



FY26 Preparing for Active Shooter Situations (PASS) Grant Program

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. What is the purpose of PASS funding?

- A. COPS Office Preparing for Active Shooter Situations (PASS) program funds are used to increase public and law enforcement safety by training first responders nationwide—including law enforcement, fire, emergency medical services (EMS), dispatchers, medical personnel, facility security, emergency management, and any other professionals who may reasonably be key to a successful integrated response—to handle an active shooter or other violent threat.

In addition, under the FY26 PASS program, funding has been expanded to include the provision of training for law enforcement and mental health and social service providers on how best to prepare their communities for a hostile event and respond to an active shooter incident. Training will provide information on a response and recovery plan that includes coordination with mental health and social service community resources and stakeholders.

Q. What is the funding amount and how many awards will be made?

- A. One award, up to \$10,350,000

Q. Who is eligible to apply?

- A. This Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) is open to all public governmental agencies, federally recognized Indian tribes, for-profit (commercial) organizations, nonprofit organizations, institutions of higher education, community groups, and faith-based organizations. For-profit organizations (as well as other recipients) must forgo any profit or management fee. The COPS Office welcomes applications under which two or more entities would carry out the federal award; however, only one entity may be the applicant.

Q. What is the deadline for this NOFO?

- A. The PASS NOFO deadline for first part of the application in Grants.gov is August 4, 2026, at 4:59 p.m. ET. Deadline for completed application in JustGrants is August 11, 2026, at 4:59 p.m. ET.

Q. How long is the award period for the PASS program?

- A. PASS awards will have a performance period of 12 months in duration. Budgets should accurately reflect the appropriate performance period.

Q. Does the PASS NOFO require a proposal narrative?

- A. The PASS NOFO does require a proposal narrative. The project narrative should be no more than 20 pages long.

Items counting toward the 20-page limit: Executive summaries, abstracts, timelines, graphs, and charts (regardless of pagination in front matter) will count toward the overall page limit.

Items not counting toward the 20-page limit: Cover page, table of contents, and references (should be formatted as endnotes) will not count toward the overall page limit.

Please refer to the NOFO for full details on application requirements and the list of applicable survey questions.

Q. What projects are considered out of scope?

- A. Agencies looking for active shooter training will not be considered. If you are seeking requests for training or technical assistance, please visit the COPS Office website, <https://cops.usdoj.gov/>, for information on COPS Office technical assistance.

Organizations unable to deliver national training will not be considered.

Organizations unable to train at least 20,000 individual first responders over the course of the award will not be considered.

Projects that do not focus on active shooter training as specified under the Requirements & Deliverable section of the NOFO will not be considered.