

Resisting 287(g) Agreements

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What are 287(g) agreements?

According to ICE, 287(g) agreements are “force multipliers.” Under these agreements, ICE deputizes local and state law enforcement to carry out ICE’s functions. These agreements come in three models: the Task Force Model (TFM), the Jail Enforcement Model (JEM), and the Warrant Service Officer Model (WSO).

A few states require county sheriffs to enter into 287(g) agreements (e.g., Florida and Texas), but otherwise these agreements are **completely voluntary**. Now, the Trump Administration is offering [payouts](#) to incentivize participation in the worst form of 287(g) agreements, the Task Force Model. Local elected officials who want to protect their communities from ICE should not enter into any type of 287(g) agreement unless state law requires it.

What are the harms of 287(g) agreements?

- They further enshrine immigration enforcement into local law enforcement.
- They turn even the most minor interactions with local law enforcement into life-altering situations: detention, deportation, and separation from families.
- They promote [racial profiling](#).
- They reallocate tax dollars away from community safety and toward mass deportations.
- They create legal risks and liability for our counties and municipalities. 287(g) agreements expose local jurisdictions to lawsuits when rights are violated, especially when local officers without proper training attempt to enforce complex immigration laws. Because of this, ICE has begun [pitching legal insurance](#) for law enforcement officers participating in the 287(g) program.
- They erode public trust in local government and overall community safety. When people fear that contacting 911 may result in immigration consequences, they hesitate to report crimes, seek help, or assist in investigations.

How can I cancel 287(g) agreements?

Generally, [WSO](#), [JEM](#), and [TFM](#) 287(g) agreements can be canceled at any time. Follow these steps, in consultation with local immigrant rights organizations and community groups:

1. Determine whether your jurisdiction has a 287(g) agreement. Check [here](#).

2. Find your memorandum of agreement (i.e., 287(g) agreement contract). Confirm that it can be canceled at any time and determine who signed it. This could be your police chief, mayor, executive, or manager. They are online here.
3. Ask whoever signed the agreement to contact ICE to cancel the agreement. If they don't, take legislative action to compel them to cancel the agreement.

How can I reduce the harms of 287(g) agreements?

Local elected officials who want to protect their communities from ICE should not enter into any type of 287(g) agreement unless state law requires it. If state law requires it, local leaders should only deputize one officer and enter into the Warrant Service Officer Model (the least harmful model). Learn about the different models [here](#) on pages 37-38.

Additionally, consider passing one of the following policies:

- Block future 287(g) agreements: [Model Resolution for Jurisdictions with Authority to Block 287\(g\) Agreements](#) (page 1)
- If you cannot block 287(g) agreements, require a liability assessment, a budget assessment, pre-approval, community comment, and reporting: [Model Resolution for Jurisdictions that Lack Authority to Ban 287\(g\) Agreements](#) (pages 1–3)
- Require data collection and reporting: [Model Resolution for Jurisdictions in States with a 287\(g\) Mandate or Anti-Sanctuary Law](#) (pages 3–4)

Additional Resources

- [Sample Letter to Election Administrators](#) explaining that local law enforcement cannot enforce immigration laws at polling places.
- [Deputized for Disaster: How President Trump's Supersized 287\(g\) Deportation Force is a Powder Keg for Law Enforcement, Our Communities, and Our Democracy](#)
- [ILRC's 287\(g\) webpage](#)
- [No Secret Policy Policy Toolkit for Local Electeds](#)
- [Protecting Our Communities and Fighting for Democracy in a Second Trump Administration](#)
- [Agents of Chaos and Cruelty: How the Trump Administration's National Deportation Policing Force Has Attacked American Communities](#)

Additional measures to reduce [collaboration](#) between local law enforcement and federal agents, including in sanctuary jurisdictions.

- Ensure your jurisdiction and its law enforcement **do not** overcomply with anti-immigrant laws or **comply in advance**.
- Carefully review federal and state grant terms to ensure participation in 287(g) agreements is not a requirement (e.g., the [Bridging Immigration-Related Deficits Experienced Nationwide grant](#) requires participation in the 287(g) Task Force Model).
- Decriminalize [traffic](#) and [low-level](#) offenses that are often used to racially profile Black and Latine community members, or limit law enforcement to responding to these infractions with citations instead of arrests. Make the [data publicly available](#).
- Require oversight and transparency in interactions with ICE by collecting data and generating publicly available [reports](#).
- Limit other types of cooperation between local law enforcement and ICE through [strong sanctuary policies](#).