



### 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 for the 2020 Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) Violent Gang and Gun Crime Reduction Program with the United States Attorney's Office, District of Oregon. 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. PSN funds will be used to implement Oregon's PSN in the Targeted Enforcement Area (TEA) of Portland, Gresham, and within Multnomah County.

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Opportunity Category:	Competitive
Posting Date:	May 19, 2021
Closing Date:	<b>5:00 PM June 24, 2021</b>
Funding Instrument:	Sub-grant Agreement
Funding Categories:	Intervention, Outreach, Prevention, & Reentry
Estimated Total Program Funding:	\$176,799
Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement:	No
Term of Funding:	October 1, 2020 – September 30, 2023

### **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. The Children's Initiative is the assigned Fiscal Agent for the USAO District of Oregon for this PSN funding. As such, the Children's Initiative is responsible for providing coordinated and transparent management of various programmatic and all financial components of the award.

### **Eligible applicants:**

- Non-profit organizations
- District Attorney's Office
- Units of local government
- States
- Federally qualified health centers
- Educational institutions
- Department of Corrections
- And more

### **Focused funding areas:**

The Children's Initiative and the USAO District of Oregon have vetted purpose areas for the 2020 PSN application. Focused program purpose areas and mandates for the 2020 funding cycle have been limited to: **Intervention/Prevention/Outreach/Reentry**.

### **Intervention/Prevention/Outreach/Reentry:**

- Programs and activities that provide services for individuals at highest risk of being a victim or perpetrator in a shooting (including firearm violence victims).
- Programs and activities that reduce the risk of re-hospitalization for firearm or assault injuries, arrest for firearm or violent crime, and death by homicide.

Reentry programs aim to help ex-offenders reenter society upon release from jail or prison and deter them from committing new crimes. Reentry programs also reduce recidivism, which is the re-arrest, re-conviction, or re-incarceration of an offender after being release from prison.

Examples of reentry programs may include assisting former prisoners seeking employment, job training opportunities, housing, and other services.

### **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 Procedure:**

All applicants must submit a program narrative, budget detail worksheet, and certified assurances to Jessica Brown, Grant Compliance Specialist/Grant Writer at [Jbrown@theci.org](mailto:Jbrown@theci.org) and Parakram Singh, USAO Law Enforcement Coordinator at [Parakram.Singh@usdoj.gov](mailto:Parakram.Singh@usdoj.gov). All applicants will find certified assurances on TCI's website at <https://www.thechildrensinitiative.org/subgranteeapplication>.

Applicants may visit the Children's Initiative at <https://www.thechildrensinitiative.org/grants> or contact Jessica Brown at [jbrown@theci.org](mailto:jbrown@theci.org) for additional information. Applications have a maximum limit of eight pages, not including the budget worksheet. All applications are due no later than **5:00 PM June 24, 2021**.

## **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 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 implement the specific program strategy and achieve outcome measures.
- Describe how the proposal will reduce gun crimes, gun, and gang violence in Portland, Gresham, and within Multnomah County.
- Describe how the proposal will promote and support meaningful anti-violence measures.
- Provide and be able to show through the assistance of a research partner –a positive qualitative and quantitative impact on the District TEA.
- 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 Letter of Agreement (LOA).**

### **Capabilities/Competencies**

- Applicant must fully describe its capabilities to (1) implement the program within the identified target 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 retaliatory shootings.
- Demonstrate experience in working with law enforcement, criminal justice agencies, trauma hospitals and/or community-based partners on targeted enforcement, prevention activities, and/or community engagement.

### **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 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 or gift cards
- Field trips
- 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, the Children's Initiative will determine the quality and validity of each application. Complete applications are then forwarded to District of Oregon's PSN Task Force for review. District of Oregon's 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 Selection Committee will submit their recommendations through to the Children's Initiative for ratification. The final selections will be forwarded to the USAO District of Oregon. 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 email indicating their final award amount. All applicants will be notified, in writing, of their rating and funding decision. This notification will be made within thirty (30) days of the PSN Selection Committee's meeting to select applicants for the District of Oregon'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.