Support new, creative approaches to preventing crime and promoting safe communities and a positive image of policing.

Expected Outcomes

The COPS Office expects recipients to submit deliverables and performance reports, as described below. Read the [FY26 Community Policing Development Law Enforcement Products and Resources Application Resource Guide](#) for more information. The COPS Office will measure success by reviewing a recipient's submission of performance reports and data and the extent to which project implementation reflects progress toward the goals and objectives of this NOFO.

Deliverables

Category 1: FY26 Community Policing Development – Law Enforcement Products and Resources

Deliverables should be products or resources focused on creative ideas that advance community policing through common sense policing strategies and in a format that can be distributed to state, local, tribal, and territorial law enforcement agencies nationwide.

For examples, see the COPS Office Resource page: <https://cops.usdoj.gov/resources>. Examples of the types of products and resources that the COPS Office generally distributes include (but are not limited to) the following:

- Training, including in-person, live online/virtual, and/or asynchronous online
 - Training must be developed in accordance with the COPS Office training guidelines and processes.
 - Online trainings must be compatible with the COPS training portal (<https://copstrainingportal.org/>).
- Guidebooks
- Policy guides
- Promising practices reports
- Pilot programs
 - Pilot programs may be undertaken locally but the findings must be applicable nationally. Pilot sites should reflect an appropriate variety of characteristics to ensure that findings are valid nationally.
 - Pilot programs must contain a rigorous evaluation and analysis of viability.
- Case studies
 - Case studies should include a minimum of five sites.
 - Case study sites should be selected with an appropriate variety of characteristics to satisfy the goals of the project. The narrative should explain justification for the selection methodology of case study sites.
- Evaluations
 - Evaluations should include applied research methods that emphasize practice-based evidence. The format and depth of the evaluation should be justified in the narrative and appropriate for the proposed topic.
- Roll call videos
- Podcasts
- Webinars
- Self-assessment tools
 - Self-assessment tools must go through rigorous testing and validation.
- Interactive websites
- Checklists
- Short-form videos
- Other deliverables not listed. Please provide justification for your selection(s)

Substantial Involvement of Federal Agency: The COPS Office expects to make awards as cooperative agreements, which allows the COPS Office to have substantial involvement in carrying out the project. Read the FY26 Community Policing Development Application Resource Guide for a discussion of this involvement and related award conditions.

Category 2: FY26 Community Policing Development – COPS Training Portal

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4. APPLICATION CONTENTS AND FORMAT

Application Contents List

The COPS Office will only consider applications that contain all required parts, which are marked ***REQUIRED*** below. Refer to the [DOJ Grant Application Submission Checklist](#) for application instructions. All supporting documents and resources for this program are on the COPS Office website at <https://cops.usdoj.gov/law-enforcement-products-and-resources>.

Please **do not** include any content, including attachments or language within your application, commenting on, modifying, challenging, and/or editing the grant requirements, including the terms and conditions. Such content, if included, will not be **reviewed or considered** when evaluating your application, nor will any attachment from an applicant unilaterally change the terms of a grant if awarded.

Application Item	Submission Type
Step 1: Grants.gov	
Application for Federal Assistance: SF-424 *REQUIRED*	Online Form
Step 2: JustGrants	
Standard Applicant Information *REQUIRED*	Online Form
Proposal Abstract *REQUIRED*	Text Box
Data Requested with Application *REQUIRED* - FY26 CPD LE Products Eligibility - FY26 CPA Information - CPA General Solicitation Questions	Online Form
Proposal Narrative *REQUIRED*	Attachment
Budget *REQUIRED*	Online Form
Other Budget/Financial Attachments - Budget Narrative *REQUIRED* - Non-Competitive Justification (if applicable) - Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (if applicable) - Consultant Rate (if applicable)	Attachment
Memorandum of Understanding (if applicable)	Attachment
Additional Application Components - Curricula Vitae or Résumés: for all key personnel, subject matter experts or evaluators/academics outside of the law enforcement agency) *REQUIRED* - Project Timeline (timeline of activities mapped to the goals and objectives of the proposed project) *REQUIRED* - Letters of Support: (recommended for multi-jurisdictional/multi-agency projects) Optional	Attachment

Standard Applicant Information ***REQUIRED***

Read the [FY26 Community Policing Development Law Enforcement Products and Resources Application Resource Guide](#) for full details on this section.

Proposal Abstract ***REQUIRED***

Read the [FY26 Community Policing Development Law Enforcement Products and Resources Application Resource Guide](#) for full details on this section.

Data Requested with Application ***REQUIRED***

A copy of the survey questions required for this NOFO can be found at <https://cops.usdoj.gov/law-enforcement-products-and-resources>.

Proposal Narrative *REQUIRED*

Read the [FY26 Community Policing Development Law Enforcement Products and Resources Application Resource Guide](#) for full details on this section.

Budget and Associated Documentation *REQUIRED*

Read the [FY26 Community Policing Development Law Enforcement Products and Resources Application Resource Guide](#) for full details on this section.

Budget/Financial Attachments

Read the [FY26 Community Policing Development Law Enforcement Products and Resources Application Resource Guide](#) for full details on this section.

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and Supporting Documents

Read the [FY26 Community Policing Development Law Enforcement Products and Resources Application Resource Guide](#) for full details on this section.

Additional Application Components

Read the [FY26 Community Policing Development Law Enforcement Products and Resources Application Resource Guide](#) for full details on this section.

Disclosures and Assurances

Read the [FY26 Community Policing Development Law Enforcement Products and Resources Application Resource Guide](#) for full details on this section.

5. SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS AND DEADLINES

The [DOJ Grant Application Submission Checklist](#) provides instructions for how to submit by the deadlines. [Executive Order \(E.O.\) 12372](#) (Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs) applies to this funding opportunity.

Read COPS Office policy for applicants to request late submission due to technical difficulties, severe weather, or natural or manmade disasters in the [FY26 Community Policing Development Law Enforcement Products and Resources Application Resource Guide](#).

6. APPLICATION REVIEW INFORMATION

The [FY26 Community Policing Development Law Enforcement Products and Resources Application Resource Guide](#) explains the responsiveness review, review criteria, and review and selection process, including risk review and deciding official.

7. AWARD NOTICES

Read about the award notification process in the [FY26 Community Policing Development Law Enforcement Products and Resources Application Resource Guide](#).

8. POST-AWARD REQUIREMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

Read the [FY26 Community Policing Development Law Enforcement Products and Resources Application Resource Guide](#) for more information about standard award terms and conditions, administrative and national policy requirements, and post-award reporting requirements.

9. QUESTIONS?

NOFO Contact	COPS Office Response Center Phone: 800-421-6770 Email: AskCopsRC@usdoj.gov Hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET Monday – Friday (closed federal holidays)
SAM.gov Help Desk	Website: https://sam.gov/content/help Hours: 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. ET Monday – Friday
Grants.gov Help Desk	Phone: 800-518-4726 Email: support@grants.gov Website: https://www.grants.gov/support Hours: 24 hours a day, 7 days a week (closed federal holidays)
JustGrants Help Desk	Phone: 833-872-5175 Email: JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov Hours: 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. ET Monday – Friday (9 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET Saturday, Sunday, and federal holidays)