



Notice of Funding Availability

2018 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 2018 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.

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Announcement: Initial
Funding Opportunity: 0133
CFDA: 16.609
Opportunity Category: Competitive
Posting Date: February 14, 2020
Closing Date: **5:00 PM March 16, 2020**
Funding Instrument: Sub-grant Agreement
Funding Categories: Law Enforcement and Prevention
Estimated Total Program: \$260,000
Cost Sharing or Matching: No
Term of Funding: October 1, 2019 – September 30, 2022

Electronic copies of the NOFA and Application submittal forms can be obtained at <https://www.thechildrensinitiative.org/grants>

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 SDCA 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.

Focused Program Areas:

The Children's Initiative and the USAO SDCA have vetted purpose areas for the 2018 PSN application. Focused program purpose areas and mandates for the 2018 funding cycle have been limited to:

1. Law Enforcement programs that certify compliance with **8 U.S.C. 1373** (2018 OJP Compliance Mandate) and provide required information regarding Communication with the **Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and/or Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)** <https://ojp.gov/funding/Explore/SampleCertifications-8USC1373.htm>.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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 Procedure:

Applicants may visit the Children's Initiative website at <https://www.thechildrensinitiative.org/grants> or contact Jessica Brown at 858-256-6569 or at jbrown@theci.rog to obtain a copy of the Request for Proposal (RFP). All applications are due no later than 5:00 PM March 16, 2020 and shall be submitted in accordance with the procedures outlined within the Request for Proposal (RFP).

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 the PSN Executive Committee for review. After thorough review and scoring of each programs request, in coordination with the Children's Initiative, the Executive 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 Executive Committee will submit their recommendations through to the Children's Initiative for ratification. The final selections will be forwarded to the USAO SDCA. The Children's Initiative is required to notify all applicants in writing of the outcome of their application no later than thirty (30) days after the application deadline. Unsuccessful applicants are afforded the right to appeal the selection process. All appeals must be submitted to the Children's Initiative within 30 days of receipt of the funding decision.

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 rating and funding decision no later than thirty (30) days after the date of application.

Reporting Requirements:

As indicated in the Request for Proposal (RFP) by the Children's Initiative, all selected applicants (sub-grantees) shall be required to submit quarterly financial and programmatic reports.

Termination:

The Children's Initiative shall have the right to terminate this Notice of Funding Availability. The terms of this Notice are contingent upon federal appropriations and authorizations being made by the Congress of the United States. If sufficient appropriations and authorizations are not formalized, this Notice of Funding Availability shall terminate, with notice being given by the Children's Initiative to the applicant. The Children's Initiative is not committed to reimburse grant funding to sub-grantees until the funds are programmed, budgeted, and approved.