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	INTENSIVE COMPREHENSIVE PEACE OFFICER EDUCATION AND TRAINING	UPDATED PATHWAYS TO POLICING
Statute Intent	Career transition candidates; degree required.	Non-traditional candidates; no degree required.
Eligible Applicants	Local and Tribal law enforcement agencies	Local and Tribal law enforcement agencies
Available Funding	\$2.5 million	\$780,000
Projected Timeline	Request for Proposal (RFP) opens before Dec. 31, 2023 and closes before Jan. 31, 2024.	RFP opens before Dec. 31, 2023 and closes before Jan. 31, 2024.
Allowable Reimbursement	\$50,000 per candidate; agency can apply for more than one candidate.	50% with match from agency; no maximum.
Agency Match Requirements	None	50%
Candidate Requirements	Professional Peace Officer Education (PPOE) qualified and a two or four-year college degree from a regionally accredited college/university.	PPOE qualified and non-traditional candidates.



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Candidate Employment Status	Required	Not required.
Contract Dates	April 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025	April 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025
Reimbursement Timing	Quarterly reimbursement	Quarterly reimbursement
Training Provider	Minnesota State selected two schools. First cohorts at Alexandria Tech and Hennepin Technical College.	Any PPOE-certified coursework/institution.
Allowable Expenses	Salary, tuition and other allowable expenses.	Salary, tuition and other allowable expenses.
Progress Reporting	Quarterly narrative on candidate training progress; POST number at the end.	Quarterly narrative on candidate training progress; POST number and demographics at the end.



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Allocation Guidance	Geographic diversity based on applications received and agency authorized strength.	Proportionally allocated based on number approved.
Available Technical Assistance	Two information sessions while the RFP is open.	Two information sessions while the RFP is open.

For more information on the Intensive Comprehensive Peace Officer Education and Training (ICPOET) or Pathways to Policing Program, visit the our website at <https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/ojp/> or contact the administrators below.

- Intensive Comprehensive Peace Officer Education and Training (ICPOET) Program: Minnesota Statute 626.8516.
- Pathways to Policing Program: 2017 session law, chapter 95

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