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GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF CRIME PREVENTION AND POLICY

State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2028 State Aid for Police Protection (SAPP) Fund

Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA)

Online Submission Deadline:
Friday, December 11, 2026 by 11:59 PM

Funded by:
State of Maryland

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ELIGIBILITY

Funding under this opportunity is available to counties and qualifying municipalities in Maryland that meet the requirements outlined in the Eligibility Criteria section.

IMPORTANT LINKS

Grant Management System (GMS) Portal
GMS Application Instructions

All applications must be submitted online in the Grants Management System (GMS).

Hard copy applications are not accepted.

Purpose

Thank you for applying for the **SFY 2028 State Aid for Police Protection (SAPP) Fund** from the **Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy**. The primary purpose of the SAPP fund is to provide financial assistance to counties and qualifying municipalities to help offset the costs associated with local law enforcement services. The fund is intended to ensure that residents throughout the State have access to an adequate level of police protection, regardless of a jurisdiction's tax base or fiscal capacity.

If you need assistance with applying or have questions about the fund, please contact:

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The Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy's success is measured by sub-recipient success. It is critical that we hear from you, our customers. The Moore-Miller Administration is committed to providing the best possible customer service to our citizens. To share your ideas on how the Office can best serve you and provide support, please email the above program manager to provide your feedback or complete a three-question customer experience survey.

Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy's Mission:
To serve as a coordinating office that advises the Governor on criminal justice strategies. The Office plans, promotes, and funds efforts with government entities, private organizations, and the community to advance public policy, enhance public safety, reduce crime and juvenile delinquency, and serve victims.

Refer to Maryland's Comprehensive State Crime Control and Prevention Plan

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I. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To be eligible for State Aid for Police Protection (SAPP) funding, a county/municipality must comply with one of the following two items:

1. Be incorporated, have annual expenditures for police protection in excess of $5,000, **and** employ at least one qualified full-time officer as determined by the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy's Executive Director ; or

2. Have expenditures for police protection that exceed $80,000 **and** employ at least two qualified part-time police officers, as determined by the Executive Director, from a county police department or sheriff's department.

Only one application may be submitted per agency.

Note: Every applicant entity must comply with all applicable System of Award Management (SAM.gov) and unique entity identifier (UEI) requirements throughout the grant cycle.

II. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

A. Requiring Agency
Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy (Office)

B. Opportunity Title
SFY2028 State Aid for Police Protection (SAPP) Fund

C. Submission Date
Friday, December 11, 2026, by 11:59 PM

D. Anticipated Period of Performance
July 1, 2027 to June 30, 2028

E. Funding Opportunity Description

The State Aid for Police Protection (SAPP) Fund was established under Title 4, Subtitle 5 of the *Public Safety Article, Annotated Code of Maryland*, to provide financial assistance to counties and qualifying municipalities in support of local law enforcement services.

The purpose of the SAPP Fund is to assist local jurisdictions in defraying the costs associated with maintaining adequate police protection. Recognizing that the fiscal capacity of jurisdictions varies throughout the State, SAPP provides supplemental funding to promote equitable access to effective law enforcement services and to support consistent public safety standards across Maryland.

Funding Distribution:
SAPP funding is distributed in accordance with a statutory formula established by the Maryland General Assembly. The formula is designed to promote equity and fairness among jurisdictions by taking into account key factors such as population, crime rates, and sworn officer strength.

Funding is allocated through two primary components:

1. ***Formula Funds:*** Distributed pursuant to the statutory provisions outlined in the *Public Safety Article, §§ 4-501–4-507*. The computation for each jurisdiction includes the

following elements as prescribed by law:

- Expenditures for police protection (§ 4-501(f)(1))
- Share in basic expenditure (§ 4-506(b))
- Share over basic expenditure (§ 4-506(c))
- Minimum grant (§ 4-506(d))
- Incentive grant (§ 4-506(e))
- Additional grant (§ 4-506(g))
- Minimum payment in certain years (§ 4-506(h))
- Crime laboratory and wealth reduction adjustment (§ 4-507)
- Washington, D.C. proximity adjustment (§ 4-506(f)(1)(iii))
- Municipal grant (§ 4-506(i))
- Supplemental grant (§ 4-506(f))

2. ***Enhancement Funds:*** Distributed to jurisdictions in proportion to the number of violent crimes reported, based on the most recently published National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) report by the Maryland Department of State Police. Enhancement Funds provide additional support to jurisdictions experiencing higher levels of violent crime. Recipients of SAPP Enhancement funds will be required to track and report on expenses and efforts related to violent crime reduction.

Through this statutory framework, the SAPP Fund serves to strengthen local law enforcement capacity, alleviate the financial burden on local governments, and advance the State's overarching objective of ensuring safe and secure communities throughout Maryland.

All funding is contingent upon the final approval of the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy's budget during the 2027 Legislative Session of the Maryland General Assembly.

III. PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

A. Application Instructions

All county/municipality applicants are required to complete the following sections in the Grant Management System (GMS) for their SAPP application:

- **Face Sheet**
  - *Project Title:* Insert "___*Name of Jurisdiction*___*: SFY28 State Aid for Police Protection*"
  - *Applicant Agency:*
    - Ensure that the Applicant Agency contact information is accurate. Please pay close attention to the Authorized Official for the applicant agency. If the Authorized Official needs to be updated, please be sure to submit a ticket to our GMS Help Desk via email at support@goccp.freshdesk.com in advance of the application due date.
    - DUNS Number: Insert "00-000-0000"
    - SAM Expiration Date: Enter your sam.gov expiration date only (M/DD/YYYY format). To locate your expiration date, please visit www.sam.gov to verify your organization's registration.

      For additional support, visit https://sam.gov/content/help.

  - *Implementing Agency:*

    - Ensure that the Implementing Agency contact information is accurate. Please pay close attention to the Authorized Official for the implementing agency. If the

Authorized Official needs to be updated, please be sure to submit a ticket to our GMS Help Desk via email at support@goccp.freshdesk.com in advance of the application due date.

- *Preparer Information:*
  - Enter information about the person completing the application, including name, phone number, and email address.

- **Summary**
  - Insert the following in the text box:
    - "*The State Aid for Police Protection Fund provides added support for law enforcement. The fund is an annual formula grant intended for and to be used exclusively to provide adequate police protection in the subdivisions and qualifying municipalities of Maryland. Costs are shared between the County and its municipalities on an equitable basis, within certain limits related to population factors.*"

- **Narrative**
  - *SAPP Narrative:* Applicants must provide responses to the following sections in a bulleted format, following the outline below:
    - **Section 1: Eligibility and Certification:**
      - Is your jurisdiction an incorporated municipality?
      - What were your jurisdiction's total annual expenditures for police protection in the most recently completed fiscal year?
      - Does your jurisdiction employ at least one qualified full-time police officer whose duties are primarily devoted to police protection?
        - If yes, how many qualified full-time officers does your jurisdiction employ?
      - Does your jurisdiction employ qualified part-time police officers whose duties are primarily devoted to police protection?
        - If yes, how many qualified part-time officers does your jurisdiction employ?
      - If your jurisdiction does not maintain its own police department, do you contract or receive police protection services from a county police department or sheriff's office?
    - **Section 2: Use of Funds and Impact:**
      - Briefly describe how SAPP funds are integrated into the jurisdiction's overall law enforcement budget (e.g, personnel, equipment, or operational support).
      - Identify any anticipated challenges in maintaining adequate police protection within the jurisdiction.
      - Describe how SAPP funding contributes to maintaining or improving public

safety outcomes.

- If the jurisdiction receives other state or federal law enforcement funding, describe how SAPP complements these resources.

■ **Section 3: Unique Entity Identifier and SAM.gov Expiration Date:**

- Enter your entity's 12-character alphanumeric Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) and expiration issued by SAM.gov.

Special Note: Applicants should leave the Budget section blank. The budget is based on a formula, therefore, this section will be completed internally by the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy's staff. **Please note that these instructions only apply to the SAPP grant program.**

B. Required Forms

To determine a subdivision's or municipality's eligibility, all applicants are required to provide information regarding their expenditures for police protection.

Applicants are required to submit the following **completed/signed forms** with their grant application by **11:59 PM on Friday, December 11, 2026**, by uploading the documents below in the Grants Management System (GMS) under the "Documents" tab. Please ensure that the printed fiscal period on all required forms corresponds to the correct fiscal year. Forms showing the incorrect fiscal year will **not** be accepted.

Required Forms for SFY 2028 Application Submission

➔ **Form 2 - Estimated Expenditures for Police Protection**: Provides the estimated expenditures for police protection for SFY 2027 (July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027). Backup documentation supporting each line-item expenditure must accompany this form. Refer to the SAPP Form 1 and Form 2 Guidelines for specific guidance on acceptable documentation.

➔ **Form 3 - Sworn Officer Count**: Provides the number of full-time and part-time authorized and employed positions as of June 30, 2026, as certified by the Police Chief, Sheriff, and/or Chief Executive Officer of the municipality. The reported number of officers will be used to calculate the municipal portion of the SFY 2028 SAPP allocation.

A roster from the Maryland Police and Correctional Training Commission corresponding to the certified number of full-time sworn police officers listing **name** (**last, first, middle initial**), **rank, and/or position must be submitted with Form 3**.

Appendix A - Form 1 and 2 Guidelines - provides an explanation of acceptable expenditures within each category.

Required Forms for SFY 2027 Award Submission

The following documents must be uploaded into the Grants Management System (GMS) under the "Documents" tab of the agency's SFY 2027 SAPP award as a PDF file by Friday, January 15, 2027:

➔ **Form 1 - Actual Expenditures for Police Protection:** Contains the actual expenditures for police protection in SFY 2026 (July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026), including supporting worksheets detailing the derivation of submitted figures. Reported expenditures will be used to recalculate the local aid amount for SFY 2027, and any adjustments to the fourth quarter payment will reflect changes, if applicable. Figures reported on Form 1 must reconcile with the audited financial

statements.

➔ **Comprehensive Audited Financial Statements (CAFR) Reconciliation Form**: The SFY 2026 CAFR Form should be cross-referenced with amounts reported on Form 1. If reconciliation is not possible, applicants must submit a reconciliation worksheet linking the two documents.

The required forms may be downloaded from the SAPP program website at http://gocpp.maryland.gov/grants/programs/sapp#documents. Please refer to the "Additional Documents" section.

NOTE: The completed/signed Form 1, the CAFR Reconciliation Form, and Annual Audit Report must be uploaded under the SFY 2027 Award, **not the SFY 2028 Application** by Friday, January 15, 2027 to avoid a deficiency being placed on the current fiscal year's award. **A deficiency will result in a third quarter payment disbursement hold.**

If the SFY26 Audited Financial Report is unavailable and actual expenditures cannot be verified by the Form 1: SFY26 Actual Expenditures due date of January 15, 2027, complete and submit the form stamped "UNAUDITED." Once the audit report is available, agencies will resubmit the form with verified expenditures and stamped "AUDITED."

If your agency's SFY 2026 Financial Audit Report is not available in January, please contact Trevor Owen with the Department of Legislative Services, at Trevor.Owen@mga.maryland.gov, to request an extension. If an extension is granted, please upload the corresponding letter under the SFY 2027 award in the Grants Management System (GMS). **Failure to submit Form 1, CAFR Reconciliation, and the SFY 2026 Audit Report by, or before, the extension period expiration date will result in a hold on the SFY 2027 third and fourth quarter payment disbursement.**

C. Crime Data

Uniform Crime Data Reporting Requirement: If the Maryland Department of State Police encounters difficulty obtaining necessary crime data on a timely basis from local jurisdictions which provide the data for inclusion in the Uniform Crime Report (UCR)/National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS), they shall notify the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy of the issue. In such an event, a portion of SAPP funds, totaling at least 15% but no more than 50% of that jurisdiction's award, shall be withheld upon receipt of notification from the Maryland State Police. To prevent this action, please ensure that your locality submits its crime data to the Maryland Department of State Police by the November 1st deadline.

Use of Force Requirement: According to Public Safety Article § 3-514, Annotated Code of Maryland, law enforcement agencies are required to submit aggregate data on police officers' use of force to the Maryland Police and Correctional Training Commissions (MPCTC) by July 1 for the previous calendar year. If an agency fails to meet this requirement, the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy (GOCPP) is prohibited from making any grant funds available to that agency. Please mark your calendar and ensure your locality complies with the MPCTC reporting deadline to avoid any impact on SAPP funding.

D. Law Enforcement Standards

Mandatory Protective Body Armor Compliance: Pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Public Safety § 3-535 (effective October 1, 2026), the law enforcement agency must issue body armor meeting current National Institute of Justice (NIJ) ballistic standards to all officers prior to non-administrative assignment. Armor must be replaced before its manufacturer expiration or suggested replacement date. If armor is not replaced within 31 days of expiration, the Subrecipient must immediately notify the Maryland Police

Training and Standards Commission (MPTSC). Failure to comply—or failure to submit required MPTSC notifications—will result in GOCPP withholding grant funds until proof of compliant replacement armor is provided, excluding funds designated specifically for armor procurement.

IV. APPLICATION PROCESS

Applicants are required to apply for grant funding through the Office's web-based application process, which may be accessed on the Office's home page (https://gocpp.maryland.gov) and selecting the **Log in to the Grant Management System (GMS)** hyperlink, or by going directly to the login screen using the URL: https://grants.gocpp.maryland.gov.

In order to use the Office's web-based application, you must have a User ID. If you have not previously applied through the web, go to the following URL to obtain instructions and the information required to obtain a User ID and password: http://gocpp.maryland.gov/grants/requesting-access/.

The last day to request a User ID is Monday, November 30, 2026. If you have previously applied through the web, use your existing User ID and password.

If you have previously applied to the Office, **but do not have your User ID, or are having technical issues with the system**, contact the GMS Help Desk via email at support@goccp.freshdesk.com for assistance.

If you need assistance completing the program-specific information required in the online application, please contact:

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The Grant Management System (GMS) Help Desk operates Monday through Friday from 9 AM to 5 PM (excluding State holidays). The normal response time is 24 - 72 hours.

V. TRAINING/TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE (TA)

A recorded webinar on Grants Management and Program Development Training is available on the Office's grants page (https://gocpp.maryland.gov/grants/). This is a best practice reference tool to onboard grants management staff on all pre-award to post-award activities and to comply with the revised federal Uniform Guidance- 2 CFR, Part 200.

To help applicants prepare and submit applications that reflect the Office's established guidelines and procedures, training is provided through training videos, which are located on the Office's website at https://gocpp.maryland.gov/grants/gms-help-videos/. Please review the training videos before you begin your application to familiarize yourself with system guidelines, fiscal review, tips, civil rights requirements, etc.

The Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy will conduct a technical assistance conference call to provide further application assistance and to answer questions. With the newly added narrative requirements of SAPP funding, the Office highly recommends all applicants attend this meeting. The SAPP technical assistance call will take place on **Tuesday, November 17, 2026, from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM.**

Google Meet Link: https://meet.google.com/dgf-vnnm-pwu
Call in number: +1 765-335-6715
PIN: 508 410 737#

VI. IMPORTANT DATES

Application Technical Assistance Conference Call	November 17, 2026 @ 11 AM
Deadline to Request a User ID	November 30, 2026
Deadline to Submit an Online Application	December 11, 2026 by 11:59 PM
Upload Forms 2 and Form 3	December 11, 2026 by 11:59 PM
Form 1, CAFR Reconciliation and Audit Report Due	January 15, 2027
Award Notification	June 2027
Sub-award Start Date	July 1, 2027
Sub-award End Date	June 30, 2028

VII. FUNDING SPECIFICATIONS

Commencement of awards funded under SAPP for SFY2028 will begin July 1, 2027, and end on June 30, 2028. Funds are paid out on a quarterly basis. See Form 1 and Form 2 Guidelines for the list of allowable costs under the SAPP program.

VIII. DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS

The Office will distribute awarded funds on a quarterly basis. For further post-award instructions, read the Special Conditions specific to your award and read the General Conditions which can be found at: https://gocpp.maryland.gov/grants/general-conditions/.

Special Note: Pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Public Safety § 3-535, all law enforcement applicants and subrecipients must maintain full compliance with state protective body armor standards and Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission (MPTSC) reporting mandates. In accordance with state law, GOCPP will withhold grant awards and disbursements from any non-compliant agency—excluding funds specifically allocated for the procurement of compliant body armor—until verified documentation of compliance is submitted and approved.

A. Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)

The Office encourages the use of electronic funds transfer (EFT). To obtain the appropriate form, the address to submit the form, and a general overview, including FAQs, refer to the following website: https://marylandtaxes.gov/divisions/gad/eft-program.php.

B. Match

There is no match required for this funding source. Do NOT enter a match into your budget.

IX. APPLICATION CHECKLIST

What an Application Should Include:

_____ Face Sheet

_____ Project Summary

_____ SAPP Narrative

Required Forms Due Friday, December 11, 2026 uploaded under Application Document Section:

_____ Forms 2: Estimated Expenditures for Police Protection **REQUIRED**

_____ Form 3: Sworn Officer Count w/ Roster from MPTSC **REQUIRED**

_____ Screenshot Upload of SAM.gov/Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) Registration **REQUIRED**

Required Forms Due Friday, January 15, 2027 uploaded under FY27 SAPP Award Document Section:

_____ Forms 1: Actual Expenditures for Police Protection **REQUIRED**

_____ Comprehensive Audited Financial Report (CAFR) Reconciliation Form **REQUIRED**

_____ SFY26 Annual Financial Audit Report **REQUIRED**