

### S. 994, Strong Communities Act of 2023

As passed by the U.S. Senate on July 26, 2023

By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars	2023	2023-2028	2023-2033
Direct Spending (Outlays)	0	0	0
Revenues	0	0	0
Increase or Decrease (-) in the Deficit	0	0	0
Spending Subject to Appropriation (Outlays)	0	9	not estimated
Increases <i>net direct spending</i> in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2034?	No	Statutory pay-as-you-go procedures apply?	No
		<b>Mandate Effects</b>	
Increases <i>on-budget deficits</i> in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2034?	No	Contains intergovernmental mandate?	No
		Contains private-sector mandate?	No

S. 994 would amend the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) program to permit the Department of Justice (DOJ) to award competitive grants to local law enforcement agencies for training programs for their recruits and officers. To be eligible, recruits and officers would need to serve in a local law enforcement agency within seven miles of their residence, or within 20 miles if they live in a county with fewer than 150,000 people, for at least four of the eight-years after they complete the training program. The act would require officers or recruits to repay the training costs if they do not meet the service requirements.

Most underlying authorizations for the COPS program expired in 2009. The Congress has continued to provide funding for the program and provided \$663 million for the program in 2023. In this estimate, CBO is estimating the cost of the amounts necessary to implement the new activities specified in the act and not the cost of reauthorizing the COPS program.

Using information from DOJ about awards in recent years under the COPS program, CBO expects that about 40 local law enforcement agencies would receive grants each year under the act, with an average of five recruits or officers per agency. On average, CBO estimates that it costs roughly \$20,000 to train a recruit or officer. On that basis, CBO estimates that implementing S. 994 would cost \$9 million over the 2024-2028 period. Such spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

See also

[CBO's Cost Estimates Explained](#), [CBO Describes Its Cost-Estimating Process](#), [Glossary](#)



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