Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) FY 21 Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) Funding Opportunity

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Agenda

What is PSN?

Overview of NFA

Required Application Elements and Key Dates

Questions?
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

Total Program Funding: $915,514
($673,963 currently available)

- **Law Enforcement**
  - 30% - 35%
  - ($274,654) - ($320,430)

- **Intervention/Rehabilitation Efforts**
  - 25%-30%
  - ($228,879) - ($274,654)

- **Prevention/Outreach Efforts**
  - 25% - 30%
  - ($228,879) - ($274,654)

- **Research Partner**
  - Up to 10%
  - ($91,551)
Focused Program Purpose Areas

Law Enforcement

Task Forces will be formed to combat 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 and other prohibited people who possess firearms/ammo
- Illegal firearms trafficking and dealing
- Geographic hot spot areas for crime
- Known shooters & continuing violent offenders
- Using software to ID and trace ghost guns, Glock auto-switches
- Violent crime increase in the summer months
Focused Program Purpose Areas

**Intervention/Rehabilitation**

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

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

PROGRAMS TO ADDRESS

Gang violence, gun violence and community re-entry
Focused Program Purpose Areas

Prevention and Outreach

• Programs that focus on the prevention of youth delinquency & gang membership
• Provide outreach programs to Federal Firearm Licensees and the public to encourage responsible gun ownership
• Programs that aim at preventing use of illegal straw purchasers
• 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
A key component in the FY 2021 PSN strategic plan is to continue funding violence-reduction programs within the identified Task Force Areas, therefore:

• Only 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
Target Area Maps

77th Area
Target Area Maps

Southeast Area
City of San Bernardino
Application Process & Guidelines

**Application Deadline:**
March 24, 2022, 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, 2021 – Sept 30, 2024

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

2. **Project Director:** Name, Title, Phone number, and Email address of the individual who will be in direct charge of the project

3. **Project Title:** Provide the title or name of the project

4. **Requested Amount:** Total funding amount

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

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

7. **Current Connections:** to any current PSN-funded effort

8. **Elevator Pitch:** Please describe your proposal in 1 to 2 sentences
1. Identify the Targeted Enforcement Area (TEA)

2. Identify the existing need and problem within the FY 21 focus areas

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

1. Provide a description of your agency’s capabilities to implement the program in the identified areas and within the established project timeline.

2. Demonstrate expertise in collaborating with law enforcement, and/or criminal justice partnerships (including the USAO).

3. Demonstrate experience in addressing gun and gang violence, including associations with conflict over turf, narcotics distribution, aggression, and/or shootings.

4. Demonstrate experience in working with law enforcement, criminal justice agencies, and/or community-based partners on targeted enforcement, prevention activities, and/or community engagement.
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. Cost Sharing or Matching: This sub-grantee solicitation does **NOT** require a match

2. Supplanting: 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
- 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

**Step 1:** SANDAG will determine the quality and validity of each application submission

**Step 2:** Eligible applications will then be forwarded to USAO CDCA’s PSN Selection Committee for review

**Step 3:** The PSN Selection Committee will review, rate, and rank each responsive application

**Step 4:** The PSN Selection Committee will submit their recommendations to SANDAG for ratification

**Step 5:** The final selections will be forwarded to the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA)

**Step 6:** 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

- 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 2021
- All selected sub-grantees will be contracting with SANDAG
Award Selection Procedure

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

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Key Dates

2/16/2022
Virtual Informational Session

3/24/2022
Grant applications due by 5:00 p.m. PST

4/2022
Review of grant applications by PSN Selection Committee

4/2022-5/2022
Notification of grant award and SANDAG following up on next steps

2/11/2022
NFA Release
Questions?
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Link to USAO Central District of CA PSN Web Site: https://www.sandag.org/CDCAPSN