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OFFICE OF COMMUNITY ORIENTED
POLICING SERVICES (COPS OFFICE)

Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Request



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PRESENTATION HIGHLIGHTS

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Aligning with Administration Priorities

COPS Hiring Program (CHP)

Collaborative Reform

School Violence Prevention Program (SVPP)

Additional COPS Office Grant Programs



ALIGNING WITH ADMINISTRATION PRIORITIES

In Fiscal Year 2024, the COPS Office will:

- Prioritize applications for jurisdictions that support Community Violence Intervention (CVI) programs, for jurisdictions that seek to hire officers that would engage directly with CVI teams and other community stakeholders to ensure those groups are involved in strategic operations and planning, and for jurisdictions seeking to implement hiring practices to help agencies mirror the racial diversity of the communities that they serve;
- Require hiring grant applicants to complete a comprehensive community policing plan that incorporates a problem solving component;
- Ask applicants to specify crime issues that they will target with hiring funding;
- Provide technical assistance on specific problems identified by grantees, such as Gun Violence, Building Legitimacy and Trust, Combating Hate and Domestic Extremism, and improving Police-Based Response to Persons in Crisis.



FY 2024 FUNDING REQUESTS



In Fiscal Year 2024, the COPS Office requests a total of \$651 million in discretionary funding and \$2 billion in mandatory funding.

FY 2024 FUNDING REQUESTS (CONTINUED)

\$537 MILLION is requested for the COPS Hiring Program (CHP) to assist in hiring additional sworn law enforcement professionals, including the following set-asides:



\$20 MILLION

for Collaborative Reform

\$40 MILLION

for the Tribal Resources Grant Program

\$6 MILLION

for the Tribal Access Program

\$35 MILLION

for the Community Policing Development Program

\$8 MILLION

for the Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act Program

\$40 MILLION

for the Regional Information Shared Services (RISS)

Additional funding priorities include:

\$15 MILLION

for Anti-Methamphetamine Task Forces

\$35 MILLION

for Anti-Heroin Task Forces

\$11 MILLION

for Police Act Activities

\$53 MILLION

for the COPS School Violence Prevention Program



COPS HIRING PROGRAM (CHP)



The COPS Office is requesting **\$537 MILLION** in Fiscal Year 2024 (this includes set-asides).

- The COPS Hiring Program (CHP) is a competitive grant program designed to provide funding directly to law enforcement agencies to hire and/or rehire additional career law enforcement officers in an effort to increase their community policing capacity and crime prevention efforts, all while building trust and legitimacy between law enforcement and the communities they serve.
- Anticipated outcomes of the CHP program awards include engagement in planned community partnerships, implementation of projects to analyze and assess problems, implementation of changes to personnel and agency management in support of community policing, and increased capacity of law enforcement agencies to engage in community policing activities.
- All local, state, tribal, and territorial law enforcement agencies that have primary law enforcement authority are eligible to apply.

COLLABORATIVE REFORM



The COPS Office is requesting **\$20 MILLION** in Fiscal Year 2024.

Collaborative Reform received a \$7.5 million direct appropriation in Fiscal Year 2023.

The Fiscal Year 2024 request for Collaborative Reform will offer a range of basic, intermediary, and more intensive forms of technical assistance, including targeted assistance in the wake of a critical incident, issue-specific reviews and reports, and in-depth assessments and technical assistance on systemic issues that damage community trust and confidence. This will encompass types of technical assistance previously offered under the COPS Office Critical Response Program and the original Collaborative Reform Initiative, as well as the Collaborative Reform Initiative Technical Assistance Center -- CRI-TAC.

The COPS Office is requesting **\$53 MILLION** in Fiscal Year 2024

- Per the STOP School Violence Act of 2018, funding will provide up to 75% funding for the following school safety measures in and around K-12 (primary and secondary) schools and school grounds:
 - Coordination with law enforcement
 - Training for local law enforcement officers to prevent student violence against others and self
 - Metal detectors, locks, lighting, and other deterrent measures
 - Technology for expedited notification of local law enforcement during an emergency
 - Any other measure that the COPS Office determines may provide a significant improvement in security

When undertaking comprehensive school safety and security approaches, applicants should prioritize implementing school safety measures that help to promote a positive school climate that does not detract from the mission of the school to educate students or negatively impact the health and wellbeing of students. SVPP does NOT provide funding for the hiring of School Resource Officers.



ADDITIONAL COPS OFFICE COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAMS

\$35 million for Community Policing Development

- Community Policing Development (CPD) funds are used to develop the capacity of law enforcement to implement community policing strategies by providing guidance on promising practices through the development and testing of innovative strategies; building knowledge about effective practices and outcomes; and supporting new, creative approaches to preventing crime and promoting safe communities.

\$8 million for the Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act Program

- Funds are used to improve the delivery of and access to mental health and wellness services for law enforcement through the implementation of peer support, training, family resources, suicide prevention, and other promising practices for wellness programs. The LEMHWA program will fund projects that develop knowledge; increase awareness of effective mental health and wellness strategies; increase the skills and abilities of law enforcement; and increase the number of law enforcement agencies and relevant stakeholders using peer support, training, family resources, suicide prevention, and other promising practices for wellness programs.

\$11 million for the POLICE Act

- This program provides nationwide active shooter training to at least 20,000 first responders over the course of the award through scenario-based, multidisciplinary training classes. The training is available to any jurisdiction in the U.S. and delivered in the desired location of the requesting agency, including law enforcement, fire, and emergency medical services (EMS).

\$50 million for state-level drug task force programs

- \$35 million for Anti-Heroin Task Forces
- \$15 million for Anti-Methamphetamine Task Forces

\$46 million for the Tribal Resources Grant Program

- \$6 million to support the Tribal Access Program, which provides tribal access to law enforcement information sharing systems
- \$40 million for hiring of tribal law enforcement officers, training, and equipment and anti-methamphetamine activities



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