

FY 2026 COPS LAW ENFORCEMENT MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS ACT (LEMHWA) PROGRAM

Grants.gov Funding Opportunity Number: **O-COPS-2026-172553**

Application Deadlines in Eastern Time (ET):

- 1: Complete SF-424 and Submit in Grants.gov: **July 30, 2026, by 4:59 p.m. ET**
 - 2: Submit full application in JustGrants: **August 5, 2026, by 4:59 p.m. ET**
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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 Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act (LEMHWA) Program. The mental health and wellness of law enforcement officers and their families is a priority of the Administration. Through the LEMHWA program, the Department of Justice supports this priority by providing funding directly to state, local, tribal, and territorial (SLTT) law enforcement agencies to implement new or enhance existing programs that offer training and services to support officers' emotional and mental health, including counseling programs, peer mentoring, suicide prevention, stress reduction, and police officer family services.

As community policing is common sense policing, throughout the FY26 LEMHWA program NOFO materials, the terms "community policing" and "common sense policing" are used interchangeably, unless otherwise specified.

Through this NOFO, the COPS Office seeks to increase the delivery of and access to mental health and wellness services in the following **three funding categories**:

Category 1: FY26 Start-up LEMHWA Implementation Projects

- The purpose of this program is to provide funding to law enforcement agencies that do not have established law-enforcement specific mental health and wellness programming. These funds will serve as start-up funding to support the development of new mental health and wellness services and programming for employees of law enforcement agencies and their families. This program also serves to increase grant funding accessibility for small and understaffed departments, especially those in rural communities, to implement mental health and wellness programs.
- Implementation of peer support, training, family resources, suicide prevention, stress reduction, clinical support, and other promising practices for wellness programs are highly encouraged.
- Agencies that currently offer rudimentary or limited wellness services and are seeking to develop a comprehensive wellness program for their department are encouraged to apply.

Requirements

Programs must focus on the launch of peer support, training, suicide prevention, stress reduction, clinical support, and other promising practices for wellness initiatives in agencies that do not currently have a comprehensive program. This may include agencies that offer rudimentary or limited programming and are seeking to develop a comprehensive wellness strategy for their department. Programs may serve sworn law enforcement, civilian staff, and families of agency members.

The application answers should address the following objectives:

- How the proposed program activities will support wellness in the agency or agencies served
- The intended service area and size of the program (e.g., one agency, more than one agency)
- Reported outcomes of the program activities
- Plans for how the program will be implemented
- The privacy protections that will be put in place for anyone using the support services

Applicants may familiarize themselves with the program by reviewing the following resources when designing new programs in support of wellness in their agencies:

- [Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act: Report to Congress](#)
- [Best Practices and Professional Standards for Peer Support Counseling Programs for First Responder Agencies: Report to Congress 2024](#)
- [Implementing Peer Support Services in Small and Rural Law Enforcement Agencies](#)
- [Officer Safety and Wellness Group Meeting Summary: Addressing Four OSW Pillars in Smaller and Rural Communities](#)
- [Promising Strategies for Strengthening Police Department Wellness Programs: Findings and Recommendations from the Officer Safety and Wellness Technical Assistance Project](#)
- [Developing a Critical Incident Peer Support Program: Model Policy](#)

Projects Out of Scope

- Applicants that are not state, local, tribal, or territorial law enforcement agencies will not be considered.

- Projects that do not offer the delivery of and access to mental health and wellness services for sworn law enforcement, civilian staff, or families of agency members will not be considered.
- Projects that exclusively seek to purchase technology, software/mobile applications, or equipment without offering broader training, programming, or services to support those tools will not be considered.
- Projects focused solely on health screenings or fitness programs are out of scope.
- Projects that budget more than 40 percent of their funding for generally unallowable costs such as vehicles, food, exercise and recreational equipment, and promotional items such as gifts and souvenirs, as outlined in this Notice of Funding Opportunity, will not be considered.

Category 2: FY26 Enhanced LEMHWA Implementation Projects

- The purpose of this program is to provide funding to law enforcement agencies who have current wellness programs in place and are seeking to enhance or expand upon those existing wellness programs.

Requirements

- Programs must focus on the enhancement or expansion of existing peer support, training, family resources, suicide prevention, stress reduction, clinical support, and other promising practices for wellness programs. Programs may serve sworn law enforcement, civilian staff, and families of agency members. Existing LEMHWA awardees are eligible to apply but requests for new funding should not be for the continuation of current or past projects. The expansion of both the content and quantity of wellness services is encouraged. The COPS Office welcomes applications from a single agency or multiple agencies as a collaboration.
- The application answers should address the following objectives:
 - › How the proposed project will enhance or expand your current wellness activities/program
 - › How the proposed program activities will support wellness in the agency or agencies served
 - › The intended service area and size of the program (e.g., one agency, more than one agency)
 - › Reported outcomes of the program activities
 - › Plans for how the program will be implemented

- › The privacy protections that will be put in place for anyone using the support services

Projects Out of Scope

- Applicants that are not state, local, tribal, or territorial law enforcement agencies will not be considered.
- Projects that do not expand or enhance the delivery of and access to existing mental health and wellness services for sworn law enforcement, civilian staff, or families of agency members will not be considered.
- Projects that exclusively seek to purchase technology, software/mobile applications, or equipment without offering broader training, programming, or services to support those tools will not be considered.
- Projects focused solely on health screenings or fitness programs are out of scope.
- Projects that budget more than 40 percent of their funding for generally unallowable costs such as vehicles, food, exercise and recreational equipment, and promotional items such as gifts and souvenirs, as outlined in this Notice of Funding Opportunity, will not be considered.

Category 3: FY26 LEMHWA Community of Practice Initiative

- The purpose of this initiative is to provide support to current and future LEMHWA grantees, that include peer support and technical assistance through the development and facilitation of an innovative forum where grantees can learn from their peers and share promising practices.

Requirements

- The application narrative should address the following objectives:
 - › Describe how the proposed program activities will support a Community of Practice for existing and new LEMHWA grantees to support successful implementation of their proposed programs.
 - › Identify relevant performance measures to ensure the successful implementation of the proposed activities.
 - › Demonstrate experience and capacity supporting law enforcement agencies implementation of similar initiatives.
- Provide a comprehensive management and implementation plan for the development of a Community of Practice and for the provision of technical assistance for both new and existing LEMHWA grantees.

- This plan should address how the applicant will integrate a new Community of Practice forum with the currently existing forum (comprising a discussion board and library) currently hosted in a Higher Logic environment.

Projects Out of Scope

- Applicants that are not for-profit organizations, nonprofit organizations, institutions of higher education, community groups, or faith-based organizations will not be considered.
- Projects that are not national in focus will not be considered.
- Projects that do not provide a community forum and technical assistance focused on building the capacity of state, local, tribal, and territorial agencies to officer emotional and mental health support, suicide prevention, and peer and officer family support services will not be considered.
- Projects that focus solely on health screenings or fitness programs will not be considered.
- Projects that budget more than 40 percent of their funding for generally unallowable costs will not be considered.

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	16.070
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-2026-172553
Expected Total Amount of Funding for this Funding Opportunity	\$9,000,000
Anticipated Number of Awards	Category1: FY26 Start-up LEMHWA Implementation Projects

Anticipated Award Amount Award Type	- Anticipated Number of Awards: Up to 18 - Anticipated Award Amount: Up to \$250,000 - Award Type: Grant Category2: FY26 Enhanced LEMHWA Implementation Projects - Anticipated Number of Awards: Up to 18 - Anticipated Award Amount: Up to \$250,000 - Award Type: Grant Category3: FY26 LEMHWA Community of Practice Initiative - Anticipated Number of Awards: 1 - Anticipated Award Amount: Up to \$250,000 - Award Type: Cooperative Agreement
Expected Award Period(s)	24 months, October 1, 2026.

Key Dates and Times

NOFO Release Date	June 9, 2026
Pre-application Webinar	April 14, 2026
Step 1: Grants.gov Deadline	04:59 p.m. ET on July 30, 2026
Step 2: JustGrants Deadline	04:59 p.m. ET on August 5, 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

The following types of entities are eligible to apply for this funding opportunity:

Category 1: FY26 Start-up LEMHWA Implementation Projects and Category 2: FY26 Enhanced LEMHWA Implementation Projects

Eligibility is limited to is limited to state, local, tribal, and territorial law enforcement agencies. Agencies must have primary law enforcement jurisdiction within their area of responsibility. Agencies that respond only to certain types of crimes, such as statewide investigative agencies, or only to crimes occurring within correctional institutions, are ineligible. Applicants that have received LEMHWA funding in the past are ineligible for awards under this category.

- Government Entities
 - › State governments

- › County governments
- › City or township governments
- › Special district governments
- › Native American Tribal governments (federally recognized)
- › Native American Tribal governments (other than federally recognized)
- Other

“Other” Entities Definition(s)

- **State Government Entities:** For the purposes of this NOFO, “state” means any state of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.
- **Other Units of Local Government:** For the purposes of this notice of funding opportunity, other units of local government include towns, boroughs, parishes, villages, or other general purpose political subdivisions of a state.

Category 1 applicants – Please Note: Prior existence of a chaplaincy program or an EAP program does not disqualify applicants from seeking programming under this funding opportunity.

Category 2 applicants – Please Note: Existing LEMHWA awardees are eligible to apply but requests for new funding should not be for the continuation of current or past projects. Proposed work should enhance or expand existing mental health and wellness efforts.

Category 3: FY26 LEMHWA Community of Practice Initiative

- Eligibility is limited to for-profit (commercial) organizations, nonprofit organizations, institutions of higher education, community groups, and faith-based organizations.
- Educational Organizations
 - › Public and state-controlled institutions of higher education
 - › Private institutions of higher education
- Nonprofit Organizations
 - › Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), other than institutions of higher education
 - › Nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education

- For-Profit Organizations
 - › Organizations other than small businesses
 - › Small businesses
- Other

“Other” Entities Definition(s)

- **Small Businesses:** Small business grants may be awarded to companies meeting the [size standards established by the U.S. Small Business Administration \(SBA\)](#) for most industries in the economy.

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

Additional Eligibility Factors

- 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.

See [Additional Application Components](#) for how to submit.

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.

Agency Funding Priorities

Consistent with Administration priorities for categories 1 and 2, additional consideration will be provided to the following:

- Agencies that serve small and rural communities (law enforcement applicants only). Applicants are allowed to self-identify whether their jurisdiction type is rural based on their own geographical considerations.
- Agencies that cooperate with federal law enforcement to address illegal immigration.

- Agencies that submit accurate race and ethnicity information in the National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS) (law enforcement applicants only).
- Agencies that coordinate and participate with the Homeland Security Task Force (HSTF) or, if awarded, plan to coordinate and participate with the HSTF (law enforcement applicants only).

Note: Addressing these priorities is one of many factors that the COPS Office considers in making funding decisions. Receiving priority consideration does not guarantee funding.

Unallowable Activities: The COPS Office has identified activities that are unallowable and will not be funded: read the [FY26 LEMHWA 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

Prioritizing officer wellness and strengthening community relationships are critical for the successful implementation of common-sense policing. The Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act (LEMHWA) program prioritizes wellness by providing resources to law enforcement agencies to support mental health and wellness efforts. This priority increases agencies' ability to create a more respected, effective, and resilient workforce that fosters a safer environment for both officers and the communities they serve.

Goal: To increase delivery of and access to mental health and wellness services, training, and programming for employees of law enforcement agencies and their families.

- **Objective 1:** Increase law enforcement agency capacity to provide mental health and wellness training and resources for employees of law enforcement agencies and their families.
- **Objective 2:** Increase law enforcement agency capacity to implement peer support networks for crisis and non-crisis circumstances.
- **Objective 3:** Increase law enforcement agency capacity to create a culture of wellness by supporting the implementation of mental health education and development of resources.

Expected Outcomes

The COPS Office expects recipients to submit deliverables and performance reports, as described below. Read the [FY26 LEMHWA Application Resource Guide](#). 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

Category 1: FY26 Start-up LEMHWA Implementation Projects and Category 2: FY26 Enhanced LEMHWA Implementation Projects

Recipients will be expected to submit the following: The primary deliverable of these awards will be the delivery of peer support, training, family resources, suicide prevention, stress reduction, clinical support, and other promising practices for wellness programs.

No Substantial Involvement of Federal Agency: The COPS Office expects to make this award in the form of a grant, which does not provide for substantial involvement between the federal awarding agency and the nonfederal entity in carrying out the activity contemplated by the federal award. Read the [FY26 LEMHWA Application Resource Guide](#) for a discussion of this involvement and related award conditions.

Category 3: FY26 LEMHWA Community of Practice Initiative

Recipients will be expected to submit the following: The primary deliverable of these awards will be the enhancement or expansion of existing peer support, training, family resources, suicide prevention, stress reduction, clinical support, and other promising practices for wellness programming.

Substantial Involvement of Federal Agency: The COPS Office expects to make awards as cooperative agreements, which allows the COPS Office to have substantial involvement in carrying out the project. Read the [FY26 LEMHWA Application Resource Guide](#) for a discussion of this involvement and related award conditions.

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/lemhwa>.

Please **do not** include any content, including attachments or language within your application, commenting on, 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
Proposal Abstract *REQUIRED*	Text Box
Data Requested with Application *REQUIRED* - FY26 LEMHWA Program - FY26 CPA Information - CPA Gen Solicitation Quest	Online Form
Proposal Narrative *REQUIRED FOR CATEGORY 3 ONLY*	Attachment
Budget *REQUIRED*	Online Form
Other Budget/Financial Attachments Budget Narrative *REQUIRED* Non-Competitive Justification (if applicable) Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (if applicable) Consultant Rate (if applicable)	Attachment
Memorandum of Understanding (if applicable)	Attachment
Additional Application Components Curricula Vitae or Résumés: for all key personnel, subject matter experts or evaluators/academics outside of the law enforcement agency) *REQUIRED FOR CATEGORY 3 ONLY* Project Timeline (timeline of activities mapped to the goals and objectives of the proposed project) *REQUIRED* Letters of Support: (recommended for multi-jurisdictional/multi-agency projects) Optional	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 ***REQUIRED***

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: <http://cops.usdoj.gov/lemhwa>.

Proposal Narrative *REQUIRED FOR CATEGORY 3 ONLY*

Format of the Proposal Narrative

Submit the narrative as an attachment in JustGrants. The narrative must respond to the NOFO and include the section headings listed in this section as well as describe how the project will advance community policing as it pertains to the chosen subcategory.

The narrative will be a significant factor in the application review and approval process. Failure to provide this information will eliminate your application from consideration.

The final application should conform to the following formatting requirements. Applications that do not conform to these requirements will not be reviewed.

- Applications must include a cover page identifying the NOFO for which the applicant is applying and the title of the application.
- The proposal narrative should be no more than 20 pages long.
 - › Items counting toward the 20-page limit: Executive summaries, abstracts, graphs, and charts (regardless of pagination in front matter) will count toward overall page limit. Items not counting toward the 20-page limit: Cover page, table of contents, timeline, and references (which should be formatted as endnotes) will not count toward the overall page limit.
 - › Appendices are strongly discouraged. Résumés, curricula vitae, timeline, letters of support from partners (if applicable), and certifications should be separate attachments and do not count towards the narrative page requirements.

- › If the project narrative fails to comply with these length-related restrictions, the COPS Office may consider such noncompliance in initial review and final award decisions.
- Narratives should be formatted as follows:
 - › Double-spaced
 - › 8.5 x 11-inch pages
 - › One-inch margins
 - › Page numbers as follows: “1 of 20,” “2 of 20,” etc.
 - › Type no smaller or larger than 12 point, Times New Roman font.
 - › Headings and subheadings that correspond to the sections delineated in the table “Summary of application components” at the start of this section of the NOFO.
 - › Microsoft Word documents in .doc or .docx formats or PDF files (.pdf)

The COPS Office provides a template for the project narrative that can be used as a voluntary tool to assist your organization in developing this required document. You will be able to access the template (Microsoft Word document) via the [How to Apply](#) page on the COPS Office website.

The COPS Office strongly recommends that uploaded files be clearly named to indicate the applicant organization name and the file contents to ensure that reviewers can easily locate application documents.

Sections of the Proposal Narrative

Problem identification and project description

- Describes how the project will support LEMHWA grantees by facilitating peer support and technical assistance.
- Explains how the proposed community and technical assistance offered are original or innovative and explains why proposed resources are necessary to address gaps in the implementation of wellness projects.

Project reach and impact

- Identifies approximate number of law enforcement agencies and communities that will directly benefit from the Community of Practice and technical assistance.
- Identifies performance measures and clearly describes the approach for collecting, analyzing, and reporting performance measures.
- Identifies governmental or community initiatives that complement or will be coordinated with the proposed initiative (if applicable).

Management and implementation

- Describes the overall management and implementation plan for the project.
- Describes a marketing plan for the Community of Practice and technical assistance to ensure broad dissemination of the product(s) to the target audience(s).
- Demonstrates that the project management and implementation plan aligns with the budget.
- Identifies quality control measures, any project-specific risks, and proposed methods for addressing risks.

Experience and capacity

- Describes capacity and relevant experience of their agency or organization to carry out the proposed plan in the 24-month timeframe of the project.
- Lists key staff members and describes their relevant education, experience, and specific duties on the project.
- Provides résumés or curricula vitae for key staff (up to three).
- Describes project partners and their relevant experience and specific duties on the project (if applicable).
- Identifies instructor(s) for any proposed in-person training and provides examples of their subject matter expertise and training experience.
- Provides résumés or curricula vitae for all instructors.

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, and necessary to implement the project. They must be allowable under the funding statute and agency requirements. See the [FY26 LEMHWA Application Resource Guide](#) 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).
- Note: Costs incurred by the applicant prior to the start date of the period of performance of the federal award are unallowable. Requests for reimbursement of items purchased or expenses incurred prior to the award start date (i.e., pre-agreement costs) will not be approved by the COPS Office.

Budget/Financial Attachments

Budget Narrative *REQUIRED*: Applicants must also complete and attach a separate budget narrative in the “Budget and Associated Documentation” section. The budget narrative provides a space for further elaboration on project activities detailed in the applicant’s responses to application questions. Deliverables and activities that are solely listed in the budget narrative and not described in the applicant’s application questions (and vice versa) will be scored negatively during the initial review process. All items will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis and in the context of the allowable and unallowable costs list. The budget narrative should do the following:

- List all requested budget items necessary for completion of the proposed project
- Match and describe every category of expense listed in the budget detail worksheet
- Clearly explain the links between specific project activities and the requested budget item(s) needed to implement those activities
- Be mathematically sound and explain how the applicant estimated and calculated all costs
- Be complete, cost effective, efficient, and allowable (e.g., reasonable, allocable, and necessary for project activities)
- Describe costs by year and cover the full project period

The COPS Office provides a template for the budget narrative that can be used as a voluntary tool to assist your organization in developing this required document. You will be able to access the template (Microsoft Word document) on the [How to Apply](#) web page under the Notice of Funding Opportunity Resources section. (Please delete the template instructions before submitting.)

The COPS Office strongly recommends that uploaded files be clearly named to indicate the applicant organization name and file contents to ensure that reviewers can easily locate application documents. Recommended file formats are Adobe PDF, Microsoft Word, and Microsoft Excel.

A detailed list of allowable and unallowable costs for this program can be found at [FY26 LEMHWA Application Resource Guide](#). This is not an exhaustive unallowable expenses list. Items not listed will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. The COPS Office reserves the right to deny funding for items not included on this unallowable expenses list.

- **Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (if applicable):** If the budget includes indirect costs calculated using a current, federally approved indirect cost rate, upload your indirect cost rate agreement. Read more information about indirect costs in the [Indirect Cost Rate Fact Sheet](#).
- **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](#).

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and Supporting Documents

If applicable, for each named partner, include a signed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) or a letter of intent that confirms the partner's agreement to support the project through commitments of staff time, space, services, or other project needs.

Each MOU should include the following:

- Names of the organizations involved in the agreement
- What service(s) and other work will be performed under the agreement by each organization
- Duration of the agreement

Submit all MOUs together as one attachment to the application. Unsigned draft MOUs may be submitted with the application, but the applicant should describe in a cover page to the attachment why they are unsigned.

Additional Application Components

Attach these in JustGrants:

- **Curricula Vitae or Résumés:** As applicable, applicants will attach a Curriculum Vitae or résumé for up to three key project staff detailing work experience and educational history and highlighting any experience that is relevant to their ability to successfully carry out assigned project activities.
- **Letters of Support:** Attach letters of support from partners such as other law enforcement agencies, community organizations, government officials, or other stakeholders as applicable. Each letter of support may include descriptions of the following:
 - › Relationship between the applicant and the supporting entity.
 - › Need for and benefits that would be gained from the project.
 - › Applicant's capacity to complete the proposed projects.

Submit letters of support together as one attachment. The COPS Office strongly recommends that uploaded files be clearly named to indicate the applicant organization name and the file contents to ensure that reviewers can easily locate application documents. Recommended file formats are PDF, Microsoft Word, and Microsoft Excel.

- **Project Timeline **REQUIRED**:** Applicants must attach a separate timeline of activities mapped to the goals and objectives of the proposed project. The timeline must list key activities and milestones and the months/quarters during which they will take place. The timeline attachment should be uploaded in the “Additional Application Components” section of the application.

If funding is awarded, the information provided in the timeline attachment will be used in performance reporting and recipients will have to provide updates on the goals, objectives, and deliverables mentioned in the timeline. The COPS Office encourages applicants to review and link their goals and objectives to the program goals and objectives listed in the Program Description section of this NOFO.

Performance reporting for this award occurs semiannually in March and August. Applicants are encouraged to create an efficient timeline that aligns milestones and objectives with these performance reporting dates.

The COPS Office provides a template for the project timeline that can be used as a voluntary tool to assist your organization in developing this required document. You will be able to access the template (Microsoft Word document) via the [How to Apply](#) page on the COPS Office website.

Disclosures and Assurances

Complete the disclosures, assurances, and certifications in JustGrants. See the [FY26 LEMHWA 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.

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

6. APPLICATION REVIEW INFORMATION

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

7. AWARD NOTICES

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

8. POST-AWARD REQUIREMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

Read the [FY26 LEMHWA 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)