

FY 2026 COPS Technology and Equipment Program (TEP) Survey Questions

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Agency Eligibility Information

1. Type of Agency (select one)

- Law Enforcement
- Non-Law Enforcement

From the list below, please select the type of agency which best describes the applicant.

2. Law Enforcement Entities

- Municipal Police
- Sheriff
- County Police (Non-Sheriff)
- State Police Agency
- Regional Police Department
- Federally Recognized Tribal Police
- Federally Recognized Tribal Council
- Federally Recognized Tribal Fish & Wildlife
- Federally Recognized Tribal Courts
- Federally 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

- 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 Institution of Higher Education)
- Nonprofit without 501C-3 IRS Status (Other than Institution 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

3. Are you a state or local governmental entity applying for this funding opportunity? [Dropdown]
- Yes
 - No (if no, continue to question 4)

3a. 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.

- Yes
- No*

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4. Please indicate if your jurisdiction is primarily considered rural, urban, or suburban.
- Rural
 - Urban
 - Suburban

Duplication of 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 subawarded federal funds) which supports the same or similar activities or services as being proposed in this COPS Office application.

5. 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?
- Yes
- No

5a. 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.

6. 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 supports the same or similar activities or services as being proposed in this COPS Office application?
- Yes
- No

6a. 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.

Executive and Contact Information

Please provide the name and contact information for the highest-ranking Law Enforcement or Program Official and Government Executive or Financial Official for your agency or organization, please see instructions below.

Law Enforcement Executive/Program Official

This position will ultimately be responsible for the programmatic management of the award.

Instructions for Law Enforcement Agencies:

For law enforcement agencies, the Law Enforcement Executive is the highest-ranking official in the jurisdiction (Chief of Police, Sheriff, or equivalent). Before this application can be submitted, the Entity Administrator in JustGrants must invite this individual to apply for a JustGrants account with the role of Authorized Representative, and this individual must log in to JustGrants to review the application.

Instructions for Non-Law Enforcement Agencies:

For non-law enforcement agencies (e.g., institutions of higher education, school districts, private organizations, etc.), the Program Official is the highest-ranking official in the jurisdiction (e.g., executive director, chief executive officer, or equivalent). Please note that information for non-executive positions (e.g., clerks, trustees) is not acceptable. Before this application can be submitted, the Entity Administrator in JustGrants must invite this individual to apply for a JustGrants account with the role of Authorized Representative, and this individual must log in to JustGrants to review the application.

7a. Title:

7b. First name:

7c. Last name:

7d. Phone:

7e. Email address:

Government Executive/Financial Official

This position will ultimately be responsible for the financial management of the award.

Instructions for Government Agencies:

For law enforcement agencies, this is the highest-ranking government official within your jurisdiction (e.g., Superintendent, Mayor, City Administrator, or equivalent). Before this application can be submitted, the Entity Administrator in JustGrants must invite this individual to apply for a JustGrants account with the role of Authorized Representative, and this individual must log in to JustGrants to review the application.

Instructions for Non-Government Agencies:

For non-law enforcement agencies, this is the financial official who has the authority to apply for this award on behalf of the applicant agency (e.g., Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer, or equivalent). Please note that information for non-executive positions (e.g., clerks, trustees) is not acceptable. Before this application can be submitted, the Entity Administrator in JustGrants must invite this individual to apply for a JustGrants account with the role of Authorized Representative, and this individual must log in to JustGrants to review the application.

8a. Title:

8b. First name:

8c. Last name:

8d. Phone:

8e. Email address:

Instructions for Application Submitter Contact:

Enter the application point of contact's name and contact information.

9a. Title:

9b. First name:

9c. Last name:

9d. Phone:

9e. Email address:

Need for Federal Assistance

10. 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 500 words.]

Continuation of the Project

11. 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

If yes,

11a. 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
- Raise bond/tax issue
- Private sources/donations
- Nonfederal asset forfeiture funds (subject to approval from the state or local oversight agency)
- Fundraising efforts
- State, local, or other nonfederal award funding
- Other

11b. If other, please provide a brief description of the source(s) of funding. (Please limit your response to a maximum of 125 words)

Proposed Technology and Equipment Project

12. Please describe the crime problem(s) that will be addressed with this grant and provide relevant facts or data to show the nature, prevalence, and severity of the problem. Applicants must clearly describe

- How this project aligns with the project title listed in the Joint Explanatory Statement;
- How this project will fulfill a specific public safety need, assist in responding to and preventing crime, and expand the implementation of community policing;
- How the project will improve police effectiveness and the flow of information among law enforcement agencies, local government service providers, and the communities they serve; and
- How this project will help agencies reorient their mission toward community-oriented policing or enhance their involvement or commitment to community policing.

[Limit your response to a maximum of 500 words.]

13. Define the goal and objectives that you are ultimately trying to accomplish through this grant and how the proposed project would fit into an overall effort to address the problems identified above. [Limit your response to a maximum of 500 words.]

14. How will you ensure effective implementation of the project? Applicants must identify any applicable governmental and community initiatives which complement or will be coordinated with the proposed project. Include a detailed timeline with key activities and milestones to take place within the life of the grant. [Limit your response to a maximum of 500 words.]

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.

15. Please provide information on the proposed community policing activities, including partnerships, organizational transformation, and problem solving, that will be implemented or enhanced as a result of grant funding for this project. [Limit your response to a maximum of 500 words.]

16. Please address any applicable consultation with community groups and appropriate private and public agencies in the implementation of the proposed project. [Limit your response to a maximum of 500 words.]

17. Please describe to what extent there is community support in your jurisdiction for implementing the proposed award activities. [Limit your response to a maximum of 500 words.]

18. Please describe to what extent the award activities will impact the other components of the criminal justice system in your jurisdiction. [Limit your response to a maximum of 500 words.]

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, 28 C.F.R. Part 23 does not apply.

19. 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 28 C.F.R. Part 23.

Unmanned Aircraft Systems

Instructions

For the purpose of this program, the terms “unmanned aircraft system,” “drone,” and “unmanned aerial vehicle” all have the meaning given to the term “unmanned aircraft system” in 49 U.S.C. § 44801(12), “an unmanned aircraft and associated elements (including communication links and the components that control the unmanned aircraft) that are required for the operator to operate safely and efficiently in the national airspace system.” (Hereinafter, “UAS”). The term “counter-UAS system” has the meaning given to the term in 49 U.S.C. § 44801(5), “a system or device capable of lawfully and safely disabling, disrupting, or seizing control of an unmanned aircraft or unmanned aircraft system.” (Hereinafter, “counter-UAS”).

Blue UAS Cleared List (Blue List): the Blue List is a reference portal for the U.S. Department of War Defense Contract Management Agency (DCMA), U.S. Government, and industry partners, providing an aggregated list of compliant UAS systems and components. <https://bluelist.appsplatformportals.us/>

Consolidated Screening List (CSL): CSL is a list, maintained by the International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, of parties for which the United States Government maintains restrictions on certain exports, reexports, or transfers of items. <https://www.trade.gov/consolidated-screening-list>

20. Does the applicant propose to purchase UAS with award funds?

- Yes
- No

If yes,

20a. By checking the box, the applicant acknowledges he or she understands that if any Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) is purchased with award funds:

1. It must be one manufactured by an entity included, as of the date of purchase, on the U.S. Department of War Defense Contract Management Agency (DCMA) Blue UAS Cleared List (available at <https://bluelist.appsplatformportals.us/>);
 2. It must not be manufactured by an entity that will be included, as of the date of purchase, on the International Trade Administration of the Department of Commerce’s Consolidated Screening List (available at <https://www.trade.gov/consolidated-screening-list>);
 3. No modifications or additional accessories that are not on the DCMA Blue UAS Cleared List will be introduced to the purchased UAS. Further, the applicant understands that the entity operating the UAS must have sufficient policies and procedures regarding privacy, civil liberties, and information technology cybersecurity related to the operation of the UAS; and
 4. Counter-UAS or activities are unallowable under this program.
- I understand.*

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Certification of Review and Representation of Compliance

21. 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.*
22. By checking the box, the applicant indicates he or she provides a certification that: (1) the programs to be funded by the grant meet all the requirements of the COPS Office statute (34 U.S.C. § 10381, et seq.); (2) all the information contained in the application is correct; and (3) the applicant will comply with all provisions of the COPS Office statute (34 U.S.C. § 10381, et seq.) and all other applicable Federal laws.*
23. By checking the box, the applicant indicates that he or she understands that the COPS Office may require your agency to review, confirm and/or update specific data items in the submitted application and failure to respond may eliminate the application from funding consideration.*

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Acknowledgement of Electronic Signature

24. By checking the box, the applicant indicates that he or she understands that “clicking to agree” in this application and the required forms, including the Assurances, Certifications and, if applicable, Disclosure of Lobbying Activities form are just as legally enforceable as physical signatures.
- I understand.*

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