

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS – Updated 4/16/2018

Law Enforcement & Community: Crisis Intervention Training Model Program Solicitation



Can multiple law enforcement agencies apply for this award together?



If several law enforcement agencies work together and are interested in establishing a CIT program within their region they can apply for this award. One agency will need to take the lead to coordinate and host all activities within award. As part of the application process all agencies must complete and submit with the application, memorandums of understanding (MOUs) which defines all tasks and how resources will be shared, as well as a commitment to work with the coordinating agency.

What funds are available for this project and what will you provide?

Selected agencies will not receive any funding but will receive intensive technical assistance, resources, training, coaching, and expertise from a national pool of subject experts to adopt and operationalize a CIT strategy agency-wide. The goal is to form a new culture of CIT within the selected agencies. Those agencies will receive:

1. Comprehensive technical assistance to implement and sustain a CIT program.
2. A plan for, and the execution of, a consecutive 5-day, 40-hour CIT training covering 26 modules of varying lengths for a variety of learning styles.
3. Delivery of a CIT train-the-trainer course to further develop and build CIT program sustainment.
4. A variety of resources including materials for the 40-hour training and the Train-the-Trainer course (companion Instructor Guide, Participant Guide, and pre/post evaluation forms).
5. Follow-up technical assistance in the delivery and implementation of the CIT strategy within each agency including a long-term sustainability plan.

Who is eligible to apply?

Applicants must be U.S. law enforcement agencies/police departments (municipal, county, or tribal) with the capacity and commitment to participate in this comprehensive program.

Are agencies with an established CIT-training program able to apply?

Agencies with established CIT programs are eligible to apply. Any agency looking to implement a new CIT program from scratch or enhance its current CIT program is eligible to apply.

Can a college or university police department apply?

College and University Police Departments with sworn law enforcement officers are eligible to apply.

Can a Department of Corrections apply?

No. This solicitation is directed at law enforcement agencies/police departments. Corrections would be a group who would benefit from the training once the train-the-trainer portion is completed within the jurisdiction.

What objectives do we need to meet if we are a selected agency?

It is required that each agency submitting an application for consideration identify leaders in their organization and in the community that can support the implementation and training responsibilities of the CIT Program. Similarly, these leaders must be dedicated to allocating ample staff time to participate in the CIT implementation and training. This will include the identification of a dedicated on-site agency coordinator who will identify and bring together all necessary collaborating partners/stakeholders.

In addition, agencies selected must agree to participate in the following:

- Pre-training kick-off video conference.
- Significant pre-work and strategic planning to design, develop, and implement comprehensive CIT strategies. This includes the development of a CIT implementation strategy and assistance in determining the number of CIT-trained officers needed.
- A review of existing policies and procedures with careful consideration given to recommended modifications for adoption.
- One or two CIT trainings (the 5 consecutive day, 40 hour training) dependent upon agency need. The agency must be able to provide a training space that comfortably accommodates 40-45 people (25-30 law enforcement and stakeholder participants, agency trainers, CIT program instructors, and other critical staff (e.g. 911 call takers/dispatchers, etc.)
- Follow-on CIT TTT course (2-3 days) to build agency training capacity for future deliveries of the CIT training program within selected communities. This TTT course will include detailed instruction on pre-planning steps/requirements needed in order to deliver and implement the CIT training model in a community. CIT TTT will require that all necessary stakeholders – including non-law enforcement stakeholders – attend the training together. TTT will be delivered to each participating agency as part of the strategic CIT implementation plan.
- Ongoing technical assistance throughout CIT program implementation, including intensive strategic planning, implementation support, training deliveries, program sustainability planning and implementation, and an on-site follow-up consultation approximately 60 days following the CIT TTT event.
- Training evaluations pre- and post-CIT training delivery(ies), as well as pre- and post-CIT TTT delivery.
- An impact/outcome evaluation (training outcomes, partnerships, use of force, person level outcomes, etc.) which will include on-site focus groups.