

Applicant Name:

Implementation point of contact (name, title, email, and phone): _____

PA1 Public Safety and Community Policing (COPS Office) Narrative Question Set

1. Describe the problem(s)/focus area(s) (i.e., location, severity, type of crime [if applicable], data, impact(s) of issue on community) that will be addressed by this application. [Please limit your response to a maximum of 500 words.]

2. Describe how your agency will use award funds to address the problem(s)/focus area(s) you have identified, including any current gaps in services. [Please limit your response to a maximum of 500 words.]

3. Describe previous efforts to address the problem(s)/focus area(s), and your current and future approach, including a long-term strategy and detailed implementation plan that reflects consultation with community groups and appropriate private and public agencies. [Please limit your response to a maximum of 500 words.]

4. Explain how the grant will be used to reorient your law enforcement agency's mission toward community-oriented policing or enhance its involvement in or commitment to community-oriented policing, including any existing resources that will make this project a success. [Please limit your response to a maximum of 150 words.]

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5. If awarded funds, to what extent will the community policing strategy and increase in police resources impact the other components of the criminal justice system in your jurisdiction? [Select one.]
 - Potentially decreased impact
 - No change in impact
 - Potentially increased impact
6. To what extent are there related governmental and/or community initiatives that complement your agency's proposed community policing strategy and any partnerships that will be created or enhanced as a result of funding? [Select one.]
 - There are a significant number of related initiatives and partnerships.
 - There are a moderate number of related initiatives and partnerships.
 - There are a minimal number of related initiatives and partnerships.
 - There are no related initiatives or partnerships.
7. To what extent is there community support (through, for example, advisory boards; Tribal leaders; nonprofits; private organizations; regional relationships; and financial, in-kind, or other tangible commitments) in your jurisdiction for implementing the proposed project? [Select one.]
 - High level of support
 - Moderate level of support
 - Minimum level of support
8. Does your agency or organization plan to obtain necessary support and continue the program, project, or activity following the conclusion of federal support?
 - Yes
 - No
9. Does your request include officer position(s)?
 - Yes
 - No

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Instructions: Applicants must plan to retain all sworn officer positions awarded for a minimum of 12 months at the conclusion of federal funding for each position. The retained COPS Office–funded position(s) should be added to your agency’s law enforcement budget with Tribal, state, and/or local funds at the end of award funding, over and above the number of locally funded sworn officer positions that would have existed in the absence of the award.

10. If your request includes officer position(s), please identify the source(s) of funding that your agency or organization plans to use to cover the costs of retention. [Select all that apply:]

- General funds
- Issue bonds or raise taxes
- Private sources and donations
- Nonfederal asset forfeiture funds (subject to approval from the state or local oversight agency)
- State, local, or other nonfederal grant funding
- Fundraising efforts
- Other [Please describe]

11. 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 250 words.]

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12. Please indicate whether any of these specific problem focus areas are part of your proposed project. [Select all that apply or none of the above.]

- Missing or murdered Indigenous persons (MMIP)
- Human trafficking
- Domestic terrorism
- None of the above

12a. Please describe the requested item(s) in your Purpose Area #1 budget worksheet that will be used to address these specific problem focus areas. For example, “requested MMIP training for officers,” “requested a new officer to be assigned to human trafficking investigations,” or “requested a new officer to focus on domestic terrorism.” We define these problem focus areas as any effort, costs, etc. associated with crime prevention, investigations, etc. (e.g., equipment, training, officer salaries). This includes officers requested to be part of cold case MMIP task forces or teams. [Please limit your response to a maximum of 150 words.]

Homeland Security Task Force (HSTF) 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.

13. Does your agency currently coordinate and participate with the Homeland Security Task Force (HSTF)?

- Yes
- No

14. If no, if awarded, does your agency plan to coordinate and participate with HSTF?

- Yes
- No