



Fact Sheet

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FY 2026 Microgrants Program Community Policing Development

Microgrants—Community Policing Development (CPD) – funds are used to develop the capacity of law enforcement to implement innovative common sense community policing strategies to address specific problems or issues by providing funding to state, local, tribal, and territorial law enforcement agencies. When properly applied, community policing improves the identification and prioritization of community problems; builds trust and relationships between law enforcement and the communities they serve; and enables an agency to build a culture toward accountability, transparency, open communication, and mutual trust.

WHEN: Deadline for first part of application in Grants.gov is **August 17, 2026**, at 4:59 p.m. ET. Deadline for completed application in JustGrants is **August 24, 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 CPD Microgrants Subcategories

Applicants are invited to propose demonstration or pilot projects to be implemented in their agency that offer creative ideas to advance crime fighting, community engagement, problem solving, or organizational changes to support community policing in one of the following subcategories:

- Detecting and Investigating Human Trafficking
- Gang Violence Enforcement and Investigations
- Immigration and Border Security
- Investigating and Interrupting Child Exploitation
- Investigating and Interrupting Cybercrime
- Investigating and Interrupting Opioids and Drug Markets
- Officer Recruitment, Hiring, and Retention
- Preventing and Investigating Domestic Terrorism
- Unmanned Aerial Systems and Drones
- Vagrancy and Squatting
- Violent Crime Enforcement and Investigations

Detailed descriptions of each of these subcategories are available in the Notice of Funding Opportunity guide. All awards are subject to the availability of appropriated funds and 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 FY2026 Community Policing Development (CPD) Microgrants Program Resource Guide.

Funding Provisions

Provisions include the following:

- The CPD Microgrants funding is open to all local, state, tribal and territorial law enforcement agencies. Applications should be responsive to the subcategory selected, address a specific problem or issue facing the applicant's agency or community, and demonstrate how the proposed project seeks to solve that problem or issue. Applicants are encouraged to propose innovative or creative projects that seek novel approaches to solving challenges. Agencies are encouraged to partner with appropriate outside agencies or organizations that can assist in the successful completion of the project, or in evaluating its effectiveness.
- There is approximately \$6,700,000 in funding available through the FY 2026 CPD Microgrants program. Each award is up to \$200,000 and is two years (24 months) in length. There is no local match.

Additional consideration will be provided to applicants that do the following:

- Serve small and rural communities. Please note: applicants are allowed to self-identify whether their jurisdiction type is rural based on their own geographical considerations.

- Cooperate with federal law enforcement to address illegal immigration.
- Submit accurate race and ethnicity information in the National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS).
- Coordinate and participate with the Homeland Security Task Force (HSTF).

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 17, 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 Microgrants funding opportunity are due by **August 24, 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.