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**TO:** Chief Tribal/Pueblo Law Enforcement Officers  
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**FROM:** Renee Ward, Deputy Director, Local Government Division (LGD)

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**DATE:** February 2, 2026

**RE:** FY27 Law Enforcement Protection Fund (LEPF) Application

We are pleased to announce that the application for the FY27 Law Enforcement Protection Fund (LEPF) Distribution is now available on our website at: <https://www.nmdfa.state.nm.us/local-government/budget-finance-bureau/law-enforcement-protection-fund/>. The application instructions and supporting forms that need to be uploaded to the online application are attached to this email and can be found on the website. Each section of the application must be completed and submitted **no later than March 31, 2026**. Incomplete applications or applications submitted after the deadline may be denied.

Continuing in FY27, the Department of Public Safety (DPS) will assist in the verification of the agency officers, by providing LGD staff with an updated list of qualifying full-time certified law enforcement officers. The agency will no longer need to upload their agency roster to the application; however, to be eligible for officer funding, their name and their completed training requirements must appear on the March 1, 2026 Acadis roster **or** the officer must be enrolled in a New Mexico Police Academy with an anticipated graduation date on or prior to July 1, 2026. It is imperative to verify the agency's Acadis roster to ensure it is up to date with all officer training requirements. For registry reporting requirements, see Section 29-7-7.1, NMSA 1978, In-service law enforcement training; requirements; eligibility; penalties for failure to complete or report requirements.

The chief law enforcement officer must sign the application certifying that the tribal/pueblo police department is **not** citing non-Indians into the court of its tribe or pueblo, whether it be a civil or criminal citation. If this type of citation activity occurs, your law enforcement entity is **not** eligible for LEPF funding. If you have any questions or need assistance, contact Erica Gutierrez, Program Manager at 505-372-9830 or by email at [Erica.gutierrez1@dfa.nm.gov](mailto:Erica.gutierrez1@dfa.nm.gov) or Malia Melhoff, Acting Bureau Chief at (505) 231-0735 or by email at [MaliaM.Melhoff@dfa.nm.gov](mailto:MaliaM.Melhoff@dfa.nm.gov).