

*FY26 Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act (LEMHWA)  
Program*

# Survey Questions

## Required Application Questions

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# FY26 LEMHWA Program

## 1 – LEMHWA Program Selection

**Instructions:** Applicants for the Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act (LEMHWA) program must select one of the subcategories from the list below. Please select the LEMHWA subcategory that you are applying for:

- **Category 1: Start-up LEMHWA Implementation Projects** – seeks to provide funding to law enforcement agencies that do not have established law enforcement-specific mental health and wellness programming. These funds will serve as start-up funding to support the development of new mental health and wellness services and programming for employees of law enforcement agencies. This program is limited to state, local, tribal, and territorial law enforcement agencies.

PLEASE NOTE: Applicants must have primary law enforcement jurisdiction within their area of responsibility. Agencies that respond only to certain types of crimes, such as statewide investigative agencies, or only to crimes occurring within correctional institutions, are ineligible. Applicants that have received LEMHWA funding in the past or have established law-enforcement specific mental health and wellness programming are ineligible for this funding opportunity.

- **Category 2: Enhanced LEMHWA Implementation Projects**- seeks to provide funding to law enforcement agencies that have current wellness programs in place and are seeking to enhance or expand upon those existing wellness programs. Existing LEMHWA awardees are eligible to apply but requests for new funding should not be for the continuation of current or past projects. Proposed work should enhance or expand existing mental health and wellness efforts. This program is limited to state, local, tribal, and territorial law enforcement agencies.

PLEASE NOTE: Applicants must have primary law enforcement jurisdiction within their area of responsibility. Agencies that respond only to certain types of crimes, such as statewide investigative agencies, or only to crimes occurring within correctional institutions, are ineligible.

- **Category 3: LEMHWA Community of Practice Initiative**- seeks to support a network for LEMHWA grantees that includes peer support and technical assistance through the development and facilitation of an innovative forum where grantees can learn from their peers and share promising practices. This program is limited to for-profit organizations, nonprofit organizations, institutions of higher education, community groups, and faith-based organizations.

PLEASE NOTE: State, local, tribal, and territorial law enforcement agencies are ineligible for this program and should apply under either the LEMHWA Startup or LEMHWA Enhanced programs.

## 2 – LEMHWA Startup Eligibility

**Instructions:** Applicant eligibility for the LEMHWA Start-Up Implementation Projects is limited to state, local, tribal, and territorial law enforcement agencies. The following questions will be used to determine eligibility. NOTE: If you select “no,” to the following questions you will be considered ineligible for this subcategory and will not receive consideration for funding.

An agency with primary law enforcement authority is defined as the first responder to calls for service for all types of criminal incidents within its jurisdiction. Agencies are not considered to have primary law enforcement authority if they only: respond to or investigate specific type(s) of crime(s), respond to or investigate crimes within a correctional institution, serve warrants, provide courthouse security, transport prisoners, have cases referred to them for investigation or investigational support or only some combination of these.

- Based on this definition, does your agency have primary law enforcement authority? [Or, if contracting to receive services, does the agency that will be providing law enforcement services have primary law enforcement authority for the population to be served?]

A law enforcement is established and operational if the jurisdiction has passed authorizing legislation and it has a current operating budget.

- Based on the definition above, is your agency established and currently operational?
- 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 FY26 Resource Guide for this program.
- Has your agency received LEMHWA funding in the past?

## 3 – LEMHWA Enhanced Eligibility

**Instructions:** Applicant eligibility for the LEMHWA Enhanced Implementation Projects is limited to state, local, tribal, and territorial law enforcement agencies. The following questions will be used to determine eligibility. NOTE: If you select “no,” to the following questions you will be considered ineligible for this subcategory and will not receive consideration for funding.

An agency with primary law enforcement authority is defined as the first responder to calls for service for all types of criminal incidents within its jurisdiction. Agencies are not considered to have primary law enforcement authority if they only: respond to or investigate specific type(s) of crime(s), respond to or

investigate crimes within a correctional institution, serve warrants, provide courthouse security, transport prisoners, have cases referred to them for investigation or investigational support or only some combination of these.

- Based on this definition, does your agency have primary law enforcement authority? [Or, if contracting to receive services, does the agency that will be providing law enforcement services have primary law enforcement authority for the population to be served?]

A law enforcement is established and operational if the jurisdiction has passed authorizing legislation and it has a current operating budget.

- Based on the definition above, is your agency established and currently operational?
- 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 FY26 Resource Guide for this program.
- Did your agency receive LEMHWA funding in fiscal year 2024 or 2025?

PLEASE NOTE: Existing LEMHWA awardees are eligible to apply but requests for new funding should not be for the continuation of current or past projects. Proposed work should enhance or expand existing mental health and wellness efforts.

#### **4 – LEMHWA Community of Practice Initiative Eligibility**

The LEMHWA Community of Practice Initiative is limited to for-profit organizations, nonprofit organizations, institutions of higher education, community groups, and faith-based organizations. The following questions will be used to determine eligibility. NOTE: If you select “no,” to the following questions you will be considered ineligible for this subcategory and will not receive consideration for funding.

- Is your organization a for-profit organization, nonprofit organization, institution of higher education, community group, or faith-based organization?
- 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 FY26 Resource Guide for this program.

Applicants for this program are required to submit a proposal narrative as an attachment in JustGrants. The proposal narrative must respond to the NOFO and include the section headings listed in the NOFO, as well as describe how the project will advance community policing as it pertains to the chosen subcategory. The COPS Office provides a template for the project narrative that can be used as a voluntary tool to assist your organization in developing this required document. You will be able to access the template (Microsoft Word document) via the How to Apply page on the COPS Office website.

PLEASE NOTE: The narrative will be a significant factor in the application review and approval process. Failure to provide this information will eliminate your application from consideration.

## 5 – Agency 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?

- If 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 describe how this project differs from the application for COPS Office funding.

## **6– Agency Mental Health Related Data Collection**

- Does your agency collect data on the number of officer suicides in your agency?
- In the past 12 months, has the agency experienced any deaths by suicide?
- In the past 12 months has the agency faced traumatic events excluding death by suicide (including but not limited to end of watch death, officer involved shooting, local mass casualty events, catastrophic weather events)?
- Please describe the nature of the event that impacted your agency.
- Does your agency have a suicide prevention training program?
- Does your agency track officers that have been exposed to ‘critical incidents’ such as murder, suicide, and domestic violence?

## **7 – LEMHWA Start-up Implementation Projects**

LEMHWA Start-up Implementation Projects funding provides support to law enforcement agencies that do not have established mental health and wellness programming. These funds will serve as start-up funding to support the development of new mental health and wellness services and programming for employees of law enforcement agencies.

In this section you will be asked a series of questions on your proposed LEMHWA program and how it will initiate your agency’s capacity to implement mental health and wellness programming.

### **Proposed LEMHWA Program**

#### **Program Focus**

Please select the focus area(s) your project will address through this award funding. It is recommended agencies focus on no more than 3 areas to Selection(s) below must be detailed in the program focus section of the Proposed LEMHWA Program – Narrative Section below.

- Employee Assistance Programs
- Peer Support Services/Training
- Counseling/Clinical Services (does not include sports psychologists or life coaches)
- Suicide Prevention Services/Training
- Stress Management and Resilience Services/Training
- Chaplaincy/Spiritual Services Support
- Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) Teams/Training

- Family Support Services/Training
- Financial Literacy Services/Training
- Retirement Readiness Services
- Dietician/Nutrition Services
- Yoga/Mindfulness Instruction
- Mental Health Technology and Software
- Other
  - If "Other" program focus is selected above, please describe the focus of your proposed program.

### **Program Impact**

Please indicate which of the following components will be included to increase the reach and impact of your proposed LEMHWA program.

- Multi-Jurisdictional Partnerships – projects that incorporate multiple agencies and/or include regional partnerships to increase services and coordination to provide services to other agencies in the field.
- Please list the agencies that will be served through your proposed project, and/or regional partnerships that will be incorporated into your proposed project.
- Sworn and Non-Sworn Services- projects that offers both sworn and non-sworn mental health and wellness programming
- Family Support Services- projects that offers mental health wellness programming for families of sworn and non-sworn personnel.

## **Proposed LEMHWA Program -Narrative Section**

### **Program Focus**

- Please list and describe the specific activities or services that your agency would implement or provide if awarded LEMHWA funding. (max 250 words)

### **Program Impact**

- What specific outcome(s) do(es) your agency expect to accomplish with this project? An outcome is a final result that comes from the implementation of this project. Outcomes should be measurable and explain how the project team will track or measure them. What data will you gather in order to assist with evaluating the effectiveness of the program (e.g.; internal survey(s) of work-related stress, job satisfaction, community survey(s) of topics such as trust in or satisfaction with the agency, change in rates of use of force, number of people using services, or other—please describe)? Why did you choose that data? (max. 500 words)

## **Program Implementation**

- Please describe the overall management and implementation plan for the project.
  1. Describe the key team members from your agency, their relevant experience and specific duties for this project.
  2. If applicable, please describe project partners, their relevant experience and specific duties for this project. Please Note: A timeline of project activities and milestones and who will complete the activities, will need to be uploaded in the “Additional Application Components” section. (max 250 words)
- Please describe the qualifications of any clinicians, or mental health providers you plan to include in your proposed program. Applicants should upload résumés or vitae as a separate attachment for any direct hires, contractors, or subcontractors. Life and fitness coaches and sports psychologists are unallowable. If not applicable, please enter N/A as a response.
- What marketing strategies do you plan to use to raise awareness of your proposed program?
- Please describe how the agency will ensure appropriate confidentiality for participants and service recipients.

## **Program Sustainability**

- Please describe how your proposed LEMHWA program will be sustained once the award ends. (max 125 words)

## **8 – LEMHWA Enhanced Implementation Projects**

LEMHWA Enhanced Implementation Projects funding provide support to law enforcement agencies that have current wellness programs in place and are seeking to enhance or expand upon those existing wellness programs. Existing LEMHWA awardees are eligible to apply but requests for new funding should not be for the continuation of current or past projects. Proposed work should enhance or expand existing mental health and wellness efforts.

In this section you will be asked a series of questions on your proposed LEMHWA program and how it will enhance your agency’s capacity to implement mental health and wellness programming.

### **Agency Wellness Practices**

#### **Existing Wellness Policies and Procedures**

Please select the existing mental health and wellness related policies and procedures currently employed by your agency. Select all that apply.

- Early Intervention Systems
- Routine Mental Health Screenings
- Mandated Critical Incident De-briefings
- Post-Incident Psychological Evaluations

- Mandated Rest Periods
- Flexible Shifts and Post-Trauma Leave Options
- Trauma-Informed Leadership
- Suicide Prevention Policies
- Support for Substance Use Disorders
- None of the above

### **Existing Wellness Programming**

Please select the existing mental health and wellness programming your agency currently provides.

Select all that apply

- Employee Assistance Programs
- Counseling/Clinical Services (for officers, non-sworn staff, families, and retirees; does not include sports psychologists or life coaches)
- Peer Support Services/Training
- Suicide Prevention Services/Training
- Stress Management and Resilience Services/Training
- Chaplaincy/Spiritual Services/Support
- Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) Teams/ Training
- Family Support Services/Training
- Trauma-Informed Leadership Training
- Financial Literacy Services/Training
- Retirement Readiness Services
- Dietician/Nutrition Services
- Yoga/Mindfulness Instruction
- Mental Health Technology and Software
- None of the above

### **Proposed LEMHWA Program**

#### **Program Focus**

LEMHWA funding must be used for new programming or to expand on existing mental health and wellness efforts. From the list below, please select the specific activities or services that your agency would implement or provide if awarded funding. Please choose the option that best fits the purpose of your project. You may select more than one focus area to address through this award funding.

Selection(s) below must be detailed in the program focus section of the Proposed LEMHWA Program – Narrative Section below, and included in your program budget as validation for your selection(s). Failure to do so will negatively impact the final score of your application.

- Employee Assistance Programs
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- Other
- Please describe the focus of your proposed project.

### **Program Impact**

Please indicate which of the following components will be included to increase the reach and impact of your proposed LEMHWA program. Please check all that apply. Selection(s) below must be detailed in the program impact section of the Proposed LEMHWA Program – Narrative Section below and included in your program budget (when applicable) as validation for your selection(s). Failure to do so will negatively impact the final score of your application.

- Multi-Jurisdictional Partnerships – projects that incorporate multiple agencies and/or include regional partnerships to increase services and coordination to provide services to other agencies in the field.
  - Please list the agencies that will be served through your proposed project, and/or regional partnerships that will be incorporated into your proposed project.
- Sworn and Non-Sworn Services – projects that offer both sworn and non-sworn mental health and wellness programming
- Family Support Services – projects that offer mental health wellness programming for families of sworn and non-sworn personnel.
- Participant Confidentiality – projects that include appropriate steps to ensure confidentiality of participants and service recipients

## Program Sustainability

**Instructions:** The questions in this section will be used to determine how your agency 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?

## Proposed LEMHWA Program – Narrative Section

### Program Focus

- Please describe the specific activities or services that your agency would implement or provide if awarded LEMHWA funding. (max 250 words)
- Will these activities or services (as described above) be available to non-sworn employees?
- Please describe the specific activities or services that your agency would implement or provide to families if awarded LEMHWA funding. (max 250 words) Note: If not applicable, please enter N/A as response.

### Program Impact

- What specific outcome(s) do(es) your agency expect to accomplish with this project? An outcome is a final result that comes from the implementation of this project. Outcomes should be measurable and explain how the project team will track or measure them. (max 250 words)
- What data will you gather in order to assist with evaluating the effectiveness of the program (e.g.; internal survey(s) of work-related stress, job satisfaction, community survey(s) of topics such as trust in or satisfaction with the agency, change in rates of use of force, number of people using services, or other—please describe)? Why did you choose that data? (max. 250 words)

### Program Implementation

Please describe the overall management and implementation plan for the project.

1. Describe the key team members from your agency, their relevant experience and specific duties for this project.
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  - Please provide the names of the additional agencies that you plan to offer wellness programming under the proposed program. If not applicable, please enter N/A as a response.

- Please describe the qualifications of any clinicians, or mental health providers you plan to include in your proposed program. Applicants should upload résumés or vitae as a separate attachment for any direct hires, contractors, or subcontractors. Life and fitness coaches and sports psychologists are unallowable. If not applicable, please enter N/A as a response.
- Please describe how the agency will ensure appropriate confidentiality for participants and service recipients. (max 250 words)

### **Program Sustainability**

- Please describe how your proposed LEMHWA program will be sustained once the award ends. If not applicable, please enter N/A as a response. (max. 250 words).

## **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
- Federal Recognized Tribal Police
- Federal Recognized Tribal Council
- Federal Recognized Tribal Fish & Wildlife
- Federal Recognized Tribal Courts
- Federal 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 Institutional of Higher Education)
- Nonprofit without 501C-3 IRS Status (Other than Institutional 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 our 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:**

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- 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.
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- 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 describe 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 General Solicitation Questions

## 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 250words)
- 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.