

FY26 COPS CPD Microgrants Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Webinar



Objective:

- To provide guidance on the COPS Office funding opportunity application process.
- To provide an overview of the following COPS Office Open Funding Opportunities:
 - Community Policing Development Microgrants

Before You Apply

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Websites integral to your application:

▶ **SAM.gov**



▶ **Grants.gov**



▶ **JustGrants**



- **Alphanumeric Code:** It is a unique 12-character code made of letters and numbers.
- **Who Gets One:** It is given to all businesses, organizations, and people who register to do business with the federal government



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Before You Apply *cont'd*

SAM.gov

- **All** entities seeking Department of Justice (DOJ) grant funding must have an “active” registration in SAM.gov to acquire Unique Entity Identifier or UEI. Begin the SAM.gov registration or renewal process **30 days prior** to any deadlines to allow time to complete the full process.
- **Unique Entity Identifier (UEI):**
 - the primary way the government identifies organizations for federal awards.
 - It is used across the entire government in the System for Award Management (SAM).
 - It is a unique 12-character code made of letters and numbers given to all businesses, organizations, and people who register to do business with the federal government

Grants.gov

- Acquire an **Authorized Organization Representative (AOR)** and a Grants.gov username and password and confirm registration. <https://www.grants.gov/applicants/applicant-registration>
- Acquire confirmation for the **AOR from the E-Business Point of Contact (E-Biz POC)**.

JustGrants

- **New Entity (without JustGrants Account).** Register the Entity Administrator (E-Biz POC) and the Application Submitter with DOJ's Justice Grants System (JustGrants).
 - Within 24 hours an email will be sent to register for a JustGrants account. The email is from DOJ's secure user management system (DIAMD) and will include instructions on how to create an account.
 - To ensure you receive these emails and that they are not flagged as spam, we recommend adding DIAMD-NoReply@usdoj.gov to the trusted sender list in your email settings.

JustGrants *cont'd*

- **Assign Authorized Representatives.** the Entity Administrator and must log in to JustGrants to confirm the entity's profile, add users, and assign the two required Authorized Representatives (Law Enforcement Executive/Program Official and Government Executive/Financial Official).

Tips for Applicants

For New Applicants

Start immediately: Account setups take **four weeks** to finish.

Add multiple contacts: Use two people so you do not miss emails.

Double-check details: Match your legal name exactly across all systems.

Onboard early: Open your [JustGrants](#) invite link right when it arrives.

For Returning Applicants

Check your status: Log in to [SAM.gov](#) to ensure your account is active.

Update your team: Remove old employees and assign roles to new staff.

Review new rules: Funding guidelines change, so read the new solicitation carefully.

Where do I complete the application?

Completing an application for a funding opportunity with the COPS Office is a two-step process.

After acquiring your Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) on SAM.gov:

STEP 1. [Grants.gov](#)

- Application for Federal Assistance: SF-424
- Section 8F-Applicant Point of Contact
- Section 19-Intergovernmental Review

STEP 2. [JustGrants](#)

- The remainder of the application process is completed here.

Where do I find COPS Office Funding Opportunities?

[COPS Office NOFO Finder](#)

COPS Office Webpage-[Grants Section](#)

Where do I complete the application? :

- ▶ **[COPS.usdoj.gov](https://cops.usdoj.gov)**

Where funding opportunities are located

- ▶ **[Grants.gov](https://grants.gov)**

Where the application is initiated

- ▶ **[JustGrants](https://justgrants.gov)**

Where the application is completed

Tips for Applying

- Prepare.
- Read instructions and review thoroughly.
- Save frequently while submitting your applications in JustGrants.
- Pay attention to opening and closing dates.

Tips for Applying

- If you need to make changes to an application do so before the application deadline utilizing the Application Recall feature.
- Review the [External Application Submission Job Aid Reference Guide](#) for help with the application submission process
- Utilize the [DOJ Grant Application Submission Checklist](#) to make sure you are organized and following the required steps.
- Review the complete “How to Apply” presentation on the COPS Office How to Apply page

Application Recall

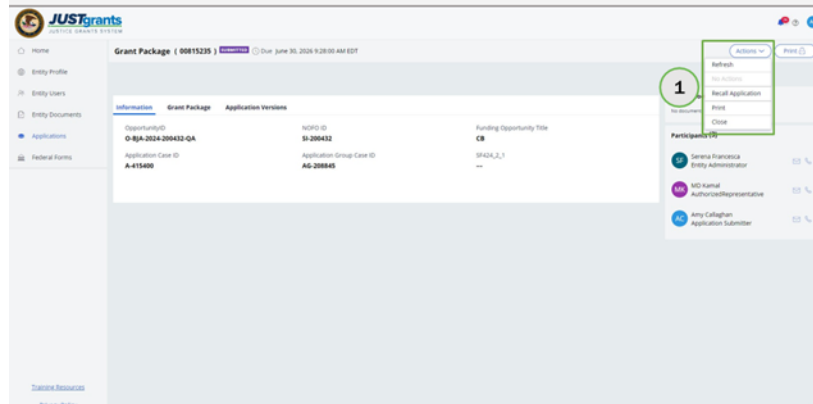
Application Recall

Step 1

IMPORTANT!

The assigned Application Submitter can recall a submitted application before the JustGrants deadline. A recalled application must be resubmitted before the deadline, or the application will not be considered for award.

- 1) Once the application to be recalled has been selected, select Recall Application from the Actions menu.

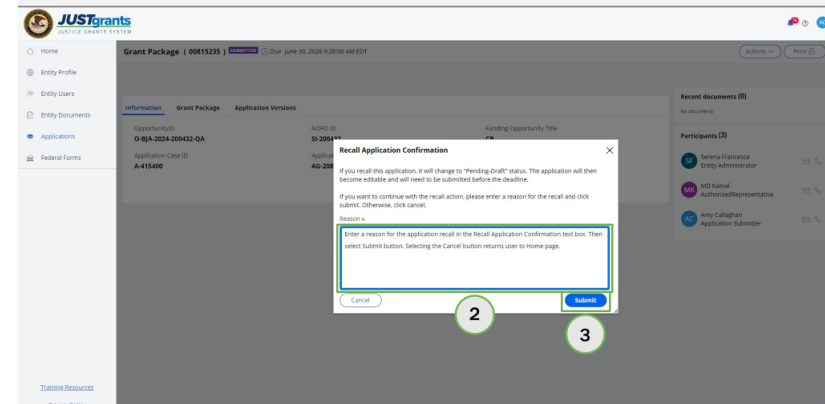


The screenshot shows the JUSTgrants application interface. On the left, there is a sidebar with navigation links: Home, Entity Profile, Entity Users, Entity Documents, Applications (selected), and Federal Forms. The main content area displays a table with columns: Information, Grant Package, Application Versions, and Participants. The table shows details for Grant Package 00815235, including Opportunity ID O-BJA-2024-200432-QA, Application Case ID A-415400, and Application Group Case ID AG-208840. A dropdown menu is open over the 'Participants' column, showing options: Refresh, No Actions, Recall Application (highlighted with a green circle and the number 1), Print, and Close. The 'Participants' list includes Serena Francisco (Entity Administrator), MD Kamal (Authorized Representative), and Amy Callaghan (Application Submitter).

Application Recall

Steps 2 - 3

- 2) Enter a reason for recalling the application in the Recall Application Confirmation pop-up window.
 - If you do not want to recall the application, select Cancel or X.
- 3) Select Submit. The application status will become Pending-Draft.



The screenshot shows the JUSTgrants application interface with a 'Recall Application Confirmation' pop-up window. The window contains the following text: 'Recall Application Confirmation', 'If you recall this application, it will change to "Pending Draft" status. The application will then become editable and will need to be submitted before the deadline.', 'If you want to continue with the recall action, please enter a reason for the recall and click submit. Otherwise, click cancel.', and a text input field labeled 'Reason:'. Below the input field are 'Cancel' and 'Submit' buttons. The 'Submit' button is highlighted with a green circle and the number 2. The 'Cancel' button is highlighted with a green circle and the number 3. The background shows the same application details as the previous screenshot.

FY26 CPD Microgrants

The **FY26 CPD Microgrants** program funds are used to develop demonstration or pilot projects to be implemented in the applying agency to increase their capacity to implement innovative or evidence-based projects that improve officer and public safety. These projects should offer creative ideas to advance crime fighting, increase organizational effectiveness, and promote community safety.

FY26 Microgrants Program Goals and Objectives

Goal: Increase the use of common-sense community policing strategies to address public safety problems through innovative or evidence-based projects.

- *Objective 1:* Fund demonstration or pilot projects to be implemented offering creative ideas that increase an agency's capacity to implement innovative or evidence-based projects that improve officer and public safety.
- *Objective 2:* Fund projects that offer creative ideas to advance crime fighting, increase organizational effectiveness, and promote community safety.

FY26 CPD Microgrants Subcategories

The program has 11 subcategories under which agencies can focus their microgrant initiatives. Full descriptions are available in the NOFO

1. Preventing and investigating domestic terrorism
2. Violent crime enforcement and investigations
3. Gang violence enforcement and investigations
4. Detecting and investigating human trafficking
5. Investigating and interrupting child exploitation
6. Vagrancy and squatting
7. Immigration and border security
8. Investigating and interrupting opioid and drug markets
9. Officer recruitment, hiring, and retention
10. Unmanned aerial systems
11. Investigating and interrupting cybercrime

Frequently asked questions:

Q: What do I do if my project doesn't fit in one of these subcategories?

A: Only projects that fit one of these subcategories are considered within scope and will be considered for funding

Q: What do I do if my project fits more than one subcategory?

A: If your proposed project fits multiple subcategories, pick the subcategory that you think is the most applicable.

FY26 Microgrants Eligibility

- Open to state, local, tribal, and territorial law enforcement agencies
- Agencies must have primary law enforcement authority for their jurisdiction
- **Available funding - \$6.7 Million**
- **Award cap - \$200,000, with no local match**
- Anticipate making a total of **34** awards

Priority Considerations

- Agencies that serve small and rural communities (self-identified)
- Agencies that cooperate with federal law enforcement to address illegal immigration (including agencies that have an MOA with U.S. DHS)
- Agencies that coordinate and participate with the Homeland Security Task Force (or plan to do so if awarded)
- Agencies that submit accurate race and ethnicity information in NIBRS

Out of Scope

- Applicants that are not state, local, tribal, or territorial law enforcement agencies
- Applicants that do not have primary law enforcement authority for their jurisdiction
- Projects to fund the salaries and benefits of new local law enforcement officers and deputies
- Projects that exclusively seek to purchase technology, software or mobile applications, or equipment without an explanation of how it plays into a large crime-fighting strategy
- Projects that budget the majority of their funding for generally unallowable costs such as vehicles, food, exercise and recreational equipment, and promotional items

Additional limit: Applications for projects that would fit under other COPS Office grant programs (i.e. LEMHWA) will not be considered

Frequently Requested Unallowable Items:

- Sworn officer/deputy salary and benefits
- Vehicles
- Local travel funds
- Police K-9s
- Food and other consumables

COPS Office Resources

COPS Office Grants page: <https://cops.usdoj.gov/grants>

Check out the list of OPEN Notice of Funding Opportunities

Each NOFO page contains the following:

- Grants.gov and JustGrants deadlines
- Funding Opportunity Number/Title
- NOFO Guide
- Program Pre-Award Fact Sheet
- Reference materials, if applicable
- Link to the supplemental materials

COPS Office Resources *cont'd*

[How to Apply webpage:](https://cops.usdoj.gov/how-to-apply)

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Frequently asked questions

- How to register for JustGrants Virtual Sessions.
- CPA application materials
 - Reference Guide for Community Policing Advancement (CPA) Programs: Award Certifications and Assurance, Award Terms and Conditions, and additional requirements
 - Project Narrative template (as applicable)
 - Budget Narrative Template

COPS Office Resources *cont'd*

- Technical assistance contacts
- Program Fact Sheets
 - Background Screening
 - Grant Adjustment Modifications – Budget Modification
 - Consultant Contractor Rates
 - Indirect Costs
 - Program Income
 - Sole Source Justification
 - Training Fact Sheet
 - Webinar Fact Sheet
 - SF-425 Helpful Hints

JustGrants Resources

JustGrants page: <https://justicegrants.usdoj.gov/>

- Frequently Asked Questions
- Training
- User Support
- Getting Started
- Resources
- Announcements

Grants.gov Resources

Grants.gov: <https://www.grants.gov>

Customer Service Hotline: 1-800-518-4726

Email: support@Grants.gov

Grants.gov Organization Applicant User Guide:

<https://www.grants.gov/help/get-started/>

Standard Form-Application for Federal Assistance(SF-424):

<https://www.grants.gov/forms/forms-repository/>

Standard Form- Disclosure of Lobbying Activities Form (SF-LLL): <https://www.grants.gov/forms/forms-repository/>

Helpful Online Resources

System for Award Management (SAM):

<https://www.sam.gov>

DOJ Grants Financial Guide:

<https://ojp.gov/financialguide/doj/index.htm>

Uniform Guidance:

https://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?tpl=/ecfrbrowse/Title02/2cfr200_main_02l

Automated Standard Application for Payments (ASAP)

<https://fiscal.treasury.gov/asap/>

THANK YOU!

Email your questions to
AskCopsRC@usdoj.gov



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