

Section 6: Law Enforcement & Community Policing Strategy

COPS Office grants must be used to reorient the mission and activities of law enforcement agencies toward the community policing philosophy or enhance their involvement in community policing. Community policing is a philosophy that promotes organizational strategies, which 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 complete the questions in this section to describe the types of community policing activities that will result from COPS funding. For each question, answer on behalf of the applicant law enforcement agency or (for non-law enforcement applicants) the law enforcement agency with whom you will collaborate.

In the Community Policing Plan Narrative, please describe your agency's implementation plan for this program (if awarded), with specific reference to each of the following elements of community policing: (a) community partnerships and support, including consultation with community groups, private agencies, and/or other public agencies; (b) related governmental and community initiatives that complement your agency's proposed use of COPS funding; and (c) organizational transformation – how your agency will use these funds, if awarded, to reorient its mission to community policing or enhance its involvement in and commitment to community policing. Your organization may be audited or monitored to ensure that it is initiating or enhancing community policing in accordance with this plan. The COPS Office may also use this information to understand the needs of the field, and potentially provide for training, technical assistance, problem solving and community policing implementation tools.

If your organization receives this grant funding, these responses, along with the previous questions, will be considered as your organization's community policing plan. We understand that your community policing needs may change during the life of your grant (if awarded), and minor changes to this plan may be made without prior approval of the COPS Office. We also recognize that this plan may incorporate a broad range of possible community policing strategies and activities, and that your agency may implement particular community policing strategies from the plan on an as-needed basis throughout the life of the grant. If your agency's community policing plan changes significantly, however, you must submit those changes in writing to the COPS Office for approval. Changes are "significant" if they deviate from the range of possible community policing activities identified and approved in this original community policing plan submitted with your application.