



## **FY 21-22 PEACE OFFICER BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SUPPORT AND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS GRANT PROGRAM NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY/APPLICATION OVERVIEW (AKA POMH)**

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### **Program Purpose:**

C.R.S. 24-32-3501 The Peace Officers Behavioral Health Support and Community Partnerships grant program within the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) is available for law enforcement agencies, peace officer organizations, public safety agencies for purposes 1-6. Behavioral health or community-based social services providers are eligible to apply in partnerships with law enforcement or public safety agencies for the purposes identified in 1-2 below:

1. Co-responder community responses;
2. Community-based alternative responses;
3. Counseling services for peace officers and their immediate family members;
4. Assistance for development and implementation of policies to support peace officers who are involved in shootings or fatal use of force;
5. Training and education programs that teach peace officers and their immediate family members the symptoms of job-related mental trauma and how to prevent and treat such trauma;
6. Peer support programs for peace officers.

\$2 million has been set aside for costs associated with peace officers (including their immediate family members) behavioral health counseling, training/education, and peer support programs for peace officers.

\$1 million has been set aside for costs associated with co-responder/community-based alternative response projects.

This grant program will accept funding requests until the end of the application period and program funds will be awarded until all funds have been exhausted.

### **Total Funding Available:**

\$3,000,000 (approximate amount)

### **Application Timeline:**

**December 17, 2021:** Application open

**January 28, 2022:** Application due

**Contact:**

Peace Officer Behavioral Health Support Grant Program:

<https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/dola/peace-officer-mental-health-grant>

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**Online Application Process:**

All applications must be submitted using the online grants portal. Please allow yourself plenty of time to become familiar with the grants portal system. Applicants will need to create an account, log into the system, and complete each section of the application for electronic submittal. You will be able to save and close a completed section of your online application and return to complete it at a later time.

**Program info and helpful details on completing the online application:**

- Eligible entities include Colorado law enforcement agencies and peace officer organizations.
- Grant funds will be appropriated annually.
- Ensure your application is correct and complete before submitting.
- County Sheriffs' Offices and Municipal Police Departments are encouraged to apply in collaboration with behavioral health agencies in their region.
- Do not provide confidential information in the application or supporting documents.
- Please use the budget form provided on the website <https://cdola.colorado.gov/funding-programs/peace-officer-mental-health-grant>.
- The request will be reviewed and scored on a variety of factors such as peace officer behavioral health support, investment in community based public safety partnerships, degree of need and measurable outcomes.

**Application Overview:****A. Applicant/Contact Information**

1. Applicant name (All applicants must be a law enforcement agency or peace officers organization within the State of Colorado). Behavioral health entities may apply in partnership with a law enforcement or public safety agency.
2. Chief Elected Official/Principal Representative (i.e. Mayor, County Commission Chair, etc.).
3. Designated contact person/Responsible Administrator for the application

**B. Application Questions**

1. Amount of grant funds requested
2. Intended use of grant funds:
  - Co-responder community responses.
  - Community-based alternative responses.

- Counseling services for peace officers and their immediate family members, including reimbursing peace officers who have paid the costs of their own counseling services.
  - Assistance for development and implementation of policies to support peace officers who are involved in shootings or a fatal use of force.
  - Training and education programs that teach peace officers and their immediate family members the symptoms of job-related mental trauma and how to prevent and treat such trauma.
  - Peer support programs for peace officers.
3. Project budget (use budget form provided)
  4. Collaboration with behavioral/mental health, or community-based social services providers.

**C. Board Approval/Tabor**

1. Official board action: Every application must provide the date the city/town/county board, council or trustees authorized the submittal of the grant application.
2. TABOR: The funds for the Peace Officers Behavioral Health Support Grant and Community Partnerships Grant Program are state funds and may be subject to TABOR. Local jurisdictions are responsible for their own Tabor compliance. Please consult with your legal counsel regarding TABOR limits before submitting an application.