

by high rates of crime and violence. Applications should reflect the department's most serious law enforcement needs and must link these needs to the implementation or enhancement of community policing. Also, a written plan to retain COPS-funded officer positions after Federal funding has ended and a plan for the implementation of community policing by the department must be submitted with the grant application.

All Federally recognized tribes with established police departments or existing police efforts are eligible to apply. Tribes whose law enforcement services are provided by local policing agencies through a contract arrangement are not eligible under this COPS program. In addition, individual start-up police departments are not eligible. However, tribes or village that wish to initiate a law enforcement effort may apply as a consortium with a formal, written partnership agreement that names a lead agency and describes how requested resources will serve the consortium's population.

DATES: Applications will be sent to all Federally Recognized Tribes with existing law enforcement efforts by mid-to-late March 1999. Tribes or Villages that wish to apply as a consortium may request an application kit from the COPS Office. The deadline for applications is May 28, 1999. Applications must be postmarked by May 28, 1999, to be eligible.

ADDRESSES: To obtain an application or for more information, call the U.S. Department of Justice Response Center, (202) 307-1480 or 1-800-421-6770. A copy of the application kit will be available in mid-to-late March on the COPS Office web site at: <http://www.usdoj.gov/cops>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The U.S. Department of Justice Response Center, (202) 307-1480 or 1-800-421-6770 or your grant advisor.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Overview

The Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 (Pub. L. 103-322) authorizes the Department of Justice to make grants to increase deployment of law enforcement officers devoted to community policing on the streets and rural routes in this nation. As part of the Clinton Administration's commitment to combat and prevent crime in America's Tribal communities, the Justice Department's Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) has made funding available through the Tribal Resource Grant Program, a program developed to meet

the most serious needs of law enforcement in Indian communities through a broadened, comprehensive hiring program that will offer a "menu of options" from salary and benefits for new police personnel to funding for law enforcement training and equipment for new and existing officers. This program, which complements the COPS Office's effort to fund 100,000 additional community policing officers and support innovative community policing, will enhance law enforcement infrastructures and community policing efforts in these Tribal communities, many of which have limited resources and are affected by high rates of crime and violence.

The Tribal Resources Grant Program is part of a larger Federal initiative: for the last two years, the Departments of Interior and Justice have worked in collaboration to improve law enforcement in tribal communities. A total of \$88.9 million has been appropriated to several DOJ agencies including the FBI, the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), the Corrections Program Office (CPO), and the COPS Office. COPS is coordinating with these agencies as well as with the Office of Law Enforcement Services of the Bureau of Indian Affairs to ensure that limited resources are not spent on duplicative efforts and that tribal law enforcement departments do not face delays in being able to utilize available funding.

The Tribal Resources Grant will provide Tribal communities with the resources to: hire new police officers; train new and existing officers in community policing, grants management and computer training as well as basic police training at a state academy or the Indian Police Academy in Artesia, NM; and provide basic standard issue equipment, ranging from bullet-proof vests and uniforms, to firearms and portable radios. Limited funds are also available for background investigations for newly hired officers.

The Tribal Resources Grant Program emphasizes deployment of officers and resources into communities that are affected by high rates of crime and violence. Applicants must submit a written plan to retain their COPS-funded officer positions after Federal funding has ended, together with a plan for the implementation of community policing by the department. These plans must be submitted to the COPS Office with the Tribal Resource Grant Program application.

A total of \$35,000,000 in funding will be available under the Tribal Resources Grant Program. The grant will cover a

maximum Federal Share of 75% of total project costs, including improved salary and benefits of entry-level police officers (up to a maximum of \$75,000 per officer over three years), basic law enforcement training and equipment, vehicles, and technology. A local match requirement of 25% of the total project costs is included in this program. A waiver of the local match requirement may be requested but will be granted only on the basis of documented demonstrated fiscal hardship. Requests for waivers must be submitted with the application.

Tribes whose law enforcement services are provided by local policing agencies through contract arrangement are not eligible under this COPS program. In addition, individual start-up police departments are not eligible. Tribes that do not meet the eligibility requirements for this program may apply to the COPS Office Universal Hiring Program for police officer positions only.

An award under the Tribal Resources Grant Program will not affect the eligibility of an agency to receive awards under any other COPS program.

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) reference for this program is 16.710.

Dated: March 8, 1999.

Joseph E. Brann,

Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Immigration and Naturalization Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request

ACTION: Request OMB emergency approval; Memorandum of Understanding to participate in an Employment Eligibility Confirmation Pilot Program.

The Department of Justice, Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) has submitted an emergency information collection request (ICR) utilizing emergency review procedures, to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with section 1320.13(a)(1)(ii) and (a)(2)(iii) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The INS has determined that it cannot reasonably comply with the normal clearance procedures under this part because normal clearance procedures are reasonably likely to prevent or disrupt the collection of information.

Therefore, OMB approval has been requested by March 16, 1999. If granted, the emergency approval is only valid for 180 days. ALL comments and/or questions pertaining to this pending request for emergency approval MUST be directed to OMB, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Mr. Stuart Shapiro, 202-395-7316, Department of Justice Desk Officer, Washington, DC 20503. Comments regarding the emergency submission of this information collection may also be submitted via facsimile to Mr. Shapiro at 202-395-6974.

During the first 60 days of this same period, a regular review of this information collection is also being undertaken. During the regular review period, the INS requests written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning this information collection. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until May 17, 1999. During 60-day regular review, ALL comments and suggestions, or questions regarding additional information, to include obtaining a copy of the information collection instrument with instructions, should be directed to Mr. Richard A. Sloan, 202-514-3291, Director, Policy Directives and Instructions Branch, Immigration and Naturalization Service, U.S. Department of Justice, Room 5307, 425 I Street, NW., Washington, DC 20536. Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information should address one or more of the following four points:

(1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agencies estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Overview of this information collection:

(1) *Type of Information Collection:* New collection.

(2) *Title of the Form/Collection:* Memorandum of Understanding to Participate in an Employment Eligibility Confirmation Pilot Program.

(3) *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department of Justice sponsoring the collection:* No Agency Form Number. SAVE Program, Immigration and Naturalization Service.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:* Primary: Business or other for-profit. The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) enables the INS to collect employer information from each site that will be performing queries. The MOU also provides specific terms and conditions governing the pilot.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* 4,000 responses at 1.5 hours per response; 300,000 queries at 1 minute (.016 hours) per response; 105,250 secondary queries at 5 minutes (.083 hours) per response; and 10,500 tertiary queries at 15 minutes (.25 hours) per response.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* 22,161 annual burden hours.

If additional information is required contact: Mr. Robert B. Briggs, Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice, Information Management Division, Suite 850, Washington Center, 1001 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20530.

Dated: March 12, 1999.

Richard A. Sloan,

Department Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice Immigration and Naturalization Service.

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NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR LITERACY [CFDA No. 84.257I]

Literacy Leader Fellowship Program

AGENCY: National Institute for Literacy.

ACTION: Notice inviting applications for the Literacy Leader Fellowship Program.

Purpose of Program: The Literacy Leader Fellowship Program is designed to provide Federal financial assistance to adult learners and to individuals pursuing careers in adult education or literacy in the areas of instruction, research, or innovation. Under the program, literacy workers and adult learners are applicants for fellowships.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: Applications must be

received at the National Institute for Literacy no later than 5:00 p.m. May 14, 1999.

Available Funds: \$125,000.

Estimated Range of Awards: \$30,000–\$50,000.

Estimated Average Size of Awards: \$37,000.

Estimated Number of Awards: 3–4.

Note: The National Institute for Literacy is not bound by any estimates in this notice.

Project Period: Projects will be not less than three and no more than 12 months of full or part-time activity. Projects will begin no earlier than September 1999, and end no later than September 2000.

Applicable Regulations: The regulations governing the National Institute for Literacy's Literacy Leader Fellowship Program as published in the June 25, 1997 issue of the **Federal Register**. The regulations are also available on-line at <http://www.nifl.gov/activities/fllwhome.htm>.

While the Institute's administered by an Interagency agreement with the U.S. Department of Education, Labor, and Health and Human Services, the specific policies and procedures of these agencies regarding rulemaking and administration of grants are not adopted by the Institute except as expressly stated in this Notice and in the regulations.

Transmittal of Applications: An original and seven (7) copies of applications for award must be received by the Institute on or before the deadline date of May 14, 1999.

Application delivered by mail: Applications sent by mail must be addressed to National Institute for Literacy, 800 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Suite 200, Washington, DC 20006, Attention: (CFDA#84.257I).

An applicant is encouraged to use registered, certified, or first-class mail.

Late applicants will be notified that their applications will not be considered, and their applications will be returned.

Applications delivered by Hand: Applications that are hand-delivered must be taken to the National Institute for Literacy, 800 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Suite 200, Washington, DC.

The Institute will accept hand-delivered applications between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. (Washington, DC time) daily, except Saturdays, Sundays and Federal holidays. Applications that are hand-delivered will not be accepted by the Institute after 5:00 p.m. on the due date.

Acknowledgment of Applications: The Institute will mail an Applicant Receipt Acknowledgment to each applicant within 15 days from the due