

FY 2026 COPS Technology and Equipment Program

Grants.gov Funding Opportunity Number: O-COPS-2026-172583

Application Deadlines in Eastern Time (ET):

- 1: Complete SF-424 and Submit in Grants.gov: **July 16, 2026, by 4:59 ET**
 - 2: Submit full application in JustGrants: **July 23, 2026, by 4:59 ET**
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Community Oriented Policing Services
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1. BASIC INFORMATION

Purpose of the Funding

The Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) is the component of the U.S. Department of Justice responsible for advancing the practice of community policing and the Administration's priority of Making America Safe Again by supporting the nation's state, local, territorial and Tribal law enforcement agencies through information and grant resources.

This is a notice of funding opportunity (NOFO) for the FY26 Technology and Equipment Program (TEP). This noncompetitive, invitational, funding opportunity provides funding to state, territorial, local, Tribal, and other entities designated under the heading "Community Oriented Policing Services, Technology and Equipment Community Projects / COPS Law Enforcement Technology and Equipment" in the Congressional Joint Explanatory Statement – Division C, which is incorporated by reference into Public Law 119-74, to develop and acquire effective law enforcement equipment, technologies and interoperable communications that assist in responding to and preventing crime and expand the implementation of community policing. Equipment funded under this program should meet any applicable requirements of the National Institute of Standards and Technology's Office of Law Enforcement Standards.

See the [Eligible Applicants](#) section for eligibility details.

All awards are subject to the availability of appropriated funds and any modifications or additional requirements that may be imposed by law.

Funding Details

Announcement Type	Initial
Assistance Listing Number	16.710
Statutory Authority	Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, as amended, and the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994, Title I, Part Q, Public Law 103-322, 34 U.S.C. § 10381 et seq
Grants.gov Opportunity Number	O-COPS-2026-172583
Expected Total Amount of Funding	\$401,406,387
Anticipated Number of Awards	437

Award Type(s)	Grants
Anticipated Award Amount	Up to \$20,000,000
Expected Award Period(s)	24 months starting on January 23, 2026

Key Dates and Times

NOFO Release Date	June 2, 2026
Step 1: Grants.gov Deadline	04:59 p.m. ET on July 16, 2026
Step 2: JustGrants Deadline	04:59 p.m. ET on July 23, 2026
Anticipated Notification Date	On or after October 1, 2026

See [Questions?](#) at the end of this NOFO for agency contact information.

2. ELIGIBILITY

Eligible Applicants

Eligible applicants are limited to those identified in the Congressional Joint Explanatory Statement (JES) for the projects designated for funding. See [FY26 CJS JES](#). The list of eligible applicants is also provided in the [FY26 TEP Application Resource Guide](#).

Cost Sharing (Match) Requirement: This NOFO does not require cost sharing (match).

Additional Eligibility Factors

- The legal name (or “doing business as” name) associated with the applicant’s unique entity identifier (UEI) as registered in the System of Award Management (SAM) must coincide with the agency name listed in the JES.
- 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.

3. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Statutory Authority

Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, as amended, and the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994, Title I, Part Q, Public Law 103-322, 34 U.S.C. § 10381 et seq.

Commerce, Justice, Science; Energy and Water Development; and Interior and Environment Appropriations Act, 2026 (Public Law 119-74)

\$401,406,387 is for a law enforcement technologies and interoperable communications program, and related law enforcement and public safety equipment, which shall be made available for the COPS Tech projects, and in the amounts, specified in the table titled “Community Project Funding/Congressionally Directed Spending” included for this division in the explanatory statement described in section 4 (in the matter preceding division A of this consolidated Act) (Pub. L. No. 119-74, div A, title II (2026))

The Commerce, Justice, Science; Energy and Water Development; and Interior and Environment Appropriations Act, 2026 (Public Law 119-74) Division A JES lists the designated projects, which the Act incorporates by reference, as stated in relevant part, below—

Community Oriented Policing Services, Technology and Equipment Community Projects/COPS Law Enforcement Technology and Equipment (“projects”). The agreement provides \$401,406,387 for grants to state, local, Tribal, territorial, and other entities to develop and acquire effective equipment, technologies, and interoperable communications that assist in responding to and preventing crime. The agreement notes that the projects included in this statement should help improve police effectiveness and the flow of information among law enforcement agencies, local government service providers, and the communities they serve. Equipment funded under this program should meet any applicable requirements of the National Institute of Standards and Technology’s Office of Law Enforcement Standards. The agreement directs the Department to provide the funding for the projects listed in the table titled, “Community Project Funding/Congressionally Directed Spending” at the end of this joint explanatory statement in the corresponding amounts, which are incorporated by reference in this act.

Agency Funding Priorities

Unallowable Activities: The COPS Office has identified activities that are unallowable and will not be funded: read the [FY26 TEP Application Resource Guide](#) for details. In addition, refer to the [Budget](#) section in this NOFO for information on allowable and unallowable costs to help you develop your application.

Goals and Objectives of this Funding Opportunity

Goal 1: Respond to and prevent crime, expand the implementation of community policing, and improve police effectiveness and the flow of information among law enforcement agencies, local government service providers, and the communities they serve.

Objective 1: Develop and acquire effective equipment, technologies, and interoperable communications.

Expected Outcomes

The COPS Office will measure success by reviewing a recipient's submission of performance reports and data and the extent to which project implementation reflects progress toward the goals and objectives of this NOFO.

Deliverables

Recipients do not need to submit any deliverables other than the standard items in the [Post-Award Requirements and Administration](#) section.

4. APPLICATION CONTENTS AND FORMAT

Application Contents List

The COPS Office will only consider applications that contain all required parts, which are marked ***REQUIRED*** below. Refer to the [DOJ Grant Application Submission Checklist](#) for application instructions. All supporting documents and resources for this program are on the COPS Office Website at <https://cops.usdoj.gov/TEP>.

Please **do not** include any content, including attachments or language within your application, commenting, modifying, challenging, and/or editing the grant requirements including the terms and conditions. Such content, if included, will not be **reviewed or considered** when evaluating your application nor will any attachment from an applicant unilaterally change the terms of a grant if awarded.

Application Item	Submission Type
Step 1: Grants.gov	
Application for Federal Assistance: SF-424 *REQUIRED*	Online Form
Step 2: JustGrants	
Standard Applicant Information *REQUIRED*	Online Form
Data Requested with Application *REQUIRED*	Online Form
Budget *REQUIRED*	Online Form
Additional Application Components Non-Competitive Justification (if applicable) Consultant Rate Justification (if applicable)	Attachment

Standard Applicant Information ***REQUIRED***

Review and edit as needed the information imported from the SF-424 submitted in Grants.gov and add ZIP codes for areas affected by the project.

Proposal Abstract

In JustGrants, enter a proposal abstract briefly summarizing (in 5–6 sentences / 500 words or less) the proposed project. As abstracts for funded projects are public, do not include any personally identifying information (e.g., staff names). The abstract should include names of applicant and partners, project title, purpose of the project (including goal and intended outcome), primary activities for which funds are requested, key partners, and who will benefit (including geographic area to be served). The abstract should be coherent, concise, and able to stand alone as a project summary. The abstract will not be scored but is used throughout the review process.

Write your project abstract for a general public audience without any personally identifiable or law enforcement sensitive information. Avoid using acronyms or terminology unfamiliar to a general public audience. This abstract, along with other federal award information, may be published on publicly available government-wide websites.

Data Requested with Application ***REQUIRED***

A copy of the survey questions required for this NOFO can be found at https://cops.usdoj.gov/pdf/2026ProgramDocs/tep/Survey_Questions.pdf.

Budget and Associated Documentation

Budget ***REQUIRED***

- Applicants must complete the Budget Detail Worksheet (Web-Based Form) in JustGrants, providing narrative entries in the “additional narrative” field to describe and justify each proposed cost. Read [Complete the Application in JustGrants: Budget](#) for more information on completing the form.
- Include only costs that are reasonable, allocable, necessary to implement the project, and directly link to the project title identified in the JES. Costs must be allowable under the funding statute and agency requirements.¹ See the [FY26 TEP Application Resource Guide](#) for a nonexhaustive list of allowable and unallowable costs.
- The information in the “additional narrative” field(s) should be mathematically sound and correspond clearly with the information provided in the budget detail worksheets. The narrative should explain how the applicant estimated and calculated all costs and how those costs are necessary to the completion of the proposed project and demonstrate the efficient use of funding in achieving program goals.
- List each cost needed to implement the project under the appropriate cost category.
 - Clearly name and describe each cost.
 - Show the computation of each cost (e.g., cost per unit, number of units, and total cost).
- All items will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis to determine reasonableness and allowability in the context of the allowable and unallowable costs of the program’s purpose areas.
- Costs incurred on or after January 23, 2026, the enactment date of Commerce, Justice, Science; Energy and Water Development; and Interior and Environment Appropriations Act, 2026 (Public Law 119-74) but prior to issuance of an award and approval of the project budget by the COPS Office may be reimbursed, but are incurred at the applicant’s own risk, as authorized costs will be limited to those approved by the COPS Office.

¹ Read information on unallowable costs that apply to all funding opportunities in [2 C.F.R. Part 200, Subpart E](#) and the [DOJ Grants Financial Guide](#).

Budget/Financial Attachments

- **Non-Competitive Justification (if applicable):** Applicants should attach the noncompetitive justification or sole source justification as applicable. Additional guidance can be found in the [Sole Source Justification Fact Sheet](#).
- **Consultant Rate Justification (if applicable):** Applicants should attach the consultant rate justification as applicable. Additional guidance can be found in the [Consultant/Contractor Rate Information for COPS Office Awards Fact Sheet](#).

Disclosures and Assurances

Complete the disclosures, assurances, and certifications in JustGrants. See the [FY26 TEP Application Resource Guide](#) for more information.

5. SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS AND DEADLINES

The [DOJ Grant Application Submission Checklist](#) provides instructions for how to submit by the deadlines. [Executive Order \(E.O.\) 12372](#) (Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs) applies to this funding opportunity. See the appendices of the [FY26 TEP Application Resource Guide](#) for additional information.

Read COPS Office policy for applicants to request late submission due to technical difficulties, severe weather, or natural or manmade disasters in the [FY26 TEP Application Resource Guide](#).

6. APPLICATION REVIEW INFORMATION

The [FY26 TEP Application Resource Guide](#) explains the responsiveness review, review criteria, review and selection process including risk review, and deciding official.

7. AWARD NOTICES

Read about the award notification process in the [FY26 TEP Application Resource Guide](#).

8. POST-AWARD REQUIREMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

Read the [FY26 TEP Application Resource Guide](#) for more information about standard award terms and conditions, administrative and national policy requirements, and post-award reporting requirements.

9. QUESTIONS?

NOFO Contact	COPS Office Response Center Phone: 800-421-6770 Email: AskCopsRC@usdoj.gov Hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET Monday–Friday (closed federal holidays)
SAM.gov Help Desk	Website: https://sam.gov/content/help Hours: 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. ET Monday–Friday
Grants.gov Help Desk	Phone: 800-518-4726 Email: support@grants.gov Website: https://www.grants.gov/support Hours: 24 hours a day, 7 days a week (closed federal holidays)
JustGrants Help Desk	Phone: 833-872-5175 Email: JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov Hours: 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. ET Monday–Friday; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET Saturday, Sunday, and federal holidays.