



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, Central District of California (CDCA). 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:	0080
CFDA Number:	16.609
Opportunity Category:	Competitive
Posting Date:	November 23, 2020
Closing Date:	5:00 PM February 12, 2021
Funding Instrument:	Sub-grant Agreement
Funding Categories:	Intervention, Enforcement, & Research
Estimated Total Program Funding:	\$827,025
	Amount available by category:
	<u>Law enforcement</u>
	\$275,675
	<u>Intervention/Prevention/Outreach</u>
	\$367,567
	<u>Research partner</u>
	This amount also includes up to 20% or \$183,783 for a research partner to evaluate the effectiveness of the program.
Cost sharing or matching:	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 (TCI). The Children's Initiative (TCI) is the assigned Fiscal Agent for the USAO CDCA 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 CDCA 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 and Law Enforcement:

(1) Intervention/Prevention/Outreach/Reentry

- Programs that provide services for at-risk communities to address drivers of gun and gang violence and repeat and habitual offenders.
- Programs that provide outreach programs to Federal Firearm Licensees and the public to encourage responsible and safe gun ownership.
- Programs that prevent the use of illegal straw purchasers.

(2) Law Enforcement

- Programs (or task forces) that will reduce gang violence and the availability of weapons, particularly ghost guns and illegal Glock auto-switches and silencers, found in the District.
- This may include targeting violent gangs, felons in possession and other firearms offenses, geographic hot spot areas, and known shooters and chronic violent offenders, and the development of software to aid law enforcement in creating technology to properly identify and catalog ghost guns and Glock auto-switches.

Supplanting:

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

Reporting Requirements:

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

Application Procedure:

All applicants must submit a program narrative, budget detail worksheet, and the certified assurances to Jessica Brown, Grant Compliance Specialist/Grant Writer at Jbrown@theci.org and David Cons, USAO Law Enforcement Coordinator at David.Cons@usdoj.gov.

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 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 February 12, 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 Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) program strategy that will be utilized (prevention, intervention, or law enforcement).
- 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 the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Central District of California's PSN Program.
- 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 for personnel costs only (salary plus fringe) is allowable only for non-governmental organizations.

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 Central's PSN Selection Committee for review. Central's PSN Selection Committee 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 to the Children's Initiative for ratification. The final selections will be forwarded to the USAO Central District of California. 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 Central District of California's PSN program for Fiscal Year (FY) 2020.