



PEACE OFFICER MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT GRANT PROGRAM NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY/APPLICATION OVERVIEW

Program Purpose:

C.R.S. 24-32-3501 The Peace Officers Mental Health Support grant program within the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) is available to provide financial assistance to law enforcement agencies for mental health services such as:

- On-scene response services to support peace officers' handling of persons with mental health disorders; and
- Counseling services to peace officers.
- 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 the symptoms of job-related mental trauma and how to prevent and treat such trauma.
- Peer support programs.

This grant program will accept and approve requests on a first-come first-serve basis. Applications will be reviewed in the order of receipt with a date and time stamp on each application. Funds will be awarded until all program funds have been exhausted.

Total Funding Available:

\$1,900,000 annually (*approximate amount*)

Application Timeline:

- July 31, 2020: Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) distributed and application posted through on-line grants portal
- October 26, 2020 : Application due

Contact:

Peace Officer Mental Health Support Grant Program:

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

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Online Application Process:

The grant application process is available electronically. All applications must be submitted using the online grants portal to be considered for an award. Please allow yourself plenty of time to become familiar with the new system. Local governments 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 page of your online application and return to complete at a later time.

Program info and helpful details on completing the online application:

- Eligible entities include Colorado County Sheriffs' Offices and Municipal Police Departments.
- Examples of some eligible costs available for request:
 - Peer to peer training services and costs
 - Crisis lines and support for officers
 - Statewide services
 - Indirect Costs
 - Costs associated with managing overhead
- Grant funds will be appropriated annually.
- This grant program will accept and approve requests on a first-come first-serve basis. Applications will be reviewed in the order of receipt with a date and time stamp on each application. Ensure your application is correct and complete the first time. Funds will be awarded until all program funds have been exhausted.
- While it is not mandated, County Sheriffs' Offices and Municipal Police Departments are encouraged to apply in collaboration with mental health centers in their region, to the extent possible. This is not a requirement of the program and applicants will not be negatively affected if a mental health center was not involved.
- Do not provide confidential information in the application or supporting documents. Enough detail should be made available to confirm expenses, but confidential information should be omitted or redacted as appropriate.

Application Overview:

A. Applicant/Contact Information

1. Local Government name (All applicants must be a law enforcement agency or peace officers organization within the State of Colorado).
2. Chief Elected Official/Principal Representative (i.e. Mayor, County Commissioners Chairman or such).
3. Designated contact person/Responsible Administrator for the application

B. Application Questions

1. A) Amount of grant funds requested
B) Concise use of Funds
2. Collaboration
3. Advance Funds

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 Mental Health Support Grant program are state funds and may be subject to TABOR. Local jurisdictions are responsible for their own

TABOR compliance. Please consult with legal counsel regarding TABOR limits for the local government applicant(s) before submitting an application.