



Community Oriented Policing Service (COPS)

FY 2024 Budget Request At A Glance

FY 2023 Enacted - Discretionary:	\$662.9 million (100 positions; 7 attorneys)
FY 2024 Budget Request - Discretionary:	\$651.0 million (100 positions; 7 attorneys)
Program Change/Tech Adj. - Discretionary:	-\$11.9 million (-1.8%)
FY 2023 Enacted - Mandatory:	\$0
FY 2024 Budget Request - Mandatory:	\$2,175.0 million
Program Change/Tech Adj. - Mandatory:	+\$2,175.0 million (+100%)

Mission:

The mission of the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) is to advance public safety through the practice of community policing. By proactively addressing the root causes of criminal and disorderly behavior, rather than simply responding to crimes once they have been committed, community policing concentrates on preventing both crime and the atmosphere of fear it creates. Community policing also promotes the use of operational strategies and the development of mutually beneficial relationships between law enforcement and the communities served. By earning community trust and making those individual community members stakeholders in their own safety, law enforcement can better understand and address the community's needs, and the factors that contribute to crime.

Resources:

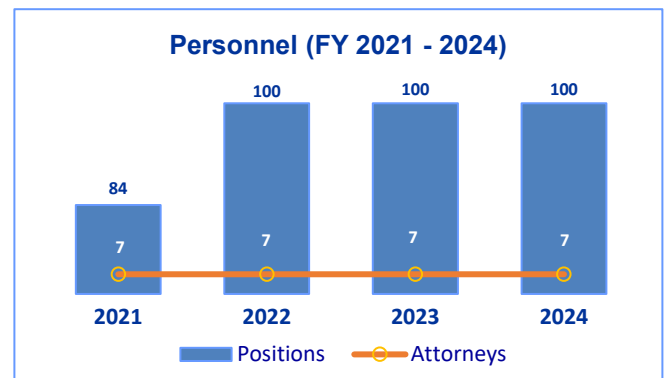
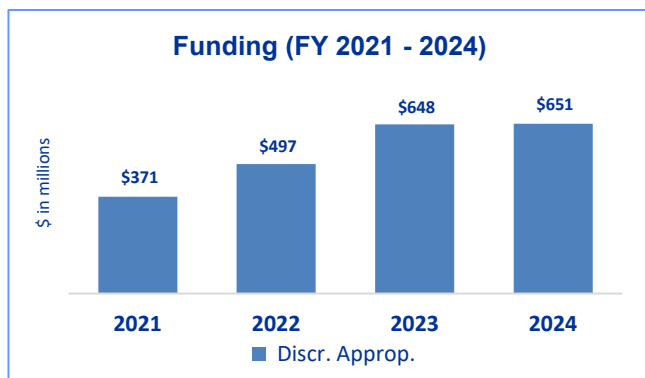
The FY 2024 discretionary budget request for COPS totals \$651.0 million, equal to the FY 2023 President's Budget level and \$11.9 million below the FY 2023 enacted level. The Budget request also includes \$2,175.0 million in mandatory funding for the COPS Hiring Program (CHP), one of three mandatory proposals supporting the President's Safer America Plan.

Organization:

The COPS Office is headed by a Director, who is appointed by the Attorney General. The COPS Office was established in 1994 to assist law enforcement agencies in enhancing public safety through the implementation of community policing strategies.

Personnel:

COP's direct authorized positions for FY 2024 total 100 positions, which is equal to the FY 2023 Enacted.



FY 2024 Strategy:

COPS remains steadfast to the law enforcement field, the communities they serve, and the priorities of the Administration in advancing work that promotes civil rights, increases access to justice, supports crime victims, protects the public from crime and evolving threats, and builds trust between law enforcement and the community.

To advance this mission, COPS awards federal funds to hire community policing professionals, develop and test innovative policing strategies, and provide training and technical assistance to advance the practice of community policing. Community policing is a philosophy that promotes organizational strategies that support the systematic use of partnerships and problem-solving techniques to proactively address the immediate conditions that give rise to public safety issues such as crime, social disorder, and the fear of crime. Since 1994, the COPS Office has invested more than \$20 billion to advance community policing and has supported more than 13,000 of the nation's 18,000 local law enforcement agencies.

The COPS Office provides resources to support local law enforcement to establish and sustain relationships and working partnerships with their communities. This helps to facilitate effective crime prevention, intervention, and the delivery of services. The resources provide support to law enforcement agencies for the hiring and training of community policing professionals. Additionally, COPS resources support law enforcement requests needed to administer and implement responsible reforms and strengthen the bridges of trust between those sworn to protect and the communities they serve.

The COPS Hiring Program (CHP) supports a broad array of innovative focus areas and strategies that enable local law enforcement and their communities to partner in a collective role to prevent crime – especially violent crime. Together with other investments requested, the proposed funding level for the CHP offers a pathway to comprehensively support law enforcement and communities in their combined efforts to promote public safety.

In FY 2024, the COPS Office will fulfill its mission of advancing public safety through community policing by:

- Supporting over 3,000 sworn law enforcement positions nationwide through the CHP, while implementing meaningful administrative reforms to more closely align the program with a broader array of evidence-based strategies to combat violent crime in partnership with communities. These include prioritization for jurisdictions seeking to implement hiring practices that would help agencies mirror the racial diversity of the communities they serve, for jurisdictions that support Community Violence Intervention (CVI) programs, and for jurisdictions seeking to hire officers specifically to coordinate with CVI teams and other community stakeholders;
- Implementing new priority preferences to incentivize state and local police departments to undertake commonsense reforms consistent with those required of federal law enforcement agencies under the President's Executive Order 14074. These

reforms include banning chokeholds and carotid holds except where deadly force is authorized; training officers in de-escalation tactics to prevent the unnecessary use of force; restricting the use of no-knock warrants; and other areas described in the Order.

- Providing grants under the COPS Anti-Methamphetamine Program and the Anti-Heroin Task Forces Program. The programs would support investigations of illicit activities related to the distribution of heroin, unlawful distribution of prescription opioids, methamphetamine precursor diversion, laboratories, or heroin and methamphetamine traffickers, and support prevention efforts related to the prescription drug, heroin, and methamphetamine epidemics;
- Continuing oversight and coordination of the National Blue Alert Network, which promotes rapid dissemination of information to law enforcement, the media and the public about violent offenders who have killed, seriously injured, or pose an imminent threat to law enforcement, or when an officer is missing in connection with official duties;
- Advancing the work of the national Officer Safety and Wellness (OSW) Group, which brings together representatives from law enforcement, Federal agencies, and the research community to focus attention on this critical aspect of public safety. Semi-annual meetings of the OSW Group help amplify critical officer safety issues and result in reports which highlight the latest research and best practices around different safety and wellness topics;
- Promoting improved public safety outcomes by infusing community policing core principles in all grant programs, and acting on evidence that they advance public safety;
- Supporting innovative programs that respond directly to the emerging needs of State, local, and tribal law enforcement for research-based guidance on the most effective ways to prevent and address crime and disorder within their communities; And
- Providing responsive, cost-effective customer service delivery to grantees to ensure success in implementing community-policing strategies within their communities.

Mandatory Funding:

The Budget requests \$2.2 billion in 2024 for the COPS Hiring Program Safer America Plan proposal, and \$10.9 billion over five years in total. Combined with continued discretionary investments in COPS Hiring, this will provide communities the resources needed to keep streets safe, including by helping them hire and train 100,000 additional police officers for accountable community policing and dedicating funds for small law enforcement agencies.

FY 2024 Program Changes:

COPS Hiring:

The budget proposes an increase of \$213.0 million for the COPS Hiring Program for a total of \$537.0 million. The

request includes funding for the following set-asides:

- **Tribal Access Program (TAP) (\$6.0 million)** – The FY 2024 President’s Budget requests \$6.0 million. This program provides Tribes with access to national crime information systems for both criminal and civil purposes. TAP allows Tribes to better serve and protect their citizens by ensuring the exchange of critical data across systems provided by the FBI’s Criminal Justice Information Services division, and other national crime information systems.
- **Collaborative Reform Initiative (\$20.0 million)** - The FY 2024 President’s Budget requests \$20 million. This program advances the ability of law enforcement to address their crime and public safety priorities and make their communities safer through the delivery of direct technical assistance to agencies across the country.
- **Tribal Resources Grant Program (TRGP) (\$40.0 million)** – The FY 2024 President’s Budget requests \$40.0 million to expand the implementation of community policing and to meet the most serious needs of law enforcement in tribal nations. The TRGP funding can be used for newly hired or rehired career law enforcement officers and village public safety officers as well as to procure basic equipment and training to assist in initiating or enhancing tribal community policing efforts.
- **Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness (\$8.0 million)** – This program will help law enforcement agencies establish or enhance mental health care services for their officers and deputies by making grants available to initiate pilot programs that support peer mentoring, annual mental health checks, crisis hotlines, and the delivery of other critical mental health and wellness services. It will also support the development of resources for the mental health providers who deliver tailored, specific services to law enforcement based on the unique challenges they face.
- **Regional Information Sharing Systems (RISS) (\$40.0 million)** - This program, administered by the Office of Justice Programs, supports Federal, State, local, territorial, and tribal law enforcement agencies and other criminal justice agencies through six regional RISS centers by providing the following services:
 - A secure online information and intelligence-sharing network;
 - Officer safety information and deconfliction services;
 - Investigative and analytical support services;
 - Loans of specialized investigative equipment and confidential investigative funds; and
 - Training, conferences, and publications designed to assist RISS users in investigating and prosecuting regional, national, and transnational criminal activity.
- **Community Policing Development: (\$35.0 million)** - This program develops the capacity of law enforcement to implement community policing

strategies by providing guidance on promising practices through the development and testing of innovative strategies, to build knowledge about effective practices and outcomes, and to support new, creative approaches to preventing crime and promoting safe communities.

Safer America Plan:

As part of the Safer America Plan, the Budget requests a total of \$10.9 billion over five years in mandatory spending for the COPS Hiring Program to support the Administration’s goal to bolster effective and accountable community policing on our streets. This mandatory funding, along with continued discretionary investments, provide the resources necessary to recruit, train, support, and manage 100,000 additional police officers over the next five years.