



Fact Sheet

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2026 Preparing for Active Shooter Situations (PASS) Program

The preparedness of law enforcement to respond to active shooter incidents is a priority of the Administration. Through the **Preparing for Active Shooter Situations (PASS)** program, the Department of Justice supports this priority by providing funding to deliver nationally recognized, scenario-based training that prepares officers, first responders, 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.

PASS funds are used to increase public and law enforcement safety nationwide by providing comprehensive scenario-based training for police, fire, emergency medical services (EMS), dispatchers, medical personnel, facility security, emergency management, and any other key professionals to ensure an integrated response to active shooter or violent threats. Training provided under the 2026 PASS program has expanded to include training for law enforcement, mental health professionals, and social service providers to better prepare communities for hostile events and improve response efforts.

WHEN: Deadline for first part of 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.

Start EARLY. The process takes more than one day.

WHERE: **1.** Register online with www.sam.gov to obtain a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) and www.grants.gov to complete the Grants.gov application package.

2. Complete the application in the [JustGrants Justice Grants System](#).

HOW: Online only. No hard copies sent by U.S. Mail or electronic copies sent via email.

COPS Office Preparing for Active Shooter Situations (PASS) Program

The 2026 PASS program will fund one provider to train first responders through scenario-based, multidisciplinary training classes across the country.

Detailed description of the PASS program is available in the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO).

Funding Provisions

Provisions include the following:

- A training provider who can deliver nationwide, to at least 20,000 first responders, "integrated, scenario-based response courses" as described in the 2016 Protecting Our Lives by Initiating COPS Expansion (POLICE) Act.
- Must have substantial experience with providing and tailoring cross-disciplinary active shooter training to law enforcement and other first responders nationally.
- Funding may be used to provide supplemental resources to help first responders maintain vital but perishable skills—including scenario libraries and e-learning modules—and to enhance agency skills in tactical medicine and managing exposure to trauma.

- The project description should address the following objectives:
 - Train at least 20,000 first responders across the United States over the course of the award through scenario-based, multidisciplinary training classes.
 - Provide training to 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.
 - Provide comprehensive scenario-based training for police, 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.
 - Provide training information on a response and recovery plan that includes coordination with mental health and social service community resources and stakeholders.
 - Provide training for primary schools, secondary schools, and college campuses, with training of those officers to be integrated with that of local law enforcement; there is also a focus on tracking of trained personnel.
 - Provide a minimum of ten percent of training directed to audiences responsible for active shooter response in schools and on primary, secondary, and college campuses. This training will provide priority access for SROs funded through the CHP Program.
 - Offer a training catalog that includes tactical medical intervention train-the-trainer for law enforcement; command staff–level incident leadership training; emergency call center staff (dispatcher) training to improve communications during active shooter incidents; exercise planning for preparedness; and training on resiliency and post-event wellness to ensure that caring for law enforcement officers does not end when the scene is secured.
 - Offer courses to law enforcement on both team and solo deployment tactics, as well as be able to provide training in tactical medicine and civilian response so that law enforcement agencies can better ensure that their whole community is prepared in the case of an active shooter event.
 - Provide training for medical first responders on best practices to treat victims of active shooter incidents.

- Test police tactical responses in a controlled environment—including defensive tactics, car stops, room entries, etc.—to inform ongoing training.
- Conduct ongoing evaluation of training offerings, including short- and long-term follow-up with participating jurisdictions on the usefulness of training and local efforts to reinforce knowledge and skills.

This funding opportunity is open to any public governmental agency, federally recognized Indian tribe, nonprofit organization, for-profit organization, institution of higher education, community group, or faith-based organization.

There is up to \$10,350,000 in funding available through the FY 2026 PASS program. The program will fund one award, which will be one year (12 months) in length. There is no local match.

Additional Applicant Eligibility Factors

State and local governmental entities must comply 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 Preparing for Active Shooter Situations (PASS) Program Resource Guide.

Additional consideration will be provided to applicants that

- Serve small and rural communities (law enforcement applicants only). Please note: Applicants are allowed to self-identify whether their jurisdiction type is rural based on their own geographical considerations. Cooperate with federal law enforcement to address illegal immigration (law enforcement applicants only).
- Submit accurate race and ethnicity information in the National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS) (law enforcement applicants only).
- Coordinate and participate with the Homeland Security Task Force (HSTF) (law enforcement applicants only).

Receiving priority consideration does not guarantee funding.

How to Apply

Before You Begin: SAM. Register with the SAM (System of Award Management) database or confirm or renew your existing SAM registration.

Confirm your entity's electronic business point of contact (E-Biz POC) in SAM is accurate.

Step 1: Grants.gov. Register with Grants.gov or confirm your existing registration.

Submit the first part of your application in Grants.gov.

Deadline to complete this step is August 4, 2026, at 4:59 p.m. ET.

Step 2: JustGrants. Onboard your agency to the JustGrants Justice Grants System.

Complete and submit the second part of your application in JustGrants (<https://www.justicegrants.usdoj.gov>).

Further instructions and explanations of the application process can be found on the COPS Office website at <https://cops.usdoj.gov>.

Complete application packages for the FY 2026 PASS funding opportunity are due by **August 11, 2026, at 4:59 p.m. ET.**

Contact the COPS Office

For more information about the PASS program, please call the COPS Office Response Center at 800-421-6770 or visit the COPS Office website at cops.usdoj.gov.