



### Notice of Funding Availability

2020 Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) Violent Gang and Gun Crime Reduction Program

This Notice of Funding Availability is provided by the Children's Initiative (TCI) for the 2020 Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) Violent Gang and Gun Crime Reduction Program- with the United States Attorney's Office, Southern District of California (SDCA). PSN is an essential source of grant funding for state and local law enforcement agencies charged with developing innovative multi-disciplinary, multi-agency approaches to addressing violent crime through the cultivation of collaborative relationships.

Document Type:	Sub-grant Notice
Announcement Type:	Initial
Funding Opportunity:	0078
CFDA Number:	16.609
Opportunity Category:	Competitive
Posting Date:	May 20, 2021
Closing Date:	<b>5:00 PM July 9, 2021</b>
Funding Instrument:	Sub-grant Agreement
Funding Categories:	Law Enforcement, Intervention, & Research
Estimated Total Program Funding:	\$167,409
	<b>Amount available by category:</b>
	<b><u>Law Enforcement</u></b>
	\$100,447
	<b><u>Intervention/Prevention/Outreach</u></b>
	\$33,481
	<b><u>Research Partner</u></b>
	\$33,481
Cost sharing or matching:	No
Term of Funding:	October 1, 2020 – September 30, 2023
Anticipated Sub-grant Awards:	All applications will be reviewed and considered

**Description:**

The Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) Violent Gang and Gun Crime Reduction Program is administered by the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), through the Children's Initiative (TCI). The Children's Initiative (TCI) is the assigned Fiscal Agent for the USAO SDCA for this PSN funding. As such, TCI is responsible for providing coordinated and transparent management of various programmatic and all financial components of the award.

**Focused Program Areas:**

TCI and the USAO SDCA have vetted purpose areas for the 2020 PSN application. Focused program purpose areas and mandates for the 2020 funding cycle have been limited to:

1. Law enforcement programs that will curb gun and gang violence and the availability of weapons in high-risk populations and high crime areas. This may include targeting gangs and violent street groups, geographic hot spot areas, felons in possession, and/or chronic violent offenders.
2. Prevention programs that break the cycle of crime and keep youth and adults from becoming involved in gangs and crime. This may include reentry, prevention, mentoring, instructional, or other programs that provide services that prevent or rehabilitate gang members.
3. Prevention programs that place special emphasis on law enforcement mentors working alongside credible messengers who are former gang members.

**Supplanting:** Grant funds are intended to add to, augment, or supplement, **not replace**, resources already committed to the drug and violent crime control effort.

## **Application Process:**

All applicants must submit a **cover sheet, program narrative, budget detail worksheet, and certified assurances** to AUSA Andrew Haden at [Andrew.Haden@usdoj.gov](mailto:Andrew.Haden@usdoj.gov) and Jessica Brown, Grant Compliance Specialist at [Jbrown@theci.org](mailto:Jbrown@theci.org).

**Please note:** the program narrative has a maximum limit of eight pages.

Applicants should visit TCI's website at <https://www.thechildrensinitiative.org/grants> or contact Jessica Brown at 858-256-6569 or at [jbrown@theci.org](mailto:jbrown@theci.org) to learn more about this funding opportunity. All applicants will find certified assurances on TCI's website at <https://www.thechildrensinitiative.org/subgranteeapplication>.

All applications are due no later than **5:00 PM July 9, 2021**.

## **Cover sheet**

- **Applicant agency:** Provide the official name, physical, and mailing address of the entity applying for funds.
- **Project director:** Provide the name, title, telephone number, and email address of the individual who will be in direct charge of the project.
- **Project title:** Provide the title or name of the project.
- **Request Amount:**
- **Proposed Start date:**
- **Elevator pitch:** Please describe your proposal in 1-2 sentences.

## **Program Narrative**

### **Statement of the Problem (SAP)**

- Identify the existing need and problem.
- Include relevant data, such as jurisdiction arrest and crime rates.
- Identify the Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) program strategy that will be utilized (Law enforcement or Outreach).
- Identify the Targeted Enforcement Area (TEA).
- Demonstrate an understanding of the PSN program strategy goals and timeline.

### **Program Design and Implementation**

- Describe sufficiently and clearly how the proposal will be implemented.
- Describe how the proposal will advance the goals and outcome measures of Southern District of California's PSN proposal.
- List any collaborators or partners specific to the proposal. Describe the role of each collaborator or partner. Written agreements should be included where possible, such as a memorandum of understanding (MOU), contract, or a Letter of Agreement (LOA).

### **Capabilities/Competencies**

- Applicant must fully describe the applicant's capabilities to (1) implement the program within the identified area; and (2) implement the program within the established project timeline.
- Demonstrate expertise in collaborating with local, state, and federal law enforcement, and/or criminal justice partnerships (including the United States Attorney's Office).
- Demonstrate experience in addressing gun and gang violence, gang violence associated with conflict over turf, narcotics distribution, aggression, and/or shootings.
- Demonstrate experience in working with law enforcement, criminal justice agencies, and/or community-based partners on targeted enforcement, prevention activities, and/or community engagement.
- Applicants are encouraged to submit statistics or outcome data on violent crime, gun, and gang crime.

### **Plan for Collecting Required Data**

- Describe the process for measuring project performance.
- Indicate who will be responsible for submitting Quarterly Progress Reports and Performance Measurement Tool Reports.

### **Budget**

#### **Budget Detail Worksheet and Narrative**

- Provide a budget and budget narrative that are complete, cost effective, and allowable (i.e. reasonable, allocable, and necessary for program activities).
- Budget narratives should demonstrate how the applicant will maximize cost effectiveness of grant expenditures.
- An indirect cost rate of 10% of the total amount requested on the direct costs is allowable.

All applicants should use the [Excel version of OJP's Budget Detail Worksheet](#).

#### **Allowable costs**

- Personnel costs, salaries, fringe benefits, overtime
- Training
- Equipment
- Supplies
- Travel
- Contractual services, when applicable
- Other costs: telecommunication, equipment maintenance, fuel and vehicle maintenance,

janitorial or security services, and more.

**Unallowable costs**

- Expenses for non-PSN activities
- Stipends
- Bonuses or commissions
- First class travel
- Food and beverage
- Lobbying or fundraising
- Tips/gratuities

For more information on costs, [please refer to the DOJ Grants Financial Guide](#).

### **Award Selection Procedure:**

Upon receipt of the sub-grant applications, TCI will determine the quality and validity of each application. Complete applications are then forwarded to the PSN Task Force for review. After thorough review and scoring of each programs request, in coordination with TCI, the PSN Task Force will review, rate, and rank each responsive application received based on the following criteria:

1. Statement of the Problem and Understanding of the PSN Program Strategy
2. Program Design and Implementation
3. Capabilities/Competencies
4. Plan for Collecting Required Data
5. Budget and Detailed Budget Narrative

The PSN Executive Committee will submit their recommendations through to the Children's Initiative for ratification. The final selections will be forwarded to the USAO SDCA. A decision to deny funding may not be appealed, but does not prohibit resubmission of a similar proposal in a subsequent year of funding.

Once the allocation of funding has been made to all selected sub-grantees, each recipient will receive an award letter indicating their final award amount. All applicants will be notified, in writing, of their funding decision. This notification will be made within (30) days of the PSN Selection Committee's meeting to select applicants for the Southern District of California's PSN program for Fiscal Year (FY) 20.

### **Reporting Requirements:**

All selected applicants (sub-grantees) shall be required to submit quarterly financial and programmatic reports.