

## **FY24 Safer Outcomes: Enhancing De-Escalation and Crisis Response Training for Law Enforcement – Support for Law Enforcement Agencies**

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## **Safer Outcomes: Enhancing De-Escalation and Crisis Response Training for Law Enforcement – Support for Law Enforcement Agencies**

### **Purpose:**

The goal of this solicitation is to promote safe outcomes during police encounters with persons in crisis through relevant training. Awards under this solicitation will be made to law enforcement agencies seeking to implement training and related supports on this topic. Training is supported for law enforcement officers, support personnel employed by law enforcement agencies, and mental health professionals working on crisis intervention teams as employees of a law enforcement agency or under a legal agreement with a law enforcement agency.

### **Areas of focus:**

Supported training programs must address one or more of the following areas of focus.

- 1. De-escalation tactics and alternatives to use of force.** For purposes of this solicitation, the term “de-escalation” means taking action or communicating verbally or non-verbally during a potential force encounter in an attempt to stabilize the situation and reduce the immediacy of the threat so that more time, options, and resources can be called upon to resolve the situation without the use of force or with a reduction in the force necessary.
- 2. Safely responding to an individual experiencing a mental or behavioral health or suicidal crisis.** Such a crisis is one in which the behavior of a person puts the person at risk of hurting himself or herself or others; or impairs or prevents the person from being able to care for himself or herself or function effectively in the community. This also includes situations in which a person is under the influence of a drug or alcohol, is suicidal, or experiences symptoms of a mental illness; or may exhibit symptoms, including emotional reactions (such as fear or anger),

psychological impairments (such as inability to focus, confusion, or psychosis), and behavioral reactions (such as the trigger of a freeze, fight, or flight response).

3. **Safe encounters with individuals with disabilities.** The term “disability” has the meaning given that term in section 3 of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12102).

### **Requirements**

In the application materials, successful applicants must provide evidence that the proposed training program meets the following requirements.

- The program addresses one or more of the areas of focus described in the solicitation documents.
- The program has clearly defined learning objectives.
- Training is led by instructors with practical experience in the content.
- Training includes scenario-based discussion relevant to the content.
- Participant learning is assessed with both pre-and post-training assessments.
- Participant satisfaction is assessed post-training.
- The program is supported by agency leadership.

### **Deliverables**

The expected project deliverable(s) should be clearly identified in the application. Deliverables might include one or more of the following:

- Training deliveries (agencies will be required to report on the number of individuals trained during each performance period)
- Policies created or revised

### **Federal Award Information: Awards, Amounts and Durations**

#### **Anticipated Number of Awards**

20

#### **Anticipated Maximum Dollar Amount of Awards**

\$350,000 per award

#### **Period of Performance Start Date**

October 1, 2024

#### **Period of Performance Duration (months)**

24 months

**Anticipated Total Amount to be Awarded under Solicitation**

\$7,000,000

**Cost Sharing or Match**

There is no requirement for cost sharing or a local match for the award.

**Eligibility Information**

Open to state, local, tribal, and territorial law enforcement agencies.