



Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training

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Subject: **POST Announces the Launch of the Innovations Grant Program (IGP)**

POST is in the process of developing an Innovations Grant Program (IGP) pursuant to California Penal Code 13509 and is seeking public comments and feedback regarding the program. The IGP is designed to grant funds on a competitive basis to qualified public and private entities for the purposes of fostering innovations in training and procedures for law enforcement officers, with the goal of reducing the number of officer-involved shootings statewide. Training and workshops will address issues in one of the five (5) program areas: Implicit Bias, Use of Force and De-escalation, Cultural Diversity and Awareness, Community Policing, and Wellness Programs for law enforcement officers

A total of five million dollars (\$5,000,000.00) is allocated for grants and administration of the program. Individual applicants may request up to a maximum of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000.00). Grants will be restricted to qualified public or private entities and include community-based non-profit organizations (California registered, 501(c)(3) organizations), law enforcement agencies, educational or law enforcement training institutions, and private for-profit organizations.

POST will be hosting two public meetings to solicit input, feedback, or comments on the development and administration of the IGP. Meeting information, including dates, times, locations, and access information, is located on the [POST Innovations Grants](#) webpage.

If members of the public wish to submit public comments either before the public meetings or before the public release of the grant solicitation, they are encouraged to use the "Public Comments" email address located on the Innovations Grants webpage, under the "Contact Us" section.

Questions regarding the Grant Program may be directed to POST Senior Consultant [Andrew Mendonsa](#) at (916) 227-2510.

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