

Subject: FY23 Law Enforcement Agency De-Escalation Grant - Summary

Grant name: FY23 Law Enforcement Agency De-Escalation Grants -Community Policing Development Solicitation

In May 2023, the Aurora Police Department saw a funding opportunity through a COPS grant to expand training in de-escalation, duty to intervene, and deployment of less lethal tactics and incorporate those topics in scenario-based training sessions for officers. We applied for the grant and were subsequently awarded the amount we asked for, \$79,550.00, this November. Notably, we are one of only 46 awards for the whole country.

The funds will help cover the expense for the following training and equipment above and beyond what our Training budget would cover:

Training

February 2024 - Real World De-Escalation / Duty To Intervene training (outside instructor) Mandatory Training #1

March 2024 – Legally Justifiable, but was it avoidable – focuses on tactics, communication, and control before engaging in force (outside instructor) Mandatory Training #2

October 2024 – Implicit Bias/Cultural Awareness Mandatory Training #5

November 2024 – Vehicle Extractions with emphasis on de-escalation tactics Mandatory Training #6

Equipment

Less lethal munitions
40mm launcher rounds
Pepperball rounds
Training Taser cartridges

The equipment will be used for in-house scenario-based training.

The remaining funds will help fund additional training in the abovementioned areas in 2025.

Select portions of the appropriate training courses will be available to other professional staff members, community partners, and volunteers, such as members of the English and Spanish Citizen’s Police Academy and the current Civilian Review Board members.