



# **Pre-Award Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) for 2025 COPS Office Safer Outcomes: Enhancing De-Escalation and Crisis Response Training for Law Enforcement Support for Law Enforcement Agencies**

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**Q. What is the goal of this funding opportunity?**

- A. The goal of this funding opportunity is to promote safe outcomes during police encounters with persons in crisis through relevant training. Awards will be made to law enforcement agencies seeking to implement training that addresses one or more of the following areas of focus:
1. De-escalation tactics and alternatives to use of force
  2. Safely responding to an individual experiencing a mental or behavioral health or suicidal crisis
  3. Safe encounters with individuals with disabilities
  4. Successfully participating on a crisis intervention team
  5. Making referrals to community-based services and supports

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**Q. Who can receive training funded by this opportunity?**

- A. Training is supported for law enforcement officers, support personnel employed by law enforcement agencies, and mental health professionals working on crisis intervention teams as employees of a law enforcement agency or under a legal agreement with a law enforcement agency.

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**Q. What are some examples of costs eligible for funding under this opportunity?**

- A. Examples of costs eligible for funding include, but are not limited to the following:
- Training providers that meet with the COPS Office approval process
  - Overtime to support training of sworn and nonsworn personnel
  - Supply costs associated with the development or delivery of training
  - Equipment that enhances the training or evaluation of training. The purchase of equipment or technology without connection to a broader training program that addresses one or more of the areas of focus will not be funded. Equipment costs can be no higher than 60 percent of total requested funding.

- Programs associated with data analysis or after-action reviews of use of force incidents, provided that the agency identify how these processes will support de-escalation and crisis response strategies within the agency
- Partnerships with research entities intended to evaluate departmental use of force or training programs on covered topics

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**Q. Are there any post-award requirements for the Safer Outcomes – Supporting Law Enforcement Agencies program?**

A. Awardees will be required to

- obtain approval from the COPS Office on the specific training provider or curriculum before funding is committed to a provider;
- coordinate with the COPS Office and selected providers to advance the implementation of a national program for certifying de-escalation and crisis response training, as required by the Law Enforcement De-Escalation Training Act.

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**Q. What is the maximum amount of funding that an agency can apply for under this opportunity?**

A. Agencies with a budgeted strength of less than 50 full-time sworn officers can apply for a maximum of \$250,000, agencies with a budgeted strength of between 50 and 200 full-time sworn officers can apply for a maximum of \$350,000, and agencies with a budgeted strength of more than 200 full-time sworn officers can apply for a maximum of \$500,000.

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For the [FY25 COPS Office Funding Opportunities Frequently Asked Questions](#) visit our [How To Apply](#) page.

**Questions?** For technical assistance with submitting the **full application** in JustGrants, contact the JustGrants Service Desk at [JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov](mailto:JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov) or 833-872-5175. The JustGrants Service Desk operates 5:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. eastern time (ET) Monday to Friday, and 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. ET on Saturday, Sunday, and federal holidays.

For programmatic and general assistance with the funding opportunity requirements, contact the COPS Office Response Center at 800-421-6770 or by email at [AskCOPSRC@usdoj.gov](mailto:AskCOPSRC@usdoj.gov). The Response Center's hours of operation are Monday–Friday (except U.S. Federal Government holidays; see <https://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/snow-dismissal-procedures/federal-holidays/>) from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time (ET). The Response Center will remain open on the opportunity closing date until 4:59 p.m. ET.