

Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Community Policing Development Grant Methodology

Background and Award Methodology

The Community Policing Development (CPD) program is funded through the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2010, P.L.111-117, which makes funds available to provide training and technical assistance to assist the field with developing innovative community policing strategies validated through applied research and evaluation initiatives. Community Policing Development funds advance the practice of community policing through training and technical assistance, the development of innovative community policing strategies and new partnerships, applied research, guidebooks, and best practices.

In fiscal year 2010, \$7,544,350 was awarded through a single open competitive solicitation. Applications were solicited in nine specific program areas and one open topic area, where applicants could identify other community policing related topics on which to focus their training, research and development efforts. The nine areas of focus were:

- Role of Law Enforcement in Homeland Security
- Recruitment and Hiring
- Offender Re-Entry and Alternatives to Incarceration
- Ethics and Integrity
- Drugs
- Urban Violence
- Children Exposed to Violence
- School Based Policing
- Tribal Policing

The COPS Office received 321 applications from 238 applicants (applicants were allowed to submit multiple applications) requesting a total of approximately \$112,000,000 in funding.

All applications were independently reviewed by multiple internal reviewers. Scoring criteria included such items as facial defects of the grant application; a substantive review of the application proposal, including an evaluation of the scope of the project; the reasonableness of the proposed budget and timeline; whether the project significantly advances the field of community policing; the extent to which the project has the potential to significantly advance the capacity of local law enforcement agencies to implement or enhance community policing; the applicant's project management plan; their understanding of community policing; and, their experience and qualifications in developing applied research and training projects.

Selected awards advance community policing through applied research and training and technical assistance over a range of topics, including drugs, tribal policing, children exposed to violence, recruitment and hiring, homeland security and ethics and integrity. These awards will collectively produce guidebooks and practical resources, training and technical assistance, and the development of innovative community policing strategies.