

FY26 Collaborative Reform Initiative Program

Required Application Questions

FY26 CR-CRITAC Elig

1. Collaborative Reform Initiative Program Selection & Eligibility

Instructions: The COPS Office is seeking applications from eligible organizations that can support the Collaborative Reform Initiative program. The COPS Office will make two awards from this notice of funding opportunity, one each for the Critical Response and the Collaborative Reform Initiative Technical Assistance Center. These programs are distinct, and applicants must clearly identify which program they are applying for. Applicants may submit proposals for both programs; however, separate proposals will need to be submitted for each program. Furthermore, applicants should be aware that they are unlikely to be selected for both programs.

- Please select the Collaborative Reform Initiative program subcategory that you are applying under:

Eligibility for the FY26 Collaborative Reform Initiative – Critical Response program is limited to for-profit (commercial) organizations, nonprofit organizations, and institutions for higher education.

- Is your organization a for-profit (commercial) organization, nonprofit organization, or institution for higher education?

Eligibility for the FY26 Collaborative Reform Initiative – Collaborative Reform Initiative Technical Assistance Center (CRITAC) program is limited to is limited to law enforcement stakeholder associations (membership organizations).

- Is your organization a law enforcement stakeholder association?
- Are you a state or local governmental entity applying for this funding opportunity?
 - If yes, is your agency in compliance 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 FY25 Resource Guide for Community Policing Advancement (CPA) Programs.

FY26 CPA Information

1. Type of Agency

From the list below, please select the type of agency which best describes the applicant.

- Law Enforcement Entities
- Non-Law Enforcement Entities

Law Enforcement Entities: [Dropdown]

From the list below, please select the type of agency which best describes the applicant.

- Municipal Police
- Sheriff
- County Police (Non-Sheriff)
- State Police Agency
- Regional Police Department
- Federally Recognized Tribal Police
- Federally Recognized Tribal Council
- Federally Recognized Tribal Fish & Wildlife
- Federally Recognized Tribal Courts
- Federally Recognized Tribal – Other
- Public University/College Police
- Private University/College Police
- Natural Resources Police (e.g., Fish and Wildlife or Park Police)
- Transit Police
- Public Housing Police
- School District Police
- Attorney/Court/Investigative Agencies (e.g., District Attorney's Office, Bureau of Investigations, etc.)
- Multijurisdictional Task Force
- Consortium of Law Enforcement Agencies
- Constable
- Marshals
- Emergency Response/Management (Non-Police)
- Municipal Government
- New Start-Up (please specify)

Non-Law Enforcement Entities: [Dropdown]

From the list below, please select the type of agency which best describes the applicant.

- Attorney/Court
- Charter or Private School
- Community/Neighborhood Organization
- Consortium/Partnerships (Other than police/public safety)
- Corrections
- County Government
- Emergency Response/Management (e.g., Fire or EMS)
- Faith-Based Organization
- Federally Recognized Tribal Council
- Federally Recognized Tribal Courts
- Federally Recognized Tribe – Other
- For Profit Organization
- Government
- Multijurisdictional Task Force
- Municipal Government
- National Law Enforcement
- Nonprofit with 501C-3 IRS Status (Other than Institution of Higher Education)
- Nonprofit without 501C-3 IRS Status (Other than Institution of Higher Education)
- Park
- Private University (Other than police/public safety)
- Public Housing
- Public University/College (Other than police/public safety)
- Public University/College Public Safety
- Schools
- State
- State Associations Chiefs of Police (SACOP)
- State Associations of Sheriffs
- State Government
- Transit
- Tribal/Native Village
- Value-based Organization
- Law Enforcement Stakeholder Association

2. Agency Demographics

- Please indicate if your jurisdiction is primarily considered rural, urban, or suburban.
- Please indicate the size of your agency.
- Please enter the number of actual sworn officers employed by your agency as of the date of this application. The actual number of sworn officer positions is the actual number of sworn officers employed by your agency as of the date of this application. Do not include funded but currently vacant positions or unpaid positions.
- Please enter the number of actual civilian positions employed by your agency as of the date of this application. The actual number of civilian positions is the actual number of civilians employed by your agency as of the date of this application. Do not include funded but currently vacant positions or unpaid positions.

3. Cooperation with Federal Immigration Officials

Priority consideration will be given to state or local law enforcement applicants that cooperate with federal immigration officials through the following activities:

- A Memorandum of Agreement between your law enforcement agency and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (“DHS”) under 8 U.S.C. § 1357(g)(1) where officers are delegated limited immigration officer authority to identify and process for removal aliens in your custody under the direction and supervision of DHS.
- A law enforcement agency that operates a detention or correctional facility in which individuals are fingerprinted and detained for periods of 24 hours or longer; and your governing body has or will implement policies and/or practices that ensure: (1) the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (“DHS”) personnel have access to correctional or detention facilities in order to meet with an alien (or an individual believed to be an alien) and inquire as to his or her right to be or to remain in the United States; and (2) DHS is provided upon request at least 48 hours advance notice, where possible, of an alien’s scheduled release date and time so that DHS may take custody of the alien.

Check the below boxes that apply to your agency.

- My agency is a state or local law enforcement agency that has a Memorandum of Agreement with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (“DHS”) under 8 U.S.C. § 1357(g)(1) and our officers are delegated limited immigration officer authority to identify and process for removal aliens in our custody under the direction and supervision of DHS.

My agency is a state or local law enforcement agency that operates a detention or correctional facility in which individuals are fingerprinted and detained for periods of 24 hours or longer; and our governing body has implemented or, before drawing down grant funds if awarded, will implement policies and/or practices that ensure: (1) the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (“DHS”) personnel have access to correctional or detention facilities in order to meet with an

alien (or an individual believed to be an alien) and inquire as to his or her right to be or to remain in the United States; and (2) DHS is provided upon request at least 48 hours advance notice, where possible, of an alien's scheduled release date and time so that DHS may take custody of the alien.

- None of the above.

4. National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS) Data

- Does your agency report crime data to the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS)?
- If yes, does your agency submit accurate race and ethnicity information in NIBRS for each offender, victim, and arrestee involved in each incident?

5. Homeland Security Task Force Coordination and Participation

Priority consideration will be given to law enforcement agencies that coordinate and participate with the [Homeland Security Task Force \(HSTF\)](#) or, if awarded, plan to coordinate and participate with the HSTF. The HSTF is a permanent, interagency law enforcement task force created by [Executive Order 14159 Protecting the American People Against Invasion](#) to combat transnational criminal organizations—including cartels, trafficking networks, and foreign terrorist organizations.

- Does your agency currently coordinate and participate with the Homeland Security Task Force (HSTF)?
- If awarded, does your agency plan to coordinate and participate with HSTF?

6. Duplication Of Funding

Instructions: Applicants are required to disclose whether they have pending applications for federally funded assistance or active federal awards that support the same or similar activities or services for which funding is being requested under this application.

Be advised that as a general rule, COPS Office funding may not be used for the same item or service funded through another funding source. However, leveraging multiple funding sources in a complementary manner to implement comprehensive programs or projects is encouraged and is not seen as inappropriate. To aid the COPS Office in the prevention of awarding potentially duplicative funding, please indicate whether your agency has a pending application or an active award with any other federal funding source (e.g., direct federal funding or indirect federal funding through state sub-awarded federal funds) which supports the same or similar activities or services as being proposed in this COPS Office application.

- Do you have any current, active non-COPS Office award with any other federal funding source (e.g., direct federal funding or indirect federal funding through state subawarded federal funds) that supports the same or similar activities or services as being proposed in this COPS Office application?

- If Yes, for each potentially duplicative non-COPS Office award, provide the following detailed information: name of federal awarding agency, or state agency for subawarded federal funding; award number; program name; award start and end dates; award amount; and description of how this project differs from the application for COPS office funding.
- Do you have any pending non-COPS Office grant applications with any other federal funding source (e.g., direct federal funding or indirect federal funding through state subawarded federal funds) that support the same or similar activities or services as being proposed in this COPS Office application?
 - Yes, for each potentially duplicative non-COPS Office grant application, provide the following detailed information: application number (if known); program name; project length; total requested amount; items requested; and description of how this project differs from the application for COPS Office funding.

7- Certification of Review of 28 CFR Part 23/Criminal Intelligence

Certification of Review of 28 C.F.R. Part 23/Criminal Intelligence Systems:

If your agency is requesting COPS Office funds for equipment or technology that will be used to operate an interjurisdictional criminal intelligence system that receives, stores, analyzes, exchanges, or disseminates data regarding ongoing criminal activities, you must agree to comply with the operating principles at 28 C.F.R Part 23.

If you are requesting COPS Office funds to operate a single agency database (or other unrelated forms of technology) and will not share criminal intelligence data with other jurisdictions, 28C.F.R. Part 23 does not apply. Please review the CPA Resource Guide for additional information.

Please check one of the following, as applicable to your agency's intended use of COPS Office funds:

- No, my agency will not use these COPS Office funds (if awarded) to operate an interjurisdictional criminal intelligence system.
- Yes, my agency will use these COPS Office funds (if awarded) to operate an interjurisdictional criminal intelligence system and will comply with the requirements of 28C.F.R. Part 23.

8- Certification of Review and Representation of Compliance

- By checking the box, the applicant indicates he or she understands that: (1.) the applicant will comply with all legal, administrative, and programmatic requirements that govern the applicant for acceptance and use of federal funds as outlined in the applicable COPS Office Grant Application Resource Guide, the COPS Office Award Owner's Manual, the DOJ Grants Financial Guide, Assurances, Certifications, all Executive Orders, and applicable Presidential Memoranda, program regulations, laws, orders, and circulars; (2.) the applicant understands that as a general

rule COPS Office funding may not be used for the same item or service funded through another funding source; and (3.) the applicant and any required or identified official partner(s) listed in this application mutually agreed to this partnership prior to submission.

9- Acknowledgment of Electronic Signatures

- By checking the box below, the applicant indicates that he or she understands that the use of typed names in this application and the required forms, including the Assurances, Certifications, and Disclosure of Lobbying Activities form, constitute electronic signatures and that the electronic signatures are the legal equivalent of handwritten signatures.

CPA Gen Solicitation Quest

1. Research and Development

Instructions: For the purposes of this solicitation, R&D as defined by 2 C.F.R. §200.87 means all research activities, both basic and applied, and all development activities that are performed by nonfederal entities. The term “research” also includes activities involving the training of individuals in research techniques where such activities use the same facilities as other research and development activities and where such activities are not included in the instruction function. “Research” is defined as a systematic study directed toward fuller scientific knowledge or understanding of the subject studied. “Development” is the systematic use of knowledge and understanding gained from research directed toward the production of useful materials, devices, systems, or methods, including design and development of prototypes and processes.

Please select “yes” if any part of your project could be considered R&D or “no” if no portion of your project would support R&D.

- Could any portion of your project be considered research and development (R&D) as defined by 2 C.F.R. §200.87?

2. Youth-Centered Project

Instructions: For the purposes of this solicitation, please select “yes” if a purpose of some or all of the activities to be carried out under the award (whether by the recipient, or a subrecipient at any tier) is to benefit a set of individuals under 18 years of age. NOTE: A special award condition will apply to all youth-centered awards. This condition will require recipients and subrecipients to make determinations of suitability before certain covered individuals interact with participating minors under the age of 18 years old in the course of activities funded under the award.

- Could any activities under your project involve interactions with minors under the age of 18 years?

3. Training

Instructions: The COPS Office defines training as the teaching and learning activities carried out for the primary purpose of helping members of an organization other than your own acquire and apply the knowledge, skills, abilities, and attitudes needed by a particular job or organization. Training is driven by specific goals and objectives; it is not a single event but rather an ongoing process that requires continuous self-reflection and evaluation. Guides, webinars, articles, conference presentations, toolkits, podcasts, videos, blogs, and news feeds (to provide a few examples) can serve as support material in trainings or as standalone materials to increase knowledge, but on their own they are not defined as training by the COPS Office. Please select “yes” if any part of your project fits within the definition of training or “no” if no portion of your project fits within the definition of training.

- Could any portion of your project be considered training?

4. U.S. Attorney's District Office

- Please select your U.S. Attorney’s District Office from the below drop-down options.

5. Law Enforcement Executive / Program Official Contact Information

- First name:
- Last name:
- Phone:
- Email address:

6. Government Executive / Financial Official Contact Information

- First name:
- Last name:
- Phone:
- Email address:

7. Application Submitter Contact Information

- First name:
- Last name:
- Phone:
- Email address:

8. Law Enforcement and Community Policing Strategy

Instructions: The following is the COPS Office definition of community policing that emphasizes the primary components of community partnerships, organizational transformation, and problem solving: Community policing is a philosophy that promotes organizational strategies that support the systematic use of partnerships and problem solving techniques to proactively address the immediate conditions that give rise to public safety issues such as crime, social disorder, and fear of crime. Please refer to the COPS Office website (<https://cops.usdoj.gov/RIC/ric.php?page=detail&id=COPS-P157>) for further information regarding this definition and its sub-elements.

Please answer the following questions regarding your community support and impact on the jurisdiction.

- To what extent is there community support in your jurisdiction for implementing the proposed award activities?
- If awarded, to what extent will the award activities impact the other components of the criminal justice system in your jurisdiction?
- Explain how the proposed activities address a specific public safety need. (max 250 words)
- Explain how the proposed activities will be utilized to reorient any affected law enforcement agency's mission toward community-oriented policing or enhance its involvement in or commitment to community-oriented policing.
- Identify any current governmental, community or agency initiatives that complement or will be coordinated with the proposed activities. (max 250 words)
- Identify any key community or other stakeholder partnerships (community groups, private and/or public agencies) that will play a role in the implementation of the proposed activities. (max 250 words)
- Describe the strategy to consult with any community groups and appropriate private and public agencies in the implementation of the proposed activities. (max 250 words)

9. Explanation of Need for Financial Assistance

- All applicants are required to explain their inability to address the need for this award without federal assistance. Please do so in the space below. [Please limit your response to a maximum of 1,000 characters.]

10. Continuation of Support After Federal Funding Ends

Instructions: The questions in this section will be used for programs without a retention requirement to report any plans to continue the program or activity after the conclusion of federal funding.

- Does your agency or organization plan to obtain necessary support and continue the program, project, or activity following the conclusion of federal support?
- Please identify the source(s) of funding that your agency plans to utilize to continue the program, project, or activity following the conclusion of federal support:
 - General funds
 - Issue bonds or raise taxes
 - Private sources and donations
 - Non-federal asset forfeiture funds (subject to approval from the state or local oversight agency)
 - State, local, or other non-federal grant funding
 - Fundraising efforts
 - Other
 - If “other” is selected in the above question, please provide a brief description of the source(s) of funding.