



## Office of Justice Programs

### Law Enforcement and Youth R/ED Training 2026-2027

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**Please Note:** Applications are *only* accepted through PCCD's Egrants system. Applicants must register in Egrants prior to submitting an application. Applicants are strongly encouraged to familiarize themselves with the Egrants system and allow adequate time to prepare and submit an application.

**Prior to starting an application in Egrants, your agency must be registered in Egrants, and at least two individuals from your agency must register as Egrants users and have Egrants user roles for your agency.**

**Every agency must also have at least one person with the e-signature role in Egrants.**

**Please refer to the [Getting Started in Egrants](#) page on our website for Egrants registration information and guides.**

**Release Date:**  
**September 22, 2025**

**Egrants Application Deadline:**  
**October 14, 2025**

This funding guideline contains information not appearing in the Egrants application. Applicants are advised to review this document and refer to it while completing your Egrants application.

PCCD staff may only respond to questions to clarify the funding announcement. Questions must be sent via email to: [RA-PCCD-OJJDP@pa.gov](mailto:RA-PCCD-OJJDP@pa.gov) with **Law Enforcement and Youth R/ED Training 2026-2027** in the subject line. All questions regarding this funding announcement must be received by close of business on **October 9, 2025**. PCCD staff will post responses to questions, as they are received, on [PCCD's website](#). Select the appropriate funding announcement to view questions and answers.

**For any technical or system questions, contact and ask for the Egrants Help Desk at (717) 787-5887 or (800) 692-7292, or by emailing [RA-eGrantsSupport@pa.gov](mailto:RA-eGrantsSupport@pa.gov).**

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**Funding Stream: Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention**

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**Funding Announcement Title: Law Enforcement and Youth R/ED Training 2026-2027**

**Funding Stream: Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention**

**Submission Requirements for Applications:**

- **Scoring** – All applications received will be [competitively reviewed and scored](#) based on the applicant's adherence to the funding announcement guidelines and timely submission in the PCCD Egrants system.
- **Due Date** – Applications must be submitted electronically through PCCD's Egrants system no later than 11:59 PM on **Tuesday, October 14, 2025**.
- **Technical Assistance** – Grant application and administrative guides can be accessed on [PCCD's website](#) under the Funding section. Applicants are strongly encouraged to review the application and administrative guides before calling the Egrants Help Desk for assistance. The Egrants Help Desk is available to assist with technical or system questions Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM, and may be reached by calling (717) 787-5887 or (800) 692-7292, or by emailing [RA-eGrantsSupport@pa.gov](mailto:RA-eGrantsSupport@pa.gov).
- **Egrants Submission** – An application submitted in Egrants by the deadline is not considered complete until the application has been electronically signed in Egrants, and PCCD has received any required documents. Successful applications will be presented for consideration at the December 10, 2025, Commission meeting.
- **Administrative Rejection** – An application that does not meet all the listed requirements in this funding announcement may be administratively rejected.
- **Corrections** – If PCCD returns an application for corrections, the final application (including all corrections and required documents) must be returned to and approved by PCCD for the requested funding to be awarded.
- **Non-supplantation** – Funding must not be used to supplant/replace state, federal, or local funds that would otherwise be available to provide for program-related services. PCCD funding is to be used in addition to other funds that are made available for services.
- **Keywords** – Applicants are required to select "Keywords" from the dropdown menu located on the Main Summary screen in Egrants. The required keywords are below. Applicants may also select other keywords that apply specifically to their application.

Keywords: Juvenile Justice

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**1. Overview:**

The Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) is accepting applications for funding under the Law Enforcement and Youth R/ED Training funding announcement. The primary purpose of the initiative is to provide training and technical assistance to law enforcement entities across the Commonwealth to improve interactions with youth in their communities.

According to the federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act Title II core compliance, states must implement policy, practice, and system improvement strategies to identify and reduce racial and ethnic disparities (R/ED) among youth who encounter the juvenile justice system.<sup>1</sup> An analysis of Pennsylvania youth aged 10-17 years old reveals—despite justice system improvements—persistent disparities at each contact point.<sup>2</sup> Pennsylvania disproportionately referred non-white youth in 2023 as follows:

- White youth — 58.4% of the population v. 41% of referrals.
- Black youth — 11.9% of the population v. 39.2% of referrals.
- Hispanic youth — 11.8% of the population v. 14.4% of referrals.
- Asian youth — 3.3% of the population v. 0.7% of referrals.

Arrest disparity continued to exist, and even increased, for Black youth, who made up over one-third (34.8%) of all youth arrested. Though total diversions increased in 2022 and 2023, Black youth were less likely to receive diversions (39.2%) than referrals for diversion (36.2%).

These early contact disparities have down-system consequences. Black and, increasingly, Hispanic youth comprised a greater proportion out of home placements (secure detention, confinement, and adult transfers) than their population and written allegation proportions otherwise warrant.<sup>3</sup>

To achieve federal R/ED compliance, PCCD developed a Title II policy, practice, and system change plan, which includes an objective to expand trainings that improve law enforcement and youth interactions—ultimately decreasing disproportionate minority youth arrests and referrals. By improving understanding and communication, this initiative aims to reduce volatile interactions between minority youth and officers, leading to fewer unnecessary arrests, risky encounters, and disproportionate system referrals for minority youth.

This solicitation seeks an entity to offer and/or expand education, training, and technical assistance to local, county, and/or statewide entities focused on addressing R/ED in their juvenile justice systems.

The selected entity will also be responsible for planning and delivering forums that bring together youth and law enforcement to engage in open discussions about mutual

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<sup>1</sup> 34 U.S.C. § 11133(a)(15). “Racial and ethnic disparity” means “minority youth populations are involved at a decision point in the juvenile justice system at disproportionately higher rates than non-minority youth at that decision point.”

34 U.S.C. § 11103(41).

<sup>2</sup> Sources include the U.S. Census Bureau, the Pennsylvania Juvenile Court Judges’ Commission’s Center for Juvenile Justice Training and Research, and the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts. Diversion programs are alternatives to initial or continued formal youth processing in the Pennsylvania juvenile delinquency system.

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stereotypes and assumptions. These forums will focus on fostering understanding and promoting strategies for building healthy relationships and safer interactions. Additionally, the training entity will provide ongoing technical assistance as the local entities begin to independently implement these trainings.

## **2. Funding Availability:**

A total of \$250,000 in federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention funds is being announced to support this initiative. PCCD expects to fund one grant with a budget not to exceed \$250,000 over the two-year project period.

PCCD is not liable for costs incurred prior to the official start date of the award.

## **3. Project Dates:**

The application presented at the December 10, 2025 Commission meeting will be for a 24-month period with a start date of January 1, 2026, and an end date of December 31, 2027.

## **4. Eligible Applicants:**

Eligibility for these funds is open to any organization that can demonstrate the ability to provide training and technical assistance to members of law enforcement interacting with youth in their communities, including, but not limited to, police, probation, and school personnel.

Applicants must be in good standing with PCCD to be eligible for these funds.<sup>4</sup> The applicant and recipient agencies' historical success in implementing PCCD-funded programs/initiatives that met their intended goals will be considered in the review process.

Applicants are not required to have a prior funding history with PCCD to be eligible.

## **5. Eligible Program Activities and Expenses:**

Funds for the proposed program may be used to support training and technical assistance provided to counties, other local jurisdictions, and statewide entities.

All expenses must be described in the Justification box located in the Egrants Budget Detail section. PCCD has approval of all final budgets and may require budget adjustments.

## **6. Ineligible Program Activities and Expenses:**

The following activities are not eligible for funding and may be administratively rejected:

- a. Routine supply purchases not integral to the implementation of training.
- b. Personnel costs not shown to be directly integral to the training implementation.
- c. Land acquisition or construction.
- d. Training activities or components outside of the scope of the identified target audiences.

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<sup>4</sup> This may include, but is not limited to, compliance with PCCD program and fiscal reporting requirements, State and Federal funding guidelines, and acceptable risk rating as determined by PCCD.

## 7. Required Egrants Sections/Documents:

- a. Required Egrants Sections – All sections identified in Egrants are required. Applicants will not be able to submit their grant application in Egrants until all sections are marked as complete.

## 8. Scoring:

Applicants must submit the requested information for each section specified below within the defined response fields provided in Egrants. Responses should not be duplicated in multiple sections.

The following application sections in Egrants have a point value associated with them and will be scored as described below:

### a. Executive Summary – Not scored

All applicants should fill out the following script and paste into the executive summary section:

The name of applicant is requesting \$\_\_\_\_\_ to *[provide a single sentence or two of what you are seeking to implement with your grant funding]*.

These funds will be used for the following: *[provide bullet points of what the funds will be used for]*.

### b. Budget Detail – Maximum of 30 points

As stated in PCCD's [Applicant's Manual](#), all costs must be allowable, necessary for the performance of the project, reasonable, allocated to the project consistently, and claimed against only one grant award.

The budget detail section should identify how the funds will be used and line items should be entered for each budgeted cost. Calculations should be clear and entered as the Egrants system requires in the budget detail section.

For any budgeted cost that is not self-explanatory, clearly explain the relationship between the budgeted costs and the proposed project activities/operation. Describe how the item will be used in the implementation of the proposed project. This section may include additional explanation of the computations stated in the Budget Detail section; however, computations provided within the line items should not be replicated in the justification field(s).

NOTE: PCCD has final approval of all budgets and may require budget adjustments.

### c. Applicant Overview – Maximum of 20 points

This section establishes the applicant's ability to undertake this initiative. Applicants should explain any experience related to implementing similar initiatives and their relationships with other organizations they will partner with to accomplish the objectives of the initiative.

- Provide an overview of your organization.

- Describe the organization's history and training experience working in collaboration with state and local law enforcement systems and other partners, as applicable.
- Provide an overview of your organization's experience and qualifications designing and implementing effective training and technical assistance programs, including a description of the organization's capacity to undertake this project, such as the number of staff and/or partners that will be dedicated to the project.
- Describe the organization's ability to facilitate logistical planning and execute statewide trainings and meetings, as applicable.
- Review your agency's relationships with Pennsylvania's law enforcement agencies and related juvenile justice stakeholders (i.e., court, probation, school districts, and service providers), as applicable.

**d. Project Design and Implementation – Maximum of 50 points**

This section details the implementation plan and methods used for accomplishing the activities described in this funding announcement. Address the following items in this section.

- Describe the overall project approach as it applies to the specific program components, including the curriculum, trainings, forums, and participant assessments. Provide supporting evidence for the proposed approach, including any applicable research or examples of its impact on R/ED in the juvenile justice system.
- Describe the technical assistance that will be offered to local, county, and/or statewide entities.
- Specify the strategy to expand the number of participating entities provided technical assistance and training during the project period.
- Outline the specific work processes and timeline of activities that will be undertaken during this 24-month project period.
- Provide information about the individuals funded under this project and the deliverables/tasks for which they are responsible (i.e., staff, consultants, etc.).
- Describe the quality assurance plans for monitoring the implementation of this initiative and describe how the process will be communicated to participating providers and partners.
- Describe the estimated impacts and outcomes of this initiative and the methods used to measure success and impact, including:
  - The targeted geographic area(s), target population(s) the initiative will reach, and the anticipated number of individuals reached.
  - A description of the data collection procedures, the data collected, and the data evaluation process.

NOTE: Applicants should use the 'Required Attachments' section of the Egrants application to upload a logic model of your proposed approach or any other supporting documents for this section.

NOTE: The successful applicant will be required to obtain PCCD approval of training curricula and materials.

**9. Performance Measures:**

Under this funding announcement, the successful applicant must comply with all reporting, data collection, and evaluation requirements as prescribed by PCCD and federal or state guidelines. The subgrant recipient may want to develop additional performance measures specifically related to the activities outlined in their application and may track and report all measures through the PCCD Egrants system. The successful applicant under this funding

announcement shall accept and report on these established performance measures via the Egrants system:

- a. The number of planning activities/meetings conducted.
- b. The number of materials created.
- c. The number and location of jurisdictions engaged.
- d. The number of individual law enforcement and youth workshop/training sessions (as outlined in the application) held and the number of participants in each training.
- e. The number of forums held and number of participants in each forum.
- f. The number of facilitator trainings held and the number of trainee participants.
- g. The number of youth participants in trainings and forums.
- h. The number of evaluations administered and collected and the reported responses including, but not limited to, increased knowledge and training satisfaction from adult and youth participants.
- i. The demographics of adult and youth participants including race, ethnicity, and employment type.
- j. An end-of-grant report synthesizing and analyzing these and related outcomes, evaluations, and performance measures.

#### **10. Cooperative Agreement Standards:**

This project is to be funded as a cooperative grant agreement. The basis for using a cooperative agreement is PCCD substantial involvement in providing information, guidance, and direction relative to the funded project. The applicant must receive the written approval of PCCD prior to making any changes to the funded project. The Project Director and key program personnel designated in the application shall be replaced only for compelling reasons and successors to key personnel must be approved.

#### **11. Competitive Bidding/Sole Source Procurement:**

All procurement transactions shall be conducted in a manner that provides open and free competition. Grant recipients must follow the Procurement Standards section in PCCD's [Applicant's Manual](#).

Procurements by noncompetitive proposal are strongly discouraged and must demonstrate an economic benefit or lack of alternate resources to be justified. If a request is made, the prospective applicant must identify the request as a procurement by noncompetitive proposal and provide a substantial justification for the request within their funding request (See PCCD's [Applicant's Manual](#) for Procurement by Noncompetitive Proposal Approval Procedure).

#### **12. Administrative Requirements:**

- a. Egrants Agency and User Registration:  
Prior to submitting a grant application, both the applicant agency and at least two users from the applicant agency must be registered in Egrants. Applicants are strongly advised to allow adequate time to work on application documents in Egrants prior to the submission deadline. Please go to the [Getting Started in Egrants](#) page on PCCD's website for further information.
- b. Fiscal Accountability:  
See the [Fiscal Accountability](#) page on PCCD's website for further information.



- c. Time and Effort Reporting:  
See the [Time and Effort Reports](#) page on PCCD's website for further information.
- d. Grant Payments:
- Payments will not be released until all applicable special conditions on the grant award have been satisfied.
  - All grantees are required, at a minimum, to submit quarterly fiscal reports. PCCD will only make payments to reimburse actual expenditures reported on the fiscal reports. An agency experiencing cash flow problems may submit fiscal reports monthly and PCCD will reimburse reported expenditures. Non-submission or late submission of the required reports will result in payment delays.
  - ACH Payments:
    - All payments to grant recipients will be made through ACH.
    - Either before or at the time an application is submitted to PCCD, the applicant agency must [register as a Non-Procurement Vendor](#) with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
- e. Federal Transparency Act Certification:  
This section is required for both state and federal funding streams. See the [Federal Application Requirements](#) page on PCCD's website for further information.
- f. Reporting Requirements:
- Programmatic reports are due quarterly.
  - Fiscal reports are due quarterly.
  - Late submission of programmatic and fiscal reports may delay payments.
  - All reports must be submitted through the Egrants system.

### 13. PCCD Contact Information and Resources:

- a. Staff Contacts:  
Staff are only able to clarify the funding announcement and are not able to answer any questions about how a potential applicant should respond to any particular section.
- Questions regarding this funding announcement should be directed as follows:
- E-mail your funding announcement questions to [RA-PCCD-OJJDP@pa.gov](mailto:RA-PCCD-OJJDP@pa.gov) with **Law Enforcement and Youth R/ED Training 2026-2027** in the subject line.
  - Questions must be received by close of business on **October 9, 2025**.
  - All questions and answers will be posted under this funding announcement title on the [Funding Announcement Q&A](#) page of the PCCD website.
- b. Egrants Funding Announcement:  
Log into the Egrants system and search under the "Funding Announcement" tab for Law Enforcement R/ED Training 2026-2027.
- c. PCCD Guidelines and Documents:  
Applicants should be familiar with the [Applicant's Manual](#), grant application and administrative guides, and other documents common to PCCD's grant application process, all of which are available on the [Funding and Grants Process](#) page of the PCCD website.
- d. Egrants Technical Questions:  
For any technical or system questions, contact and ask for the Egrants Help Desk at (717) 787-5887 or (800) 692-7292, or by emailing [RA-eGrantsSupport@pa.gov](mailto:RA-eGrantsSupport@pa.gov).

- e. PCCD Webmaster:  
Please address any technical problems you may have with the website or online forms to the [PCCD Web Master](#).
- f. Reporting Potential Fraud, Waste and Abuse:  
Information about waste, fraud, abuse, conflict of interest, bribery, gratuity, or other similar misconduct, or whistleblower reprisal relating to a PCCD employee, program, contract or grant, may be reported to the PCCD Fraud Hotline at (717) 525-5031. For more information, visit the [Reporting Fraud, Waste and Abuse](#) page on PCCD's website.

#### **14. Submission Information:**

The application must be entered into Egrants **no later than Tuesday, October 14, 2025, by 11:59 PM.**

**The grant application must be electronically signed within Egrants. To electronically sign the application, at least one person from your organization must have the E-signature role in Egrants. Please use the link below to access instructions which explain how to request the E-signature role.**

[E-signature Access Request Instructions](#)

[E-signature Access Request Form](#) (This must be attached to your access request in Egrants)

***Please note that you cannot request the e-signature role on behalf of someone else.***