



NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY
Kentucky Office of the Attorney General
Stand by the Badge: Peer Support for Law Enforcement
2026 Grant Program Application

Release Date: May 1, 2026

Application Deadline: June 15, 2026

Applicants must first read the Notice of Funding Opportunity prior to applying. Link to application is on page 5.

Overview

Law enforcement officers face higher exposure to traumatic events and occupational stress than the general public. Peer support programs provide confidential, experience-based support that improves resilience and facilitates connection to mental health and other professional resources.

The Kentucky Office of the Kentucky Attorney General (KYOAG) seeks proposals from law enforcement agencies to develop or enhance peer support programs that address chronic stress and promote officer mental health and wellness. Funding will support costs associated with developing and implementing a new peer support team (PST) or supporting an existing team.

Maximum award: \$5,000 per eligible recipient

Grant period: 12 months from date of disbursement

Payment: Funds will be disbursed to recipients upon approval of the proposed project and prior to implementation. Disbursements will not be made on a reimbursement basis.

Funding is limited and not guaranteed. This grant opportunity is a sub-award made possible through funding to the KYOAG from the Attorneys General Alliance. Funds may be used to establish or expand local and regional programs, increasing access to mental health and wellness resources for officers.

Application Instructions

The online application will be available May 1, 2026, at <https://www.ag.ky.gov> and will close on June 15, 2026.

If you have any questions, please contact Debbie Abreu at debbie.abreu@ky.gov or (502)696-5416.

Eligible Applicants

Eligible applicants include the following entities:

- Local and state law enforcement agencies in Kentucky, as defined by [KRS 61.931\(4\)](#)
- State and local correctional facilities as defined by [KRS 197.010\(5\)](#) and [KRS 441.415](#).

- Regional law enforcement associations (e.g. local or state FOP lodge, regional task forces, or regional Chiefs of Police Associations).
- Nonprofit first responder peer support organizations serving law enforcement officers. If awarded, a copy of the IRS 501(c)(3) determination letter will be required.

Additional Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must also meet the following requirements:

- Applicants must be registered with the Kentucky Secretary of State (if applicable) and enrolled as a vendor in the eMARS system prior to award execution
- Applicants must be able to complete the Affidavit of Bidders and Offerors and comply with all applicable Office of the Attorney General (OAG) contract terms and Finance Cabinet boilerplate requirements

Applications submitted by private individuals or ineligible organizations will not be considered for funding. However, individuals with innovative ideas aligned with this initiative are encouraged to collaborate with eligible applicants.

Goals and Objectives

- Support Kentucky law enforcement agencies in developing, implementing, and operating peer support programs
- Increase officer access to and use of mental health and wellness services
- Expand agency capacity to provide training, resources, and family support
- Strengthen peer support networks for crisis and non-crisis situations
- Reduce stigma associated with officer mental health and wellness

Peer Support

As defined by the International Association of Chiefs of Police:

“The goal of peer support for law enforcement is to provide all public safety employees in an agency with the opportunity to receive emotional and tangible support through times of personal or professional crisis, and to help anticipate and address potential difficulties. Ideally, peer support programs are developed and implemented under the organizational structure of the parent agency. Receiving support from the highest levels within an organization helps a peer support program to work effectively.”¹

Allowable and Unallowable Expenses

Funds awarded may be used to support direct costs associated with developing, implementing, and operating a peer support team, including overtime pay for peer support specialists, contractual services for the PST, travel, training, equipment, or operating expenses associated with the PST. All costs must be reasonable, necessary, and documented, and funds must be managed in compliance with state and

¹ International Association of Chiefs of Police. Peer support guidelines. (2016) Available at <https://www.theiacp.org/sites/default/files/2018-09/Psych-PeerSupportGuidelines.pdf>

federal requirements. Recipients may not generate a profit from these funds or use them to improve upon real estate.

Allowable Expenses

Funding may be used to establish or operate local or regional peer support programs, including:

- Training costs specifically regarding peer support teams and wellness for law enforcement.
- Travel associated with training and education specifically regarding peer support and wellness for law enforcement.
- Equipment used primarily for the operation of the peer support team (e.g. cell phones and data plans to be used exclusively for the PST operation).
- Supplies used primarily for the operation of the peer support team.
- Promotional materials used to advertise the peer support team to law enforcement and corrections officers.
- Personnel costs to support salary/overtime for positions whose work is specifically related to implementing project activities. Overtime is an allowable personnel cost. Hourly positions that are eligible for overtime during the course of their regular job duties do not need to specifically budget for unplanned, as-needed overtime. However, positions proposed to perform specialized activities during specifically assigned and planned periods of overtime should be included in the budget, with the position clearly identified as an overtime-only position.

Non-Allowable Expenses

- Expenses not for the purpose of developing or enhancing peer support team programs
- Expenses focused solely on purchasing technology, software, or equipment that are not for training for or operation of peer support teams
- Gift cards, entertainment
- Lobbying
- Costs associated with fundraising, including financial and political campaigns
- Investigations and prosecutions of criminal or administrative matters
- Real estate or capital improvements
- Salaries and expenses of personnel not for the purpose of operating the PST
- Costs incurred outside the project period
- Food and alcohol expenses

Reporting Requirements

Recipients are required to complete an interim and a final report form. Each report will include both programmatic and financial components, summarizing activities, expenditures, and outcomes. Reports must be completed using a fillable form that will be provided to successful applicants. Reporting will focus on key results and responsible use of funds.

Reporting Period	Report Submission Deadline
Interim Report	6 months after disbursement of funds
Final Report Summary	12 months after disbursement of funds

Request to Modify Project

Changes to the project scope or budget require prior written approval from the KYOAG.

Recipients must comply with all program requirements and implement projects as approved. Noncompliance may result in repayment of funds. Requests should be submitted at least 60 days before the end of the grant period.

Important Dates:

Application Window: May 1 - June 15, 2026

Application Due Date: June 15, 2026

Award Decision Notice: 45 days following final close of application window

Points of Contact:

- **Chief Law Enforcement Officer / Authorized Official** - The person authorized to apply for, accept, decline, or cancel the grant on behalf of the agency.
- **Project Director** – The employee of the agency who will be responsible for operation of the project and program activity reporting.
- **Financial Officer** – The chief financial officer of the agency who will be responsible for all the financial aspects of the project.

Application Instructions:

The application is available by visiting ag.ky.gov or by clicking [HERE](#). Please ensure all questions are completed in full.

Agency Information:

- **Legal Name:** Legal name of the applicant entity as registered in the Kentucky Secretary of State Business Entity Registry.
- **Agency Type**
- **Employer Identification Number:** Applicants must provide an Employer Identification Number (EIN) issued by the Internal Revenue Service.
- **Mailing Address:** Address where official grant correspondence may be delivered.
- **Phone Number:** Main phone number of the applicant entity.

Project Title

Applicants must provide a clear and descriptive title for the proposed project.

Proposed Project and Expenditures

Applicants must provide a summary of the proposed project, including its purpose, primary activities, expected outcomes, service area, and intended beneficiaries.

Budget Narrative

Applicants must provide a budget narrative that fully itemizes all proposed costs for the entire grant period. The narrative should explain how costs were estimated and demonstrate how each expense is essential to achieving project objectives.

The budget narrative must:

- Clearly describe every cost included in the total project budget.
- Explain the purpose of each line item in relation to the project's goals and activities.
- Align directly with the line items presented on the budget form.
- Include detailed calculations for each budget item to justify the proposed amount.

Project Timeline

Applicants must provide a Project Timeline (or comparable document) showing how the project will be implemented over the entire period of performance. At a minimum, the timeline should include tasks to be completed and key milestones to track progress.

Agencies Involved

List all agencies collaborating on the project, clearly describing each agency's role and responsibilities in supporting project objectives.

Personnel Involved

Identify key personnel, outlining their responsibilities and relevant qualifications to ensure successful project implementation.

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