



# Fact Sheet

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## FY 2026 Safer Outcomes: Enhancing Crisis Response Training for Law Enforcement

**Safer Outcomes** funds are used to promote safe outcomes during police encounters through the integration de-escalation and crisis response training for law enforcement officers, support personnel employed by law enforcement agencies, and associated mental health professionals. Supported training programs must address one or more of the following areas of focus:

1. De-escalation tactics and alternatives to use of force
2. Safely responding to an individual experiencing a mental or behavioral health or suicidal crisis
3. Safe encounters with individuals with disabilities
4. Successfully participating on a crisis intervention team
5. Making referrals to community-based services and support

**WHEN:** Deadline for first part of application in Grants.gov is **August 27, 2026**, at 4:59 p.m. ET. Deadline for completed application in JustGrants is **September 3, 2026**, at 4:59 p.m. ET. **Start EARLY.** The process takes more than one day.

**WHERE:** 1. Register online with [www.sam.gov](https://www.sam.gov) to obtain a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) and [www.grants.gov](https://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.

### FY26 Safer Outcomes: Enhancing Crisis Response Training for Law Enforcement

This year's Safer Outcomes program has one funding opportunity with three subcategories:

- Continuation of Regional De-Escalation Training Centers
- Curriculum Integration for Law Enforcement Academies and State-Level Training Commissions
- Support for Law Enforcement Agencies

Please see the chart on page 2 for an overview description of each funding opportunity. All awards are subject to the availability of appropriated funds and any modifications or additional requirements that may be imposed by law.

| Title of funding opportunity                                                                                                                                                                           | Eligible applicants                                                                                                                                                                             | Overview summary                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Cap per award                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
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| <b>FY26 Safer Outcomes:<br/>Enhancing Crisis Response<br/>Training for Law Enforcement –<br/>Support for Law Enforcement<br/>Agencies</b>                                                              | State, local, tribal, and territorial law enforcement agencies                                                                                                                                  | Support training on de-escalation and crisis response and equipment, supplies, personnel costs, and contracts for embedded co-responder crisis intervention teams                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | \$350,000                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>FY26 Safer Outcomes:<br/>Enhancing Crisis Response<br/>Training for Law Enforcement<br/>– Curriculum Integration for<br/>Law Enforcement Academies<br/>and State-Level Training<br/>Commissions</b> | Law enforcement training academies or state-level regulatory bodies with the authority to establish training standards or mandate training curriculum for law enforcement (government entities) | <p><u>Academy path</u>: Direct grants to law enforcement training academies that deliver a curriculum of basic law enforcement instruction required for certification and employment in sworn officer positions for state, local, tribal, or territorial law enforcement agencies</p> <p><u>Commission path</u>: Direct grants to state-level regulatory bodies with the authority to establish training standards or mandate training curriculum for law enforcement officers in the state, commonly referred to as Police Officer Standards and Training Commissions or Peace Officer Standards and Training Commissions (POST)</p>                                                                                                           | \$500,000                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>FY26 Safer Outcomes:<br/>Enhancing Crisis Response<br/>Training for Law Enforcement<br/>– Continuation of Regional<br/>De-Escalation Training Centers</b>                                           | Limited to organizations that have received funding from the Safer Outcomes or Regional De-Escalation Training Centers programs in prior fiscal years (FY21–FY25).                              | <p><u>Continuation of Regional De-Escalation Training Centers</u>: Support provision of training and programming to state, local, tribal, and territorial law enforcement agencies in a multistate region</p> <p><u>Continuation and Coordination of Regional De-Escalation Training Centers</u>: Provide continuation funding for the provision of training and programming to state, local, tribal, and territorial law enforcement agencies in a multistate region. Additionally, funding will be provided to support and coordinate with the other Regional De-escalation Training Centers to foster ongoing communication and consistency across centers as well as development of other training deliverables as outlined in the NOFO</p> | <p><u>Continuation of Regional De-Escalation Training Centers</u>: up to \$500,000</p> <p><u>Continuation and Coordination of Regional De-Escalation Training Centers</u>: up to \$750,000 (including \$250,000 for coordination component)</p> |

## 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 Safer Outcomes Program Resource Guide.

## Funding Provisions

In addition to the table, provisions include the following:

- Applications should be responsive to the opportunity selected, significantly advance the field of community policing, and demonstrate an understanding of community policing as it pertains to the application topic. Applicants must identify specific program goals that will be directly accomplished if awarded Safer Outcomes funding. Detailed descriptions of eligibility and additional information are available in the individual notices of funding opportunity.
- There is up to \$13 million in funding available through the FY 2026 Safer Outcomes program. Each award is two years (24 months) in length. There is no local match
- Additional consideration will be provided to applicants that do the following:
  - Cooperate with federal law enforcement to address illegal immigration.
  - Serve small and rural communities. Please note: Applicants are allowed to self-identify whether their jurisdiction type is rural based on their own geographical considerations.

- Submit accurate race and ethnicity information in the National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS).
- Coordinate and participate with the Homeland Security Task Force (HSTF).

Addressing these priorities is one of many factors that the COPS Office considers in making funding decisions. 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 27, 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 Safer Outcomes funding opportunity are due by **September 3, 2026, at 4:59 p.m. ET.**

## Contact the COPS Office

For more information about COPS Office programs and resources, please call the COPS Office Response Center at 800-421-6770 or visit the COPS Office website at [cops.usdoj.gov](https://cops.usdoj.gov).