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## U.S. Department of Justice Now Accepting Applications for 2025 COPS Hiring Program

**Owensboro, KY —** The U.S. Department of Justice has officially opened the application period for the FY25 **Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Hiring Program (CHP)**—a competitive grant designed to support the hiring or rehiring of law enforcement officers, with the goal of strengthening community policing and enhancing public safety across the nation.

This opportunity is open to **local, state, tribal, and territorial law enforcement agencies**, regardless of size. Through this funding, departments can expand patrol capacity, reinstate positions lost due to budget cuts, or support specialized roles such as school resource officers.

### Key Funding Highlights:

- Up to **\$125,000 per officer** over a **three-year period**
  - Requires a **25% local cash match**, though **waivers may be available** for fiscally challenged agencies
- A **maximum of one position** may be requested by agencies with fewer than 10 officers
- Agencies may request **up to 20% of their sworn force**, capped at **50 officers**
- Funding period includes a required **12-month retention period after funding ends**

Additional consideration will be given to applications from:

- Rural or underserved communities
- Departments with a focus on crime reduction strategies
- Agencies not funded under the FY24 cycle

### Application Deadlines:

- **Grants.gov Submission:** *June 25, 2025 at 4:59 PM ET*
- **JustGrants Submission:** *July 1, 2025 at 4:59 PM ET*

“The COPS Hiring Program offers a meaningful opportunity for departments to strengthen their workforce and invest in community policing,” says GRADD Community Development Planner Amy Matheny. “While it is a competitive grant, agencies with a

clear vision for outreach and a plan for sustaining the role beyond the funding period have a strong chance of success. I'm here to support local agencies through every step of the application process and help them put their best foot forward."

For more information and to access application materials, visit:

<https://cops.usdoj.gov/chp>

Agencies seeking assistance or guidance with their application are encouraged to reach out to Amy Matheny. **To ensure adequate support, please contact us by June 1.**

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