

Appendix B. Assurances

Several provisions of federal law and policy apply to all award programs. The Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (“COPS Office”) needs to secure your assurance that the applicant will comply with these provisions. If you would like further information about any of these assurances, please contact your state’s COPS Office Grant Program Specialist at 800-421-6770.

By signing this form, the applicant assures that it will comply with all legal and administrative requirements that govern the applicant for acceptance and use of federal award funds. In particular, the applicant assures us of the following:

1. It has been legally and officially authorized by the appropriate governing body (for example, mayor or city council) to apply for this award and that the persons signing the application and these assurances on its behalf are authorized to do so and to act on its behalf with respect to any issues that may arise during processing of this application.
2. It will comply with the provisions of federal law, which limit certain political activities of employees whose principal employment is in connection with an activity financed in whole or in part with this award. These restrictions are set forth in 5 U.S.C. § 1501 et seq.
3. It will comply with the minimum wage and maximum hours provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act (29 U.S.C. § 201 et seq.), if applicable.
4. It will establish safeguards, if it has not done so already, to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that is, or gives the appearance of being motivated by a desire for private gain for themselves or others, particularly those with whom they have family, business or other ties. In addition, it will disclose (in writing) to the COPS Office any potential conflict of interest arising during the course of performance of the award and also will require such written disclosures by any subrecipients.
5. As required by 42 U.S.C. § 3796dd-6, it will give the U.S. Department of Justice or the Comptroller General access to and the right to examine records and documents related to the award.
6. It will comply with all requirements imposed by the U.S. Department of Justice as a condition or administrative requirement of the award, including but not limited to: the requirements of 2 C.F.R. Part 200 (Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards) as adopted by the U.S. Department of Justice in 2 C.F.R. § 2800.101 ; 48 C.F.R. Part 31 (FAR Part 31) (Contract Cost Principles and Procedures); the applicable provisions of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, as amended; 28 C.F.R. Part 38 (Partnerships With Faith-Based and Other Neighborhood Organizations); the applicable COPS Office application guide; the applicable COPS Office award owner’s manual; and with all other applicable program requirements, laws, orders, or regulations.
7. As required by 42 U.S.C. § 3796dd-1(c) (11), it will, to the extent practicable and consistent with applicable law, seek, recruit and hire qualified members of racial and ethnic minority groups and qualified women in order to further effective law enforcement by increasing their ranks within the sworn positions in the agency.
8. It will not (and will require any subrecipient, contractors, successors, transferees, and assignees not to), on the grounds of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, or disability unlawfully exclude any person from participation in, deny the benefits of, or employment to any person, or subject any person to discrimination in connection with any programs or activities funded in whole or in part with federal funds. It will also not discriminate in the delivery of benefits or services based on age. These civil rights requirements are found in the non-discrimination provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended (42 U.S.C. § 2000d); the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, as amended (42

U.S.C. § 3789d); Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. § 794); the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. § 6101); Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended (20 U.S.C. § 1681); and the corresponding U.S. Department of Justice regulations implementing those statutes at 28 C.F.R. Part 42 (subparts C, D, E, G, and I). It will also comply with Executive Order 13279, as amended by Executive Order 13559, and the implementing regulations at 28 C.F.R. Part 38, Partnerships With Faith-Based and Other Neighborhood Organizations, which requires equal treatment of religious organizations in the funding process and prohibits religious discrimination against beneficiaries.

- A. In the event that any court or administrative agency makes a finding of discrimination on grounds of race, color, religion, national origin, or sex against the applicant after a due process hearing, it agrees to forward a copy of the finding to the Office for Civil Rights, Office of Justice Programs, 810 7th Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20531.
- B. If your organization is a government agency or private business and has received a single award for \$25,000 or more and has fifty or more employees (counting both full- and part-time employees but excluding political appointees), then it has to prepare a Utilization Report and submit it to the Office for Civil Rights (OCR) within 120 days from the date of the award. Although the OCR has discretion to review all submitted Utilization Reports, it will review the Utilization Reports from recipients that receive an award of \$500,000 or more.

To begin developing a Utilization Report, please consult the OCR's website at <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/about/ocr/eeop.htm> and click EEOP Reporting Tool Login. Additional assistance can be found online at the bottom of the same webpage by clicking the EEO Reporting Tool Job Aid and Frequently Asked Questions.

If your organization has less than fifty employees or receives an award of less than \$25,000 or is a nonprofit organization, a medical institution, an educational institution, or an Indian tribe, then it is exempt from the EEOP requirement. To claim the exemption, however, your organization must certify that it is exempt by logging into the EEO Reporting Tool on the OCR website at <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/about/ocr/eeop.htm>, providing the contact and organizational profile information, and then submitting a Certificate of Exemption.

If you have further questions regarding the EEOP requirements, you may contact an EEOP specialist at the OCR by telephone at 202-307-0690, by TTY at 202-307-2027, or by e-mail at EEOPforms@usdoj.gov.

- 9. Pursuant to U.S. Department of Justice guidelines (June 18, 2002 Federal Register, Volume 67, Number 117, pages 41455-41472), under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, it will ensure meaningful access to its programs and activities by persons with limited English proficiency.
- 10. It will ensure that any facilities under its ownership, lease or supervision which shall be utilized in the accomplishment of the project are not listed on the Environmental Protection Agency' (EPA) list of Violating Facilities and that it will notify us if advised by the EPA that a facility to be used in this grant is under consideration for such listing by the EPA.
- 11. If the applicant's state has established a review and comment procedure under Executive Order 12372 and has selected this program for review, it has made this application available for review by the state Single Point of Contact.

12. It will submit all surveys, interview protocols, and other information collections to the COPS Office for submission to the Office of Management and Budget for clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 if required.
13. It will comply with the Human Subjects Research Risk Protections requirements of 28 C.F.R. Part 46 if any part of the funded project contains non-exempt research or statistical activities which involve human subjects and also with 28 C.F.R. Part 22, requiring the safeguarding of individually identifiable information collected from research participants.
14. Pursuant to Executive Order 13043, it will enforce on-the-job seat belt policies and programs for employees when operating agency-owned - or - rented or personally owned vehicles.
15. As required by 42 U.S.C. § 3796dd-3(a), it will not use COPS Office funds to supplant (replace) state, local, or Bureau of Indian Affairs funds that otherwise would be made available for the purposes of this award, as applicable.
16. If the award contains a retention requirement, it will retain the increased officer staffing level or the increased officer redeployment level, as applicable, with state or local funds for a minimum of 12 months following expiration of the award period.
17. It will not use any federal funding directly or indirectly to influence in any manner a Member of Congress, a jurisdiction, or an official of any government, to favor, adopt, or oppose, by vote or otherwise, any legislation, law ratification, policy or appropriation whether before or after the introduction of any bill, measure, or resolution proposing such legislation, law, ratification, policy or appropriation as set forth in the Anti-Lobby Act, 18 U.S.C. § 1913.
18. In the event that a portion of award reimbursements are seized to pay off delinquent federal debts through the Treasury Offset Program or other debt collection process, it agrees to increase the nonfederal share (or, if the award does not contain a cost sharing requirement, contribute a nonfederal share) equal to the amount seized in order to fully implement the award project.

False statements or claims made in connection with COPS Office award may result in fines, imprisonment, debarment from participating in federal awards or contracts, and/or any other remedy available by law.

I certify that the assurances provided are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Elections or other selections of new officials will not relieve the recipient of its obligations under this award.

Signature of Law Enforcement Executive/Agency Executive Date

(For your electronic signature, please type in your name)

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Appendix C. Certifications Regarding Lobbying; Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters; Federal Taxes and Assessments; Drug-Free Workplace Requirements; and Coordination with Affected Agencies.

Although the U.S. Department of Justice has made every effort to simplify the application process, other provisions of federal law require us to seek your agency's certification regarding certain matters. Applicants should carefully review the statutes and regulations cited below and the instructions for certification to understand the requirements and whether they apply to a particular applicant. Signing this form complies with the certification and notice requirements under 28 C.F.R. Part 69 "New Restrictions on Lobbying"; 2 C.F.R. Part 2867 "Nonprocurement Debarment and Suspension"; 2 C.F.R. Part 200 "Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards"; the general provisions in the applicable Appropriations Act; 28 C.F.R. Part 83 "Government-Wide Requirements for Drug-Free Workplace (Grants)"; and the Public Safety Partnership and Community Policing Act of 1994. The certifications shall be treated as a material representation of fact upon which reliance will be placed when the U.S. Department of Justice determines to make the covered award.

1. Lobbying

As required by 31 U.S.C. § 1352, implemented at 28 C.F.R. Part 69, for persons entering into a grant or cooperative agreement over \$100,000, and 2 C.F.R. § 200.450 as adopted by the U.S. Department of Justice in 2 C.F.R. § 2800.101, the applicant certifies to the following:

- A. No federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with the making of any federal grant; the entering into of any cooperative agreement; or the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment or modification of any federal grant or cooperative agreement.
- B. If any funds other than federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with this federal grant or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form - LLL, "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities," in accordance with its instructions.
- C. If applicant is a nonprofit organization or an institution of higher education, it will comply with the additional lobbying restrictions set forth in 2 C.F.R. § 200.450(c) as adopted by the U.S. Department of Justice in 2 C.F.R. § 2800.101.
- D. The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subgrants, contracts under grants and cooperative agreements, and subcontracts) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

2. Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters (Direct Recipient)

Pursuant to Executive Order 12549, Debarment and Suspension, as implemented at 2 C.F.R. Part 2867, for prospective participants in primary covered transactions, as defined at 2 C.F.R. § 2867.20(a), and other requirements, the applicant certifies that it and its principals:

- A. Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, sentenced to a denial of federal benefits by a state or federal court, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any federal department or agency;
- B. Have not within a three-year period preceding this application been convicted of a felony criminal violation under any federal law, or been convicted or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (federal, state or local) or private agreement or transaction; violation of federal or state antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, tax evasion or receiving stolen property, making false claims, or obstruction of justice, or commission of any offense indicating a lack of business integrity or business honesty that seriously and directly affects your present responsibility;
- C. Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (federal, state or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph B. of this certification; and
- D. Have not within a three-year period preceding this application had one or more public transactions (federal, state or local) terminated for cause or default.

3. Mandatory Disclosure

Pursuant to the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, 2 C.F.R. § 200.113 as adopted by the U.S. Department of Justice in 2 C.F.R. § 2800.101, the applicant certifies that it:

- A. Has not violated any federal criminal law involving fraud, bribery, or gratuity that may potentially affect the federal award;

Shall timely disclose in writing to the federal awarding agency or pass-through entity, as applicable, any violation of federal criminal law involving fraud, bribery, or gratuity that may potentially affect the federal award; and

Shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards (including subgrants and cooperative agreements) and shall require all subrecipients certify and disclose accordingly.

4. Federal Taxes and Assessments

- A. If applicable, an applicant who receives an award in excess of \$5,000,000 certifies that, to the best of its knowledge and belief, the applicant has filed all federal tax returns required during the three years preceding the certification, has not been convicted of a criminal offense under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, and has not, more than 90 days prior to certification, been notified of any unpaid federal tax assessment for which the liability remains unsatisfied, unless the assessment is the subject of an installment agreement or offer in compromise that has been approved by the Internal Revenue Service and is not in default, or the assessment is the subject of a non-frivolous administrative or judicial proceeding.
- B. The applicant certifies that it does not have any unpaid federal tax liability that has been assessed, for which all judicial and administrative remedies have been exhausted or have lapsed, and that is not

being paid in a timely manner pursuant to an agreement with the authority responsible for collecting the tax liability.

5. Drug-Free Workplace

As required by the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988 (41 U.S.C. § 8103), implemented at 28 C.F.R. Part 83, for recipients other than individuals as defined at 28 C.F.R. § 83.660 –

- A. The applicant certifies that it will, or will continue to, provide a drug-free workplace by doing the following:
- (i) Publishing a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the grantee's workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violation of such prohibition;
 - (ii) Establishing an on-going drug-free awareness program to inform employees about –
 - (a) the dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;
 - (b) the grantee's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;
 - (c) any available drug counseling, rehabilitation and employee assistance programs; and
 - (d) the penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug-abuse violations occurring in the workplace;
 - (iii) Making it a requirement that each employee to be engaged in the performance of the grant be given a copy of the statement required by paragraph (i);
 - (iv) Notifying the employee in the statement required by paragraph (i) that, as a condition of employment under the grant, the employee will –
 - (a) abide by the terms of the statement; and
 - (b) notify the employer in writing of his or her conviction for a violation of a criminal drug statute occurring in the workplace no later than five calendar days after such conviction;
 - (v) Notifying the agency in writing within 10 calendar days after receiving notice under subparagraph (iv)(b) from an employee or otherwise receiving actual notice of such conviction. Employers of convicted employees must provide notice, including position title, to: COPS Office, 145 N Street, NE, Washington, D.C. 20530. Notice shall include the identification number(s) of each affected grant;
 - (vi) Taking one of the following actions within 30 calendar days of receiving notice under subparagraph (iv)(b) with respect to any employee who is so convicted –
 - (a) Taking appropriate personnel action against such an employee, up to and including termination, consistent with the requirements of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; or
 - (b) Requiring such employee to participate satisfactorily in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved for such purposes by a federal, state or local health, law enforcement or other appropriate agency;
 - (vii) Making a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of paragraphs (i), (ii), (iii), (iv), (v), and (vi).

- B. The applicant further certifies that it will identify all known workplaces under each COPS Office award, keep the identification documents on file, and make them available for inspection upon request by the U.S. Department of Justice officials or their designated representatives.

6. Coordination

As required by 42 U.S.C. § 3796dd-1(c)(5) of the Public Safety Partnership and Community Policing Act of 1994, applicants must certify that there has been appropriate coordination with all agencies that may be affected by the applicant's grant proposal if approved. Affected agencies may include, among others, the Office of the United States Attorney, state or local prosecutors, or correctional agencies. The applicant certifies that there has been appropriate coordination with all affected agencies.

Where the applicant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this Certifications form, he or she shall attach an explanation to this application regarding the particular statement that cannot be certified. Please check the box if an explanation is attached to this application. Please note that the applicant is still required to sign the Certifications form to certify to all the other applicable statements.

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Appendix D: Award Condition for Compliance with 8 U.S.C. § 1373

1. Authority to obligate or expend contingent on compliance with 8 U.S.C. 1373

NOTE: This grant condition applies only to state or local government entities or to non-state or local government entities that make subawards with these funds to a state or local government entity.

State or local government entity recipients of this award, and any subrecipient of this award at any tier that is an entity of a State or of a unit of local government, may not obligate or expend award funds if – at the time of the obligation or expenditure – the “program or activity” of the recipient funded in whole or in part with the award funds (which includes any such program or activity of any subrecipient at any tier) is subject to any prohibitions or restrictions on sending to, requesting or receiving from, maintaining, or exchanging information on citizenship or immigration status as described in 8 U.S.C. 1373(a) or (b), including any prohibitions or restrictions imposed or established by a state or local government entity or official.

A subrecipient of this award (at any tier) that is an entity of a State or of a unit of local government may not obligate or expend award funds if – at the time of the obligation or expenditure – the “program or activity” of the subrecipient (which includes any such program or activity of any subrecipient at any further tier) funded (in whole or in part) with award funds is subject to any prohibitions or restrictions on sending to, requesting or receiving from, maintaining, or exchanging information on citizenship or immigration status as described in 8 U.S.C. 1373(a) or (b), including any prohibitions or restrictions imposed by a state or local government entity or official.

Any obligations or expenditures of a recipient or subrecipient that are impermissible under this condition shall be unallowable costs for purposes of this award.

Rules of Construction. For purposes of this condition, “program or activity” means what it means under section 606 of title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d-4a).

Pursuant to 8 U.S.C. 1551 note, references to the Immigration and Naturalization Service in 8 U.S.C. 1373 are to be read, as a legal matter, as references to particular components of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

Should any provision of a condition of this award be held to be invalid or unenforceable by its terms, then that provision shall first be applied with a limited construction so as to give it the maximum effect permitted by law (to any person or circumstance) under this award. Should it be held, instead, that a condition (or a provision thereof) is of utter invalidity or unenforceability, such condition (or such provision) shall be deemed severable from this award.

Any questions about the meaning or scope of this condition should be directed, prior to acceptance of this award, to the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services Legal Division at 202-514-3750.