



Fact Sheet

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The COPS Office is committed to supporting state, local, and tribal law enforcement as they work aggressively to prevent and respond to predatory crimes against children.

2011 Child Sexual Predator Program

Protecting Communities and America's Children from Predators

Background

The Child Sexual Predator Program (CSPP), administered by the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (the COPS Office), is aimed at reducing and preventing child endangerment and protecting communities from sexual predators. Launched as a new grant initiative in 2008, CSPP provides grants to help locate, arrest, and prosecute child sexual predators and exploiters, and enforce state sex offender registration laws. The program supports community policing initiatives throughout the United States by promoting partnerships between law enforcement and United States Attorneys' Offices (USAO), as well as with other community partners, such as the U.S. Marshals Service (USMS), parole and probation offices, social service agencies, and state or local prosecutors, to collectively reduce and prevent child endangerment by sexual predators. To date, CSPP grants totaling more than \$32 million have been distributed to 74 agencies across the country.

Grant Program Funding Provisions

In fiscal year (FY) 2011, approximately \$9 million will be available under CSPP. **Please note that only invited agencies are eligible to apply.** The COPS Office anticipates awarding a maximum of \$500,000 per agency to approximately 20 grant recipients under a competitive, peer-reviewed solicitation in fiscal year FY2011. No local match is required. The grant period is two years (24 months) in duration and projects include such activities as:

- Developing, enhancing, or maintaining sex offender registration programs or functions
- Improving information sharing between law enforcement and other service providers to investigate and prevent child sex crimes and to increase offender accountability
- Managing high-risk offenders in the community through strategic problem analysis and response development
- Establishing or enhancing any other efforts to locate, arrest, and prosecute known child sex offenders.

Agencies awarded under CSPP are required to partner and coordinate with their district USAO and USMS office to implement this initiative. Preference is given to those applicants that demonstrate a multi-jurisdictional and/or multi-disciplinary approach to locating, arresting, and prosecuting child sexual predators. In addition, the COPS Office encourages the development or support of existing task forces focused exclusively on these efforts by agencies funded under this initiative.

The COPS Office offers a variety of publications and products that support CSPP including:

- *Child Pornography on the Internet*, to help police identify and respond to Internet child pornography crimes
- *Juvenile Runaways*, a street-smart guide to aid police officers as they encounter juveniles who have run away from home
- *Teen Action Toolkit: Building a Youth-Led Response to Teen Victimization*, a hands-on implementation guide for the Teen Action Partnership Program
- *Child Abuse and Neglect in the Home*, a publication that supports community policing partnerships and strategies in combating predatory crimes against children. It provides police with information about the problem of child abuse and neglect in the home, reviews factors that increase its risks, and evaluates responses to the problem.

Additional COPS publications and resources are posted online at www.cops.usdoj.gov.

The COPS Office will accept new applications **from invited agencies only** for the CSPP grant program in a two-part process. First, agencies **must** register and apply online via www.grants.gov to complete the Standard Form 424 (SF-424). The SF-424 is a government-wide standard application form for federal assistance. The SF-424 is intended to reduce the administrative burden to the federal grants community, which includes applicants/grantees and federal staff involved in grants-related activities. Once the SF-424 has been submitted, the applicant will receive an e-mail from the COPS Office with instructions on completing the second part of the CSPP application process through the COPS Office Online Application System found on the COPS Office website at www.cops.usdoj.gov.

All applicants for federal grants and cooperative agreements, with the exception of individuals other than sole proprietors, are required to have a Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number and be registered in the Central Contractor Registration (CCR) database **prior** to submitting an application.

It is strongly recommended that applicants register immediately on Grants.gov. **In addition, applicants are strongly encouraged to complete the SF-424 and Section 1 on Grants.gov as quickly as possible.** Any delays in registering with Grants.gov or submitting the SF-424 may result in insufficient time for processing your application through Grants.gov or the COPS Office Online Application System.

Complete application packages for the FY2011 CSPP solicitation are due by **June 3, 2011, at 8:59 PM, EDT**. Hard copies or copies sent via e-mail will not be accepted.

Under CSPP, the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children® (NCMEC) will provide technical assistance and training to the CSPP grantees. NCMEC will assist CSPP grantees in developing partnerships and sharing information and strategies with each other. A document highlighting best practices will also be produced under this award.

NCMEC is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization established by Congress in 1984 that offers law enforcement powerful resources, free of charge, to help investigate cases of missing and sexually exploited children, track attempted abductions of children, and locate noncompliant registered sex offenders. To learn more about NCMEC or request assistance with a case, call the toll-free, 24-hour hot line at 1.800.THE.LOST® (1.800.843.5678) or visit the website at www.missingkids.com and click the Law Enforcement link under the Resources heading on the left side of the home page.

The safety and well-being of America's children are crucial to healthy communities, and the COPS Office is committed to supporting state, local, and tribal law enforcement as they work aggressively to prevent and respond to predatory crimes against children. We assist agencies through grant funding and a variety of resources that support community policing partnerships and strategies in combating this problem.

Contact the COPS Office

For more information, call the COPS Office Response Center at 800.421.6770, or visit COPS Online at www.cops.usdoj.gov.