



Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) FY 22 Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) Funding Opportunity

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Agenda



What is PSN?



Overview of NFA



**Required Application
Elements and Key
Dates**



Questions?

What is Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN)?

Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) is a nationwide initiative where federal, state, and local law enforcement officials and community leaders collaborate with district stakeholders to:

- **Implement strategies to combat violent crime and enhance neighborhood safety**
- **Utilize research methods to measure the effectiveness of these programs**

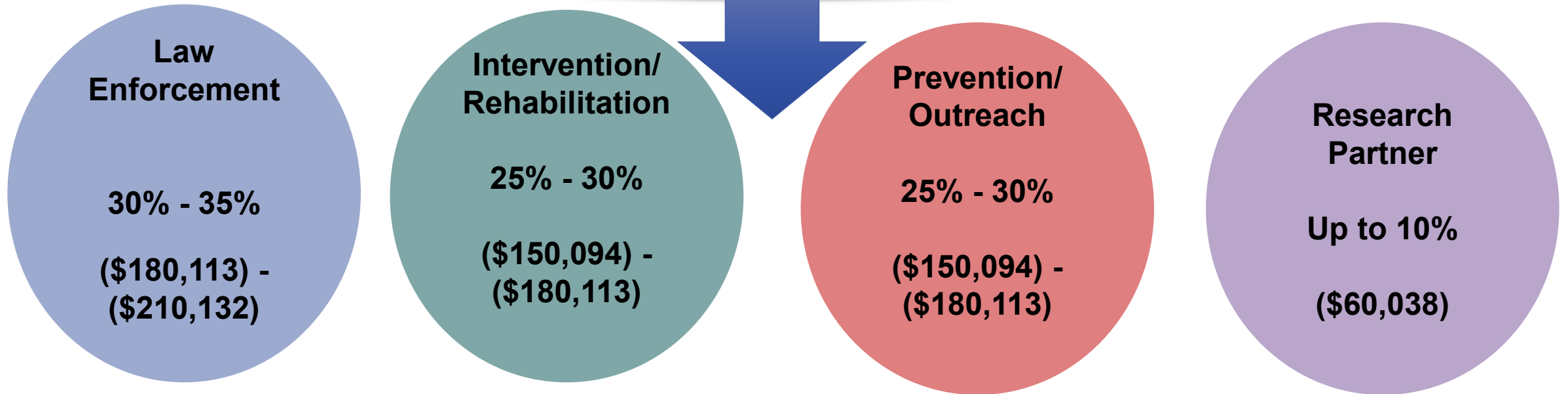
This collaborative approach is focused on:

- **Community Engagement**
- **Prevention & Intervention**
- **Focused & Strategic Enforcement**



Available Funding Amounts by Program Category

Funding For Task Force Areas: \$600,377



PSN Microgrant Funding: \$200,000 (four \$50,000 grants) Outside The Three Task Force Areas

Focused Program Purpose Areas

Law Enforcement

Task Forces will be formed to reduce gang violence and the availability of weapons, especially ghost guns and illegal Glock auto-switches and silencers found in the district. This could include targeting the following issues:



- Violent Gangs
- Felons in Possession & Other Firearm Offenses
- Geographic Hot Spot Areas for Crime
- Known Shooters & Chronic Violent Offenders
- Develop Software to Aid Law Enforcement in the creation of technology to identify Ghost Guns & Glock Auto-Switches

Focused Program Purpose Areas

Intervention/Rehabilitation

Refer to programs that provide services for at-risk communities to address drivers of gun & gang violence and recurrent offenders

Programs that address community re-entry of violent offenders and alternatives to gang membership



Gang violence, gun violence and community re-entry

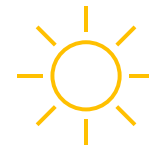
Focused Program Purpose Areas

Prevention and Outreach

Programs that address **prevention of juvenile delinquency & gang membership**

Provide **outreach programs to Federal Firearm Licensees** and the public to encourage responsible and safe gun ownership

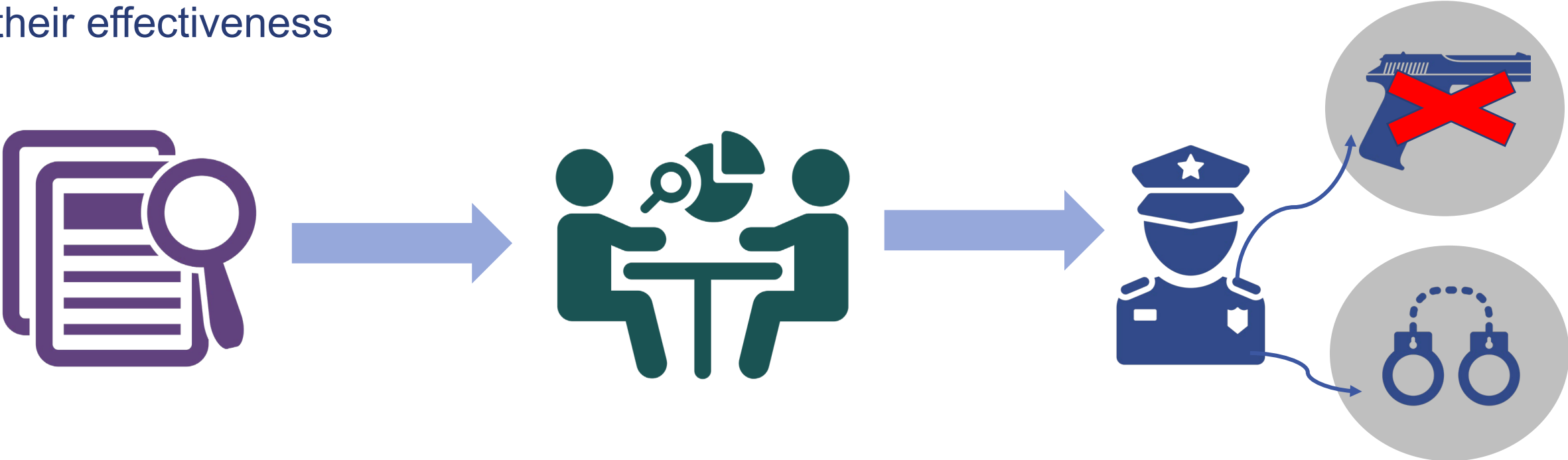
Programs focused on **reducing violence during the summer**



Focused Program Purpose Areas

Research Partner

Compile, analyze, and share data that informs PSN strategies and measures their effectiveness

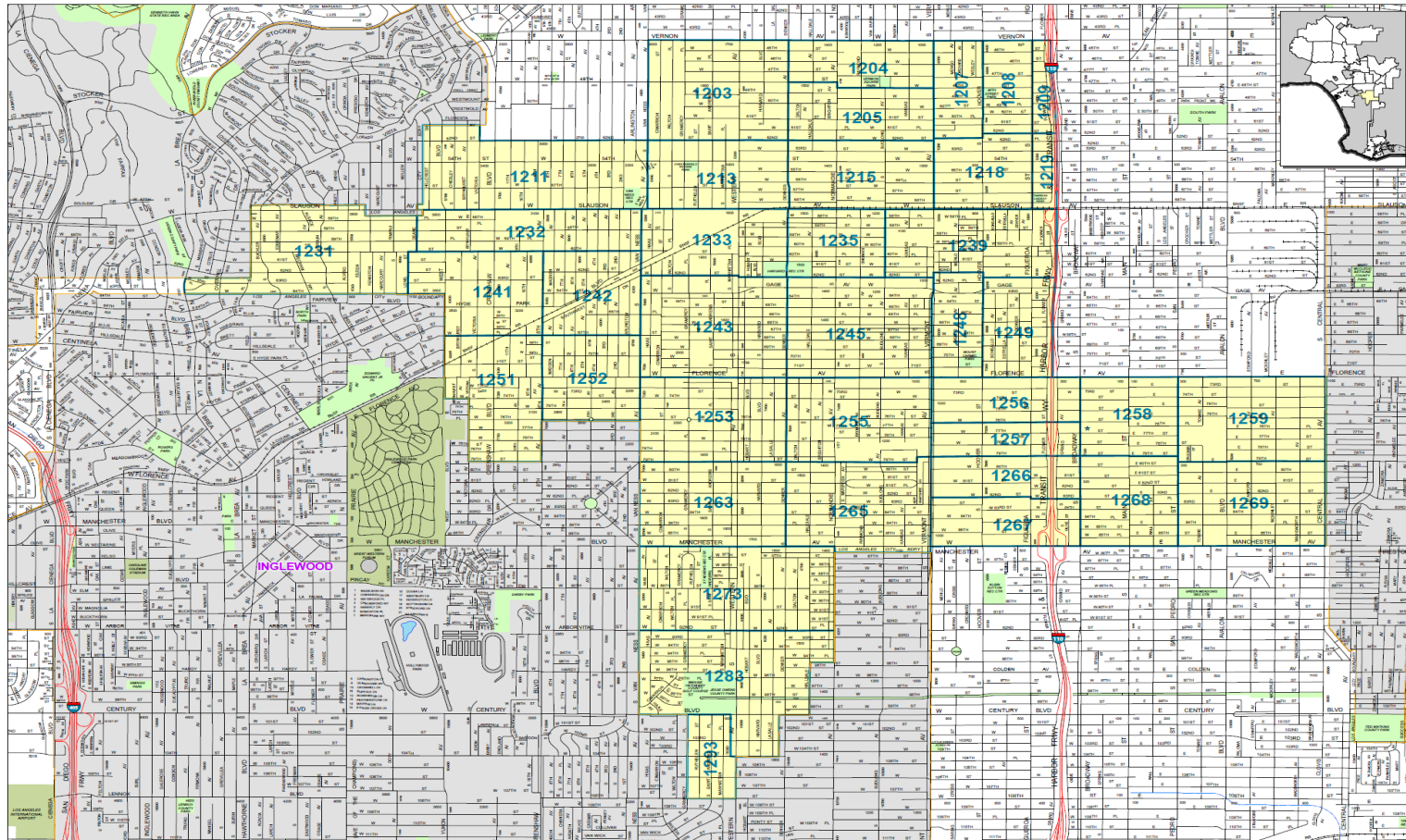


PSN Task Force Areas

A key component in the FY 2022 PSN strategic plan is to continue funding violence-reduction programs within the identified Task Force Areas, therefore:

- Applications for programs that affect **1 or more of the 3 Task Force Areas** will be reviewed and considered for funding
- Additional points will be added to grant applicants if they include a description of how they will be building on current PSN-funded efforts in the identified task force areas

77th Area Map

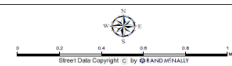


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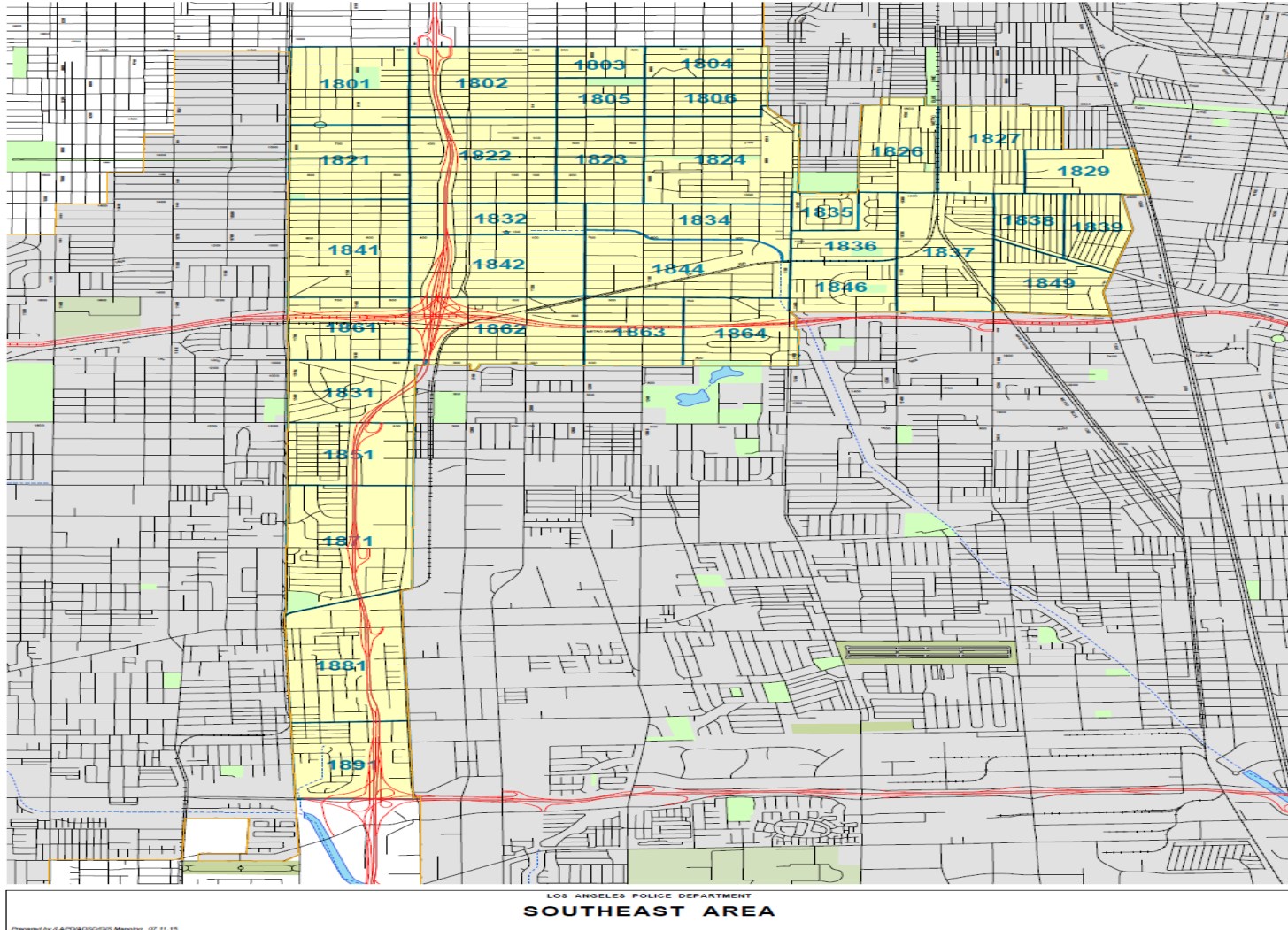


LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT
77TH STREET AREA

★ Police Station - 7600 S. Broadway

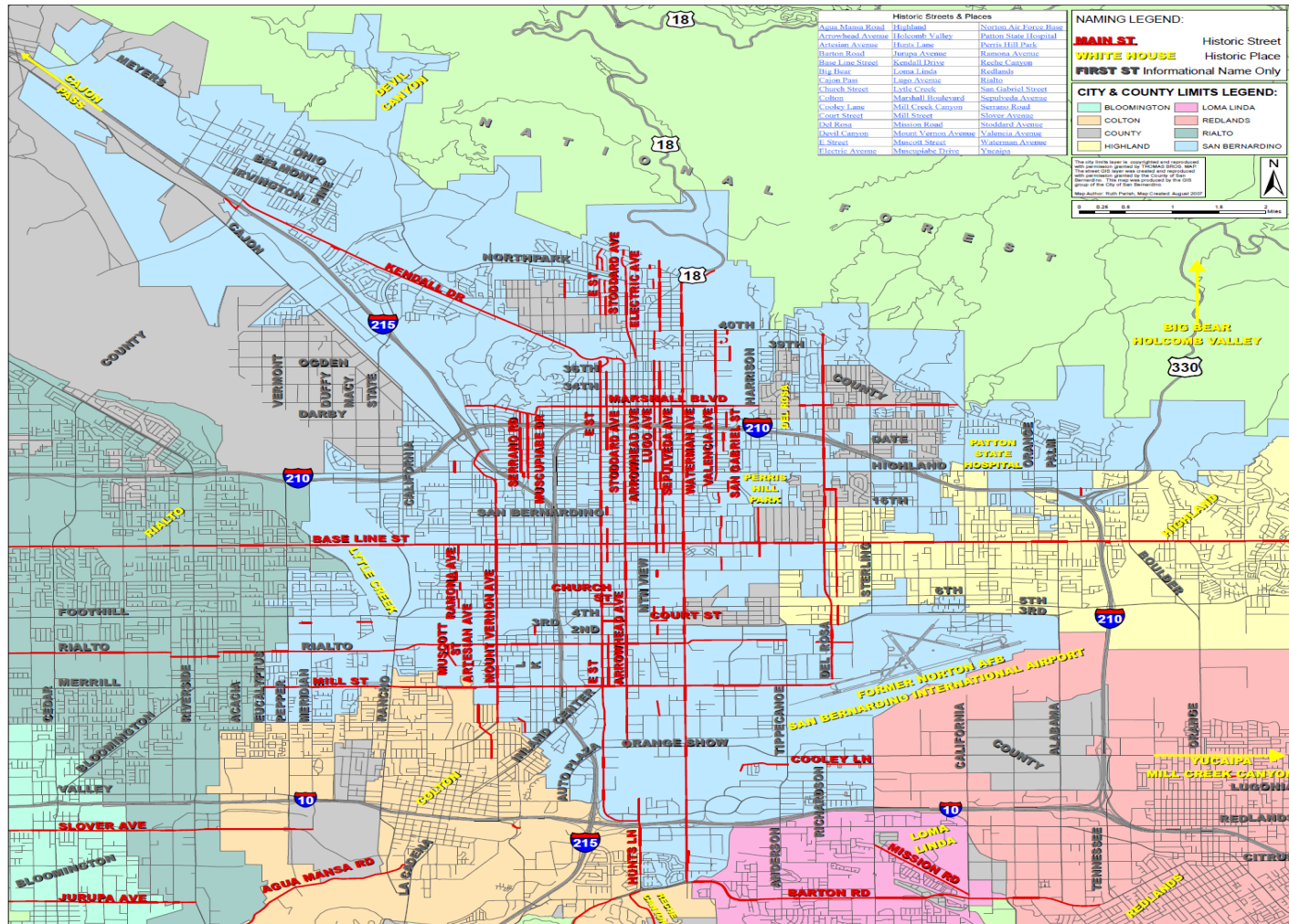


Southeast Area Map



Southeast Area

City of San Bernardino



City of San Bernardino

Microgrants

Another key component in the FY 2022 PSN strategic plan is to fund four “micro-grants” that will support small scale / large impact crime-reduction efforts within the CDCA outside of the identified PSN Task Force Areas:

- Applicants for a microgrant must follow the application process and identify the proposed program’s focused program area(s) (e.g., Law Enforcement, Intervention/Rehabilitation, and Prevention/Outreach)

Application Process & Guidelines

Application Deadline:

April 24, 2023, at 5 p.m. PST

All applicants must submit the following components:

1. Program Narrative
2. Budget Detail Worksheet
3. Certified assurances

Term of Funding:

Oct 1, 2022 – Sept 30, 2025

Program Narrative Components:

- Cover sheet
- Statement of the problem (SAP)
- Program design & implementation
- Capabilities/Competencies
- Plan for collecting required data
- Budget
- Allowable costs
- Unallowable costs

Narrative Format: 10 pages max not including cover page, 1-inch margins, 12-point Times New Roman Font, Double spaced)

Program Narrative Cover Sheet – Required Elements

Applicant Agency:
Official agency name,
physical address, and
mailing address of the
entity applying for funds

Project Director: Name,
Title, Phone 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

Requested Amount:
Total funding amount

**Proposed Start and
End Date(s):** For your
project to begin and end

Target Area: City of San
Bernardino, LAPD
Southeast Division,
LAPD 77th Division

Current Connections:
to any current PSN-
funded effort

Elevator Pitch: Please
describe your proposal
in 1 to 2 sentences

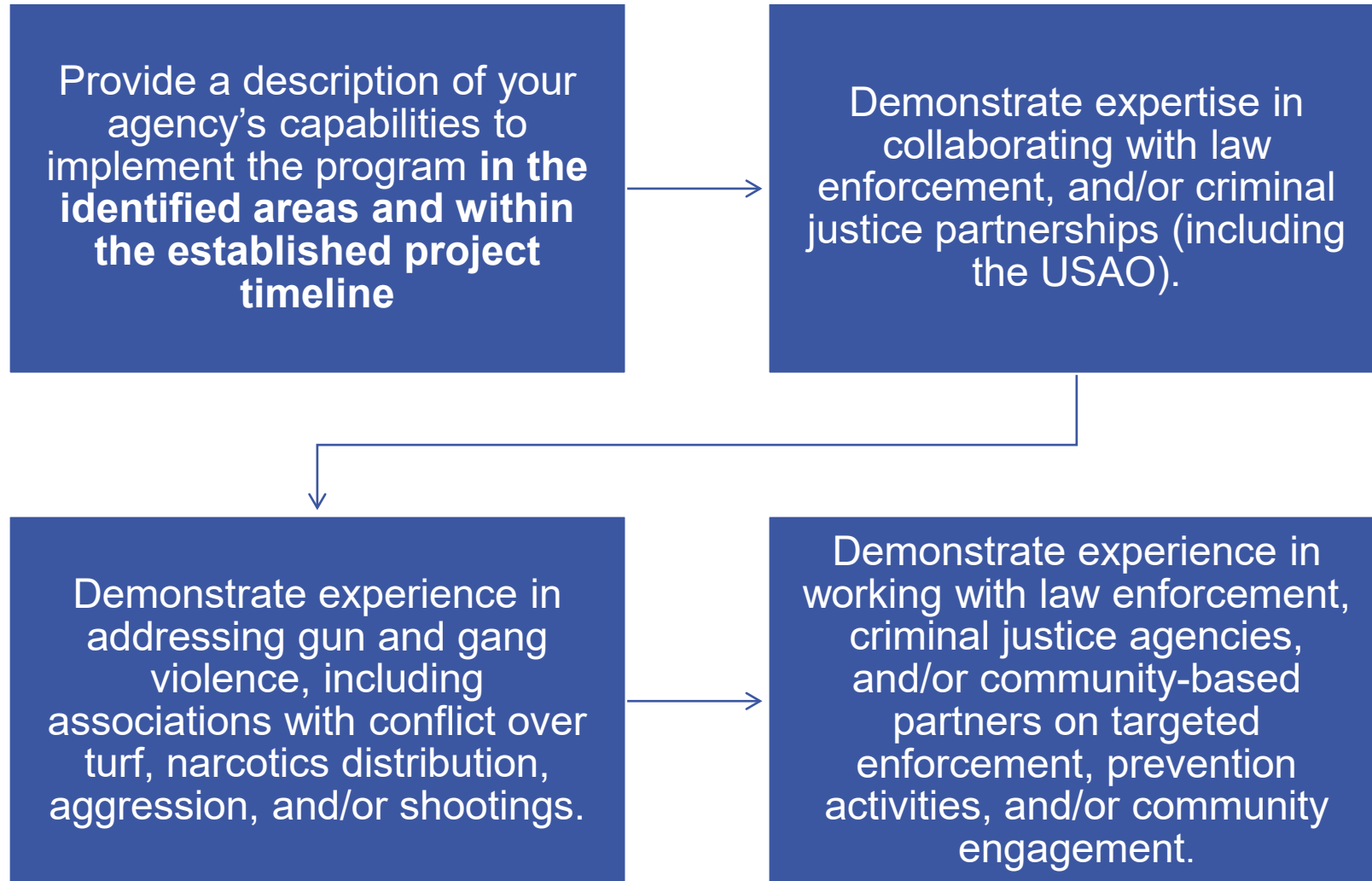
Program Narrative Statement of the Problem (SAP) – Required Elements

1. Identify the Targeted Enforcement Area (**TEA**)
2. Identify the existing need and problem within the FY 22 focus areas or outside a focus area if applying for a micro
3. Identify a **Summer Violence Reduction Strategy** that focuses on efforts in decreasing violent crime and protecting the people of your community by addressing the factors that typically increase violent crime during the summer months
4. Include relevant data, such as jurisdiction, arrest, and crime rates.

Program Design and Implementation

1. How will the proposal will be implemented (**how will your agency do the work**)?
2. How will the proposal advance the goals and outcome measures of the USAO CDCA's PSN Program, (including specific ways to support the **Summer Violence Reduction** efforts)?
3. List collaborators and/or partners specific to the proposal
 - Describe the role of each collaborator or partner
 - Provide written agreements should be included where possible, such as a memorandum of understanding (MOU), contract, or a Letter of Agreement (LOA)
4. Provide a description of any connection(s) of your proposed programs to existing PSN-funded efforts (**how will this new effort will build off that existing effort?**)

Capabilities/Competencies



Plan for Collecting Required Data

The plan for collecting required data should include:

1. The process for measuring your project performance
2. Indications of who will be responsible for submitting **Quarterly Progress Reports** and **Performance Measurement Tool Reports**

Other Important Considerations for Funding

1. Match not required: This sub-grantee solicitation does **NOT** require a match

2. Supplementing: Funds are intended to add or supplement, not replace resources already committed to the Reduction of Gun and Gang Violence efforts

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
- Entertainment
- Lobbying or fundraising
- Tips/gratuities
- Costs incurred prior to the start of the grant period

Program Budget Items

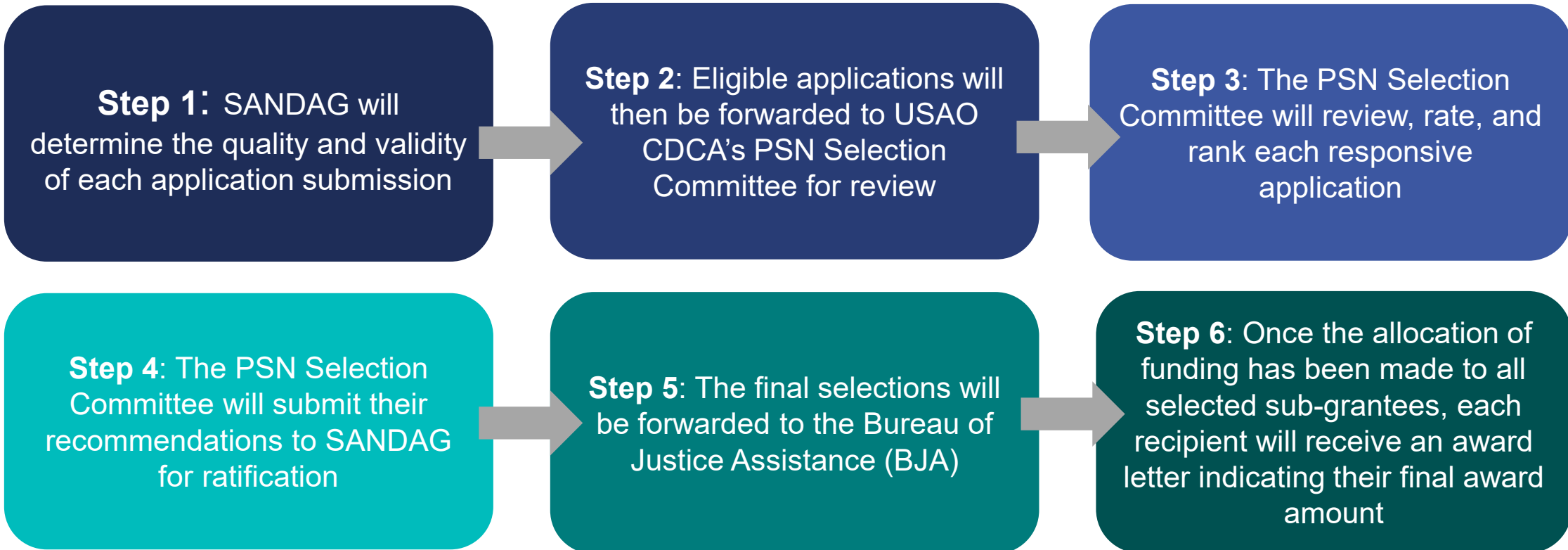
Budget Requirements that need to be included in the Program Narrative:

- 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 available online at: <https://www.ojp.gov/funding/apply/forms/ojp-budget-detail-worksheet>

Award Selection Procedure



- The notification of award letter will be made within 30 days of the PSN Selection Committee's meeting to select applicants for the CDCA's PSN program for FY 2022
- All selected sub-grantees will be contracting with SANDAG

Award Selection Procedure

Reporting Period
October 1–December 31
January 1–March 31
April 1–June 30
July 1–September 30

- After selected applicants (sub-grantees) have been funded, they are required to submit quarterly financial and programmatic reports

Key Dates

3/13/2023

NFA Release

3/22/2023

Virtual
Informational
Session

4/24/2023

Grant
applications due
by 5:00 p.m.
PST

5/2023

Review of grant
applications by
PSN Selection
Committee

**5/2023-
6/2023**

Notification of
grant award
and SANDAG
following up on
next steps

Questions?

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Link to USAO Central District of CA PSN:

<https://www.sandag.org/data-and-research/criminal-justice-and-public-safety/evaluation-services/courts-and-police>
(Under PSN Grants section)

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