



Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program FY 2023 Annual Report on Crisis Intervention Programs

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Introduction

On June 25, 2022, President Biden signed the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act of 2022 (BSCA) into law to reduce gun violence, save lives, and make progress toward keeping guns out of dangerous hands.

As authorized by BSCA (Pub. L. No. 117-159, 136 Stat. 1313, 1339), the Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program (Byrne SCIP), administered by the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), within the Department of Justice’s Office of Justice Programs’ (OJP), provides formula funds to states to implement state crisis intervention court proceedings and related programs or initiatives, including, but not limited to, extreme risk protection order (ERPO) programs that work to keep guns out of the hands of those who pose a threat to themselves or others.

BSCA requires the Department of Justice to publish an annual report on grants awarded for crisis intervention programs or initiatives that contains a description of the grants awarded and the crisis intervention programs or initiatives funded by the grants, broken down by grant recipient; an evaluation of the effectiveness of the crisis intervention programs or initiatives in preventing violence and suicide; measures that have been taken by each grant recipient to safeguard the constitutional rights of an individual subject to a crisis intervention program or initiative; and efforts that the Attorney General is making, in coordination with the grant recipients, to protect the constitutional rights of individuals subject to the crisis intervention programs or initiatives

(Pub. L. No. 90-351, Sec. 501(h) (codified at 34 U.S.C. § 10152(h)). This report is intended to fulfill that requirement for fiscal year (FY) 2023.¹

Additional information on the Byrne SCIP program, including solicitation documents and webinars, [frequently asked questions](#), and a [program fact sheet](#), can be found at <https://bja.ojp.gov/program/byrne-scip/overview>.

Grants Awarded Under the Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program

The [FY 2022-2023 Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program Formula Solicitation](#)² was released on October 19, 2022, and BJA awarded \$238,143,943 to 51 states, territories, and the District of Columbia under this solicitation. As stipulated in the solicitation, recipients are required to establish a diverse Crisis Intervention Advisory Board (CIAB). Program and budget plans for each award must be developed in coordination with and demonstrate evidence of approval by the Crisis Intervention Advisory Board and must be expressly approved by BJA post award before projects can commence. As of September 30, 2023, 13 states had received approval from BJA for their Byrne SCIP program and budget plans.

[Awards Made Under FY 2022-2023 Byrne SCIP Formula Solicitation and Project Descriptions for FY 2022-2023 Byrne SCIP Formula Awards with Approved Program and Budget Plans as of September 30, 2023](#)

Below is a list of FY 2022-2023 Byrne SCIP formula awards. Highlighted states reflect Byrne SCIP formula awards that received budget and program plan approval from BJA as of September 30, 2023. As part of the program plan and budget plan submission/approval process, each grant recipient submits a project description that aligns with the CIAB approved plan, which are published on a rolling basis at <https://www.ojp.gov/funding/fy23awards>. Project descriptions for those awards with approved program plans and budgets as of September 30, 2023, can be found in Appendix A.

State	Award Number	Legal Name	Award Amount
AK	15PBJA-23-GG-00046-BSCI	ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY	\$1,449,121
AL	15PBJA-23-GG-00047-BSCI	ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS, ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF	\$4,489,140
AR	15PBJA-23-GG-00001-BSCI	FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION, ARKANSAS DEPT OF	\$3,210,628
AS	15PBJA-23-GG-00002-BSCI	AMERICAN SAMOA CRIMINAL JUSTICE PLANNING AGENCY	\$431,794
AZ	15PBJA-23-GG-00003-BSCI	CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION ARIZONA	\$6,111,652
CA	15PBJA-23-GG-00004-BSCI	CALIFORNIA BOARD OF STATE AND COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS	\$29,231,074
CO	15PBJA-23-GG-00005-BSCI	COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY	\$4,564,438

¹ BSCA was signed into law in late FY 2022; as such, awards were not made until early FY 2023. Therefore, no report was published for FY 2022.

² Due to the timing of BSCA, BJA had the ability to combine both FY 2022 and FY 2023 funding in the first solicitation, which relied on the JAG formula from the prior FY, both of which were available when the appropriations were provided. FY 2024 funding will rely on the FY 2023 JAG formula allocations, which were not available until summer 2023, and so on.

State	Award Number	Legal Name	Award Amount
CT	15PBJA-23-GG-00006-BSCI	OFFICE OF POLICY & MANAGEMENT	\$2,470,247
DC	15PBJA-23-GG-00044-BSCI	DC OFFICE OF VICTIM SERVICES	\$1,503,447
DE	15PBJA-23-GG-00045-BSCI	EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR OF DELAWARE	\$1,343,782
GA	15PBJA-23-GG-00007-BSCI	CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL	\$7,488,436
GU	15PBJA-23-GG-00008-BSCI	GOVERNMENT OF GUAM- DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION	\$644,469
HI	15PBJA-23-GG-00009-BSCI	ATTORNEY GENERAL HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF TH	\$1,445,832
IA	15PBJA-23-GG-00010-BSCI	PUBLIC SAFETY, IOWA DEPARTMENT OF	\$2,478,792
ID	15PBJA-23-GG-00011-BSCI	IDAHO STATE POLICE	\$1,634,585
IL	15PBJA-23-GG-00048-BSCI	ILLINOIS CRIMINAL JUSTICE INFORMATION AUTHORITY	\$9,527,496
IN	15PBJA-23-GG-00058-BSCI	INDIANA STATE APPROVING AGENCY	\$5,116,765
KS	15PBJA-23-GG-00049-BSCI	EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE STATE OF KANSAS	\$2,698,339
KY	15PBJA-23-GG-00012-BSCI	JUSTICE & PUBLIC SAFETY CABINET	\$3,038,438
LA	15PBJA-23-GG-00013-BSCI	LOUISIANA COMMISSION ON LAW ENFORCEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE	\$4,501,897
MA	15PBJA-23-GG-00014-BSCI	DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY	\$4,983,728
MD	15PBJA-23-GG-00015-BSCI	EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND	\$5,124,825
ME	15PBJA-23-GG-00016-BSCI	PUBLIC SAFETY, MAINE DEPARTMENT OF	\$1,234,695
MI	15PBJA-23-GG-00017-BSCI	DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE MICHIGAN	\$7,945,884
MN	15PBJA-23-GG-00018-BSCI	PUBLIC SAFETY, MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF	\$3,723,326
MO	15PBJA-23-GG-00019-BSCI	DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY MISSOURI	\$5,459,025
MT	15PBJA-23-GG-00020-BSCI	MONTANA BOARD OF CRIME CONTROL	\$1,387,530
NC	15PBJA-23-GG-00043-BSCI	NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY	\$7,619,902
ND	15PBJA-23-GG-00021-BSCI	NORTH DAKOTA ATTORNEY GENERAL	\$644,469
NE	15PBJA-23-GG-00059-BSCI	NEBRASKA COMMISSION ON LAW ENFORCEMENT AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE	\$1,813,568
NH	15PBJA-23-GG-00022-BSCI	NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL	\$1,306,219
NJ	15PBJA-23-GG-00023-BSCI	LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY, NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF	\$5,317,826
NM	15PBJA-23-GG-00024-BSCI	PUBLIC SAFETY, NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF	\$2,853,074
NV	15PBJA-23-GG-00025-BSCI	NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY	\$3,088,478
NY	15PBJA-23-GG-00026-BSCI	NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES	\$13,313,053
OH	15PBJA-23-GG-00027-BSCI	OHIO OFFICE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES	\$7,621,174
OK	15PBJA-23-GG-00028-BSCI	ATTORNEY GENERAL, OKLAHOMA	\$3,557,418
OR	15PBJA-23-GG-00029-BSCI	DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE OREGON	\$3,127,544
PA	15PBJA-23-GG-00030-BSCI	CRIME & DELINQUENCY PA COMMISSION ON	\$8,548,557
PR	15PBJA-23-GG-00031-BSCI	PUERTO RICO DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE	\$2,274,664
RI	15PBJA-23-GG-00032-BSCI	RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY	\$1,213,223
SC	15PBJA-23-GG-00033-BSCI	PUBLIC SAFETY SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT	\$4,676,129
TN	15PBJA-23-GG-00034-BSCI	FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION, TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF	\$6,722,537
TX	15PBJA-23-GG-00035-BSCI	GOVERNOR, TEXAS OFFICE OF THE	\$21,246,509

State	Award Number	Legal Name	Award Amount
UT	15PBJA-23-GG-00036-BSCI	EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE STATE OF UTAH	\$2,421,967
VA	15PBJA-23-GG-00037-BSCI	DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES VIRGINIA	\$5,081,671
VI	15PBJA-23-GG-00038-BSCI	EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE US VIRGIN ISLANDS	\$644,469
VT	15PBJA-23-GG-00039-BSCI	JUDICIARY COURTS OF STATE OF VERMONT	\$644,469
WA	15PBJA-23-GG-00040-BSCI	COMMERCE, WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF	\$5,245,397
WI	15PBJA-23-GG-00041-BSCI	DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE WISCONSIN	\$4,166,354
WV	15PBJA-23-GG-00042-BSCI	GO33 JUSTICE & COMMUNITY SERVICES	\$1,755,887

In addition, BJA funded three training and technical assistance (TTA) providers through the [FY 2022 Extreme Risk Protective Order and Firearm Crisis Intervention Training and Technical Assistance Initiative](#) in FY2023 for a total of \$4,000,000 to support Byrne SCIP grant recipients under three categories:

- Category 1: Developing and Supporting Extreme Risk Protection Order Programs
- Category 2: Supporting State, Local, and Tribal Courts Implementing Safer Communities
- Category 3: Implementing Safer Communities Training and Technical Assistance

Project descriptions for each TTA category can be found in Appendix B. No-cost TTA for each area can be requested at: www.ncja.org/byrne-scip.

Measures Taken by Each Grant Recipient to Safeguard the Constitutional Rights of an Individual Subject to a Crisis Intervention Program or Initiative

Byrne SCIP grantees respond quarterly to performance measures in the form of a questionnaire³ in the Performance Measurement Tool (PMT)⁴. The Byrne SCIP performance measures include questions about measures taken to safeguard the constitutional rights of individuals subject to crisis intervention programs or initiatives implemented under the award. Grantees are required to submit a performance report and indicate if there was grant activity during each reporting period. Grant activity is defined when a grantee has obligated, expended, or drawn down grant funds to implement objectives proposed in the BJA approved grant application.

As of September 30, 2023, most active grantees were still in the planning process and had not yet reported measures taken to safeguard the constitutional rights of individuals subject to crisis intervention programs and, as of September 30, 2023, no state had received approval of a program plan that included implementation of an ERPO program. However, the Washington

³ Byrne SCIP performance measures <https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/performance-measures/byrne-scip-measures.pdf>.

⁴ The PMT is a live database, meaning, the records within are continually being scrutinized and modified. It is important to note that accurate data rely on correct data tracking and entry by the grantees and those agencies reporting to grantees, as such the data and analysis findings provided reflect the information as reported. These analytical findings make no claims of causation or demonstrate evidence of program effectiveness, and, as with all performance data, readers must use caution when interpreting the results, as factors other than the program may have contributed to the performance outcomes reported. For additional information in regard to BJAs performance measures questionnaire, please visit: <https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/performance-measures/bja-program-performance-measures>.

State Department of Commerce had reported that it is developing training and education material (i.e., information about due process protections and the ERPO process within the state).

BJA anticipates that additional information about the measures grantees have taken to safeguard the constitutional rights of individuals subject to crisis intervention programs or initiatives will be available in the FY 2024 Annual Report on Crisis Intervention Programs.

Evaluation of the Effectiveness of the Crisis Intervention Programs or Initiatives in Preventing Violence and Suicide

The National Institute of Justice (NIJ), within OJP, will be releasing an FY 2024 solicitation to evaluate the effectiveness of Byrne SCIP in preventing violence and suicide. The NIJ FY 2024 solicitation is anticipated to be released during the second quarter of FY 2024 and the award will be made by the end of the FY. The award activity will commence no earlier than January 1, 2025, due to budget clearance and additional award requirements (such as human subject protections). Complete findings on the impact of Byrne SCIP in preventing violence and suicide will not be available for several years; however, NIJ is committed to making interim findings public as they become available. The planned FY 2024 grant award represents the first phase of a multi-year effort to evaluate the effectiveness of Byrne SCIP.

Efforts to Protect the Constitutional Rights of Individuals Subject to the Crisis Intervention Programs or Initiatives

As required by 34 U.S.C. §10152 (a)(1)(I)(iv), ERPO programs funded by Byrne SCIP must include, at a minimum:

- a. Pre-deprivation and post-deprivation due process rights that prevent any violation or infringement of the Constitution of the United States, including, but not limited to, the Bill of Rights and the substantive or procedural due process rights guaranteed under the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments to the Constitution of the United States, as applied to the States, and as interpreted by State courts and United States courts (including the Supreme Court of the United States). Such programs must include, at the appropriate phase to prevent any violation of constitutional rights, at minimum, notice, the right to an in-person hearing, an unbiased adjudicator, the right to know opposing evidence, the right to present evidence, and the right to confront adverse witnesses;
- b. The right to be represented by counsel at no expense to the government;
- c. Pre-deprivation and post-deprivation heightened evidentiary standards and proof, which mean not less than the protections afforded to a similarly situated litigant in Federal court or promulgated by the State's evidentiary body and sufficient to ensure the full protections of the Constitution of the United States, including, but not limited to, the Bill of Rights and the substantive and procedural due process rights guaranteed under the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments to the Constitution of the United States, as applied to the States, and as interpreted by State courts and United States courts (including the Supreme Court of the United States). The heightened evidentiary standards and proof under such programs must, at all appropriate phases to prevent any violation of any constitutional right, at minimum, prevent reliance upon evidence that is unsworn or unaffirmed, irrelevant, based on inadmissible hearsay, unreliable, vague, speculative, and lacking a foundation; and

d. Penalties for abuse of the program.

Additional guidance regarding minimum requirements for the use of funds for ERPO programs was released on September 28, 2023.

To ensure that that the Byrne SCIP grants are in compliance with the statutory requirements, a [Certification Relating to Pub. L. No. 90-351, Title I, Sec. 501\(a\)\(1\)\(I\)\(iv\) \(Extreme-Risk Protection-Order Programs\)](#) must be completed and signed prior to the use of funds for ERPO programs. This certification is required for the approval of all program and budget plans that include ERPO programs.

Appendix A: Project Descriptions for Awards with Approved Plans

Legal Name: ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Award Number: 15PBJA-23-GG-00047-BSCI

Award Amount: \$4,489,140

Project Description: According to available Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) data, Alabama's firearm mortality rate ranks 5th nationally with 23.6 deaths per 100,000 in 2020. This is an increase from 2019 and 2018 which saw a rate of 22.2 (2019) and 21.8 (2018). Alabama ranked 15th nationally among states with number of firearm related deaths (1,141) in 2020, while ranking just 24th in total population at 5,039,877.

The State of Alabama Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program (Byrne SCIP) will look to provide funding for the creation and/or implementation of gun violence reduction programs/initiatives.

Related Programs or Initiatives

- Related court-based, behavioral health deflection, and gun safety programs or initiatives may include, but are not limited to:
 - Specialized court-based programs such as drug, mental health, and veterans treatment courts, including those that specifically accept clients with firearm violations.
 - Gun violence recovery courts that connect clients in crisis with community resources.
 - Threat assessment training for prosecutors, judges, law enforcement, and public defenders.
 - Technology, analysis, or information-sharing solutions for ensuring law enforcement, probation, prosecutors, the courts, and public defenders are informed when a prohibited person attempts to purchase a firearm.
 - Development and implementation of validated gun violence risk assessment tools and service case management and navigation programs to assess the risks and needs of clients and connect them to critical services to mitigate their risk of gun violence and enhance their access to effective interventions.
 - Expanding the capacity of existing drug, mental health, and veterans treatment courts to assist clients who are most likely to commit or become victims of gun crimes.
- Behavioral health deflection for those at risk to themselves or others (see the National Guidelines for Behavior Health Crisis Care Best Practice Toolkit):
 - Assertive Community Treatment Behavioral threat assessment programs and related training Triage services, mobile crisis units (both co-responder and civilian only), and peer support specialists
 - Technological supports such as smartphone applications to help families and patients navigate mental health and related systems and telehealth initiatives, including technology solutions for telehealth visits outside the hospital.
 - Support behavioral health responses and civil legal responses to behavioral health responses such as regional crisis call centers, crisis mobile team response, and crisis receiving and stabilization facilities to individuals in crisis.

- Specialized training for individuals who serve or are families of individuals who are in crisis.
- Law enforcement-based programs, training, and technology:
 - Funding for law enforcement agencies to safely secure, store, track, and return relinquished guns Gun locks and storage for individuals and businesses Software/technologies to track relinquished guns.
 - Development and or delivery of specialized training and overtime for officers to attend training.
 - Research, study, or data gathering.
 - Predictive analytics or policing or use of artificial intelligence (AI) to prevent gun violence.

Program Requirements

Crisis Intervention Advisory Board:

- Alabama’s advisory group under the Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program (SCIP), will initially be comprised of seven representatives selected to inform and guide the state’s program. The state administering agency is currently contacting candidates who have been nominated to fulfill the required vocation/discipline areas. Those agreeing to serve will be formally appointed early in 2023. An organizational meeting will be held soon after appointments are made to provide information and orientation, propose, and establish operational procedures, and to discuss a future meeting schedule.

State Crisis Intervention Program Plan and Budget Approval:

- Program and budget plans will be developed in coordination with and demonstrate evidence of approval by the Crisis Intervention Advisory Board and will be expressly approved by BJA post award via Grant Award Modification (GAM) before funds can be obligated, expended, or drawn down.
- All subawards will be expressly authorized by BJA post award via GAM before funds will be obligated for subawards.
- Subrecipients will be required to cooperate with BJA and its training and technical assistance provider to ensure that projects funded under this program are designed to protect the constitutional rights of individuals.

Legal Name: ARIZONA CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION

Award Number: 15PBJA-23-GG-00003-BSCI

Award Amount: \$6,111,652

Project Description: The Arizona Criminal Justice Commission (ACJC) is a statutorily authorized entity mandated to carry out various coordinating, monitoring, and reporting functions regarding the administration and management of criminal justice programs in Arizona. The Commission, as the state-administering agency for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program and several other Bureau of Justice Assistance grant programs, distributes funds via competitive grants to state, tribal, county, and local government agencies to support the Drug, Gang, and Violent Crime Control (DGVCC) program. The 2020-2025 Drug, Gang, and Violent Crime Control State Strategy is the Commission's primary decision-making tool for allocating funds and guiding project activity for the DGVCC program. Through the State

Crisis Intervention Program grant, the DGVCC program aims to significantly reduce gun violence and crime in the state through strategic funding of relevant initiatives and programs.

The overarching goals of the project will be as follows:

- Mitigate Gun Violence in Arizona: This entails reducing the risk populations for both instigating and becoming victims of gun violence, enhancing the availability and accessibility of crisis intervention services to high-risk individuals, increasing public awareness of gun violence prevention, and decreasing the number of illegal firearm holders.
- Preserve Lives by Diminishing the Prevalence of Gun-Related Fatalities: The program seeks to reduce the occurrences of gun-related homicides and suicides.
- Decrease the Frequency of Gun-Related Injuries: Efforts will be focused on reducing intentional and accidental injuries caused by firearms.

The State Crisis Intervention Program recognizes the critical importance of comprehensive, innovative, and multi-disciplinary approaches to tackling the complex issue of gun violence. With the assistance of the State Crisis Advisory Board, the DGVCC program will seek applications for pass-through funding assistance to support strategic interventions and initiatives in three priority sectors: Specialized Court-Based Programs, Behavioral Health, and Law Enforcement-Based Programs. Furthermore, the DGVCC program will engage ACJC's in-house Statistical Analysis Center (SAC) to serve as a research partner for the required cooperation component for the proposed project. SAC will analyze available data, evaluate program effectiveness, and use performance measurement indicators to measure program outcomes.

Legal Name: IOWA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Award Number: 15PBJA-23-GG-00010-BSCI

Award Amount: \$2,478,792

Project Description: The ICIAB has identified behavioral health as the top priority area for Iowa's initial round of SCIP funding awards, with emphasis on youth programming and including both rural and urban communities. Within this priority area, the Board specifically identified the following as potential project responses to implement SCIP gun violence reduction objectives:

- Mental health partnerships,
- Crisis centers,
- Co-responder projects,
- Specialty courts,
- Jail diversion,
- Mobile crisis units,
- Community programs,
- Youth diversion programs,
- Community response to methamphetamine,
- Gun violence intervention,
- Geo-fencing technology, and
- Other innovative behavioral health-related state and local programming.

The Iowa Office of Drug Control Policy will direct SCIP grant funding to state and local units of government to support program activities outlined in BJA's State Crisis Intervention Program Formula Solicitation and based on the priority areas and potential projects identified in this plan. Non-profits and faith-based organizations will be eligible but will need to apply in partnership with a state or local units of government. The ODCP will use a well-established competitive grant application/independent review as the mechanism to evaluate and select subrecipient to pass through funding to state and local units of government. The solicitation will include the following narrative components; data assessment/description of problem, implementation planning, best practices/evidence-informed practices, goals and objectives, and performance evaluation.

Legal Name: EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

Award Number: 15PBJA-23-GG-00049-BSCI

Award Amount: \$2,698,339

Project Description: The KGGP and the Kansas SCIP Advisory Board created the Kansas SCIP Plan to ensure the best use of the SCIP funds to optimize efficiency, maximize impact, and achieve measurable results. The process involved background research and presentations to the Advisory Board on the current condition of gun-related violence and violent crime in Kansas and the results of an Advisory Board member survey to identify needs and priorities.

Based on the results of this process, the Advisory Board approves allocating resources for the following priorities:

1. Piloting or expanding a specialty court program that merges domestic violence intervention and civil protection orders with criminal cases presided by the same judge.
 2. Enhancing community programs and initiatives focused on reducing gun violence and trauma by providing victims of gun violence with community resources, wraparound services, and behavioral health deflection and treatment services.
 3. Addressing the intersections of domestic violence with gun violence.
 4. Determining the need for a researcher to evaluate the grant-funded projects' effectiveness.
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Legal Name: DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY (*Massachusetts*)

Award Number: 15PBJA-23-GG-00014-BSCI

Award amount: \$4,983,728

Project Description: Through our strategic planning process, which included a thorough review and analyzation of data, the following priorities were identified by the Board for potential use of funds upon receipt of the Byrne SCIP award. Upon receipt of grant funds, OGR will address priority areas by supporting evidence-based, proven effective programs and practices, innovative ideas, and creative solutions. The priority areas identified are as follows:

- ERPO* Support: Need for education and training to inform the public as well as public safety stakeholders on the ERPO law in hope of enhancing access to ERPO programs as well as increasing reporting. Such improvements will be supported by funding public awareness campaigns, educational training, and available resources via dissemination of best practices.

- Improve Data Collection and Research on Preventing and Decreasing Gun Violence: Must collect updated data on shots fired and non-fatal shootings and allocate funds specifically dedicated to solving non-fatal shootings in hopes of removing more firearms and repeat offenders off the streets. Research, planning, and evaluation are critical components to any initiative supported with this award. Funding research partners to assist the Commonwealth with identifying trends and needs will inform the Board how best to utilize future Byrne SCIP awards.
- Behavioral Health Deflection for those at Risk to Themselves or Others: First, funding is needed to identify and provide behavioral health services to individuals in crisis who are at risk of harming themselves or others prior to incident escalation. The consensus of the Board is to make funds available to train and support individuals who serve or are families of individuals who are in crisis. Funds will also be available to support education and training programs for families of individuals in crisis on how to identify risk factors and connect their loved ones to available behavioral health services in the community. Second, funds should be made available to support the use of behavioral threat assessment programs and trainings for use in schools to better identify potential threats and intervene before they escalate into violent attacks. Funds will be made available for conducting school-based behavioral threat assessment trainings and/or school-based behavioral threat assessment teams to identify, assess, and prevent threats to student and school safety.
- Law Enforcement-based Programs, Training and Technology: Support the safe and secure storage, tracking and return of relinquished guns. Some of these programs involve investing in gun locks and storage for individuals and businesses, out of the house gun storage programs, “take the keys” initiatives, and gun buy-back programs. Training for law enforcement can consist of de-escalation training and active shooter training and facilitating officers’ ability to attend specialized training with overtime. Software/technologies to track relinquished guns will also be considered. We must first assess the landscape of existing programs and practices in Massachusetts to determine the challenges, gaps and needs before moving forward with specific recommendations.
- Community Violence Intervention Programs: Make funds available for law enforcement agencies and departments to not only focus on enforcement related to gun crime but to also collaborate with community-based organizations to expand youth gun violence prevention programming and services for youth at risk for gang recruitment/involvement. The Board emphasized the importance of collaboration among multiple partners including district attorneys, law enforcement, probation, social services, and community-based agencies to reduce and prevent gun crime.

**Note: Authorization to proceed with ERPO activities requires the submission of a principal legal officer signed Certification Relating to Pub. L. No. 90-351, Title I, Sec. 501(a)(1)(I)(iv) (Extreme-Risk Protection-Order Programs) to BJA.*

Legal Name: MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE
Award Number: 15PBJA-23-GG-00017-BSCI
Award amount: \$7,945,884

Project Description: To reduce the prevalence of gun violence in the state of Michigan, the Michigan State Police (MSP), Grants and Community Services Division (GCSD), will administer the Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program (Byrne SCIP) through awards focusing, at a minimum, on the following topics: (1) parent, youth, and victim services firearm violence reduction education and outreach, (2) judicial threat assessment training, (3) healthcare behavioral threat assessment training, and (4) ballistic identification technology projects with law enforcement, prosecutor, healthcare, behavioral health, and community partners.

Spurred by the tragedy of the fatal shooting at the Oxford Community Schools late in 2021, Michigan students, families, and those within the educational, public safety, and mental health communities have engaged in a number of efforts designed to prevent, respond, and recover from firearm violence. The MSP will initiate FY 2022-23 Byrne SCIP projects in two subgrant phases to fund (1) parent and youth firearm violence reduction education and outreach, (2) judicial threat assessment training, and (3) healthcare behavioral threat assessment training projects. Phase 1 of the subgrant process coincides with MSP's initial application and includes early proposals for sub-awardees for BJA approval to streamline project implementation. Specifically, MSP solicited project proposals for some of its intended sub-awardees with an established presence in gun violence harm reduction throughout the state in preparation for the FY 2022-23 Byrne SCIP application package. These initial proposals were reviewed for alignment with the BJA's program solicitation and the project's scope of work. In Phase 2, additional awards will be solicited through follow-up work with the evaluator and identification of community organizations ready and prepared to develop and implement a program focusing on identified needs. Organizations will be asked to look into comprehensive programs with multidisciplinary and multi-agency partnerships that address gun violence issues specific to their communities. Community agencies will be asked to form partnerships with their local government to serve as the fiduciary and ensure buy-in for the proposed initiatives.

Legal Name: MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Award Number: 15PBJA-23-GG-00019-BSCI

Award amount: \$5,459,025

Project Description: The Byrne State Crisis Intervention Grant Program in Missouri will further the U.S. Department of Justice's mission in assisting state and local efforts to prevent or reduce crime and violence, with a particular focus on gun violence and the programs and initiatives that target the risk factors that are likely to lead to this kind of violence. The Byrne SCIP will provide funding for the creation and/or implementation of state crisis intervention court proceedings, and related gun violence reduction and programs/initiatives. The Missouri Department of Public Safety would ensure this goal is met by awarding funds to eligible courts (state, county, and local), institutes of higher learning, law enforcement, supervision agencies, prosecutors, public defenders, behavioral health, emergency communications, etc. As identified by Missouri's Crisis Intervention Advisory Board, this Byrne SCIP funding will focus on the following priority areas; specialized court-based programs, behavioral threat assessment programs, crisis intervention and violent crime prevention and reduction, and associated training/travel related costs.

Legal Name: MONTANA BOARD OF CRIME CONTROL

Award Number: 15PBJA-23-GG-00020-BSCI

Award Amount: \$1,387,530

Project Description: Montana’s Crisis Intervention Advisory Board (CIAB) will be formed from members of and governed by the already existing Montana Board of Crime Control (MBCC). Once created, The CIAB will convene to discuss, inform, and direct the state’s Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program (Byrne SCIP) strategies and funding priorities for the initial four-year grant period from FY2023 – FY2026 (10/1/2022 – 9/30/2026).

Montana has no Extreme Risk Protection Order (ERPO) laws in place therefore, it is not anticipated the CIAB will pursue any types of ERPO programs. The CIAB will consider Byrne SCIP-related court-based, behavioral health deflection, and gun safety programs or initiatives including but not limited to:

- Specialized court-based programs such as drug, mental health, and veterans’ treatment courts, including those that specifically accept clients with firearm violations.
- Behavioral health deflection for those at risk to themselves or others.
- Funding for law enforcement agencies to safely secure, store, track, and return relinquished guns.

The CIAB will coordinate with stakeholders in a comprehensive strategic planning process. During this strategic planning process, the CIAB will determine what programs and activities are already in existence and being implemented in the state related to Byrne SCIP, and how Byrne SCIP funding may or will be used to coordinate, supplement, and compliment those program activities. The CIAB will also use this strategic planning process to develop their finalized Byrne SCIP program and budget plans.

The CIAB will meet to determine what allowable course of action they wish to take with the 60 percent share of the funds received. Even though it all may be retained by MBCC, possibly some or all the 60 percent share of Byrne SCIP funds may be passed through by MBCC for subgrant projects, depending upon the direction of the CIAB.

The MBCC as directed by the CIAB will pass through to subrecipients the entire 40 percent portion of the Byrne SCIP award to units of local government throughout the entire state of Montana. Upon being informed by the CIAB, MBCC plans to provide additional Byrne SCIP funds to state courts that provide criminal justice and civil justice services as the less-than-\$10,000 jurisdictions and/or subaward the funds to such jurisdictions statewide. All 40 percent local unit of government funds and all less than \$10,000 jurisdiction funds will be passed through to subgrantees through a competitive Funding Opportunity and subaward process.

Legal Name: NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Award Number: 15PBJA-23-GG-00022-BSCI

Award Amount: \$1,306,219

Project Description: In the development of the program plan, the NH Department of Justice (NH DOJ), as the State Administering Agency (SAA), invited key stakeholders from law

enforcement, behavioral health, judicial and justice personnel at local and state levels, as well as a member from the community. The demand for establishing related court-based and behavioral health deflection programs or initiatives were utilized by the SCIP Advisory Board to finalize New Hampshire's SCIP priority areas.

The SCIP Advisory Board will discuss proposed areas for this award funding, including implementing state crisis intervention court proceedings, and related gun violence reduction initiatives or programs. Furthermore, selected areas involving clients with firearm violations in areas such as court-based programs to include drug, mental health, and veteran treatment courts would be explored. Behavioral health deflection for individuals who pose a risk to themselves or others.

When determining funding programs for the State programs under this award, the SCIP Advisory Board will be mindful of the local Pass-through Requirement and the Less than \$10,000 Pass-through requirement.

Local Pass-through Requirement

- The State of New Hampshire will pass through the required 40 percent to local governments, which may include a prosecutor's office, a public defender's office, a law enforcement agency, a public health agency or a court system. The SCIP Advisory Board will determine the best organizations in the State to receive this funding.
- Once these organizations are identified as subawards by the SCIP Advisory Board, a Programmatic Costs GAM for approval of the selected subawards will be submitted prior to any funding being allocated.

Less Than \$10,000 Pass-through Requirement

- The State will allocate funding to the units of local government that were not eligible to receive a direct JAG due to their small size as a condition of this award. These are referred to as "Less than \$10,000 jurisdictions." An additional condition for these organizations to receive funding under this award parameter is that they provide criminal and civil justice services within the state and/or subaward the funds to such jurisdictions.
- Once these organizations are identified as subawards by the SCIP Advisory Board, a Programmatic Costs GAM for approval of all subawards will be submitted prior to any funding being allocated.
- The NH DOJ will submit a required pass-through waiver certification from affected local court jurisdictions for "The Less Than \$10,000 Pass-through Requirement" for Award 15PBJA-23-GG-00022-BSCI to satisfy the solicitation requirement that "the benefiting units of local government voluntarily certifies in writing that the specified amount of state-administered funds will directly benefit the units of local government in question and funding the project at the state level is in the best interest of these units of local government."
- If approved, this request will allocate the "The Less Than \$10,000 Pass-through Requirement" and a portion of state funding to a proposed subrecipient, which will be submitted to BJA for approval, as required.

The State of New Hampshire is unique in that a unified court system was established. In 1971, a unified court system was established by the New Hampshire legislature to improve the administration of justice and the efficient operation of all the courts. In 1983, the State legislature consolidated funding for all the state courts into the State's biennial budget. Previously, the Superior and Probate Courts were funded by the counties and the District Courts by the cities and towns in which they were located. Legislation also established what is now known as the Administrative Office of the Courts, consolidating personnel, accounting, technology, and budgeting into one central office.

The SCIP Advisory Board members will then vote to approve or disapprove program initiatives to allocate the remaining funding, with the final determination of the proposed projects to be forwarded to the BJA, as required, for approval.

Legal Name: PA COMMISSION ON CRIME & DELINQUENCY

Award Number: 15PBJA-23-GG-00030-BSCI

Amount: \$8,548,557

Project Description: Pennsylvania has experienced a surge in demand for behavioral health and crisis care in recent years and has also seen a significant increase in firearm-related incidents, including gun deaths. Byrne SCIP funding will help augment recent investments made by the Commission to address these important issues in the Commonwealth. The Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) is proud of its ability to leverage and utilize various state and federal funding streams so that it can maximize the use of SCIP funds to promote system-wide enhancements and focus on the reduction of gun violence and promote initiatives that provide the support required.

The FY 2022/23 Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program (SCIP) funds will complement Pennsylvania's work to advance use of evidence-based programs and access to care for people with behavioral health needs who interact with the justice system as well as bolster efforts to prevent and reduce gun violence in the Commonwealth. PCCD intends to utilize its existing 2021-2025 Strategic Framework as well as other strategic planning documents (e.g., Mental Health and Justice Advisory Committee Strategic Plan, Special Council on Gun Violence Report of Recommendations, etc.) as starting points for the development of the BJA-required Program Plan and Budget by the Advisory Committee of Chairs and the Commission (serving in its role as the Crisis Intervention Advisory Board). PCCD staff – in consultation with members of the Committee of Chairs, Crisis Intervention Advisory Board (e.g., Commission), and other key stakeholders – will crosswalk these previously developed strategic plans in order to develop a comprehensive Program Plan and Budget (“Funding Framework”) articulating funding priorities and objectives to:

- Provide a common understanding of SCIP funds purpose and direction, including how SCIP funds intersect with and complement other state and federal funding sources administered by the Commission;
- Identify emerging trends in preventing violence and suicide, with a specific focus on firearm-related incidents;

- Crosswalk existing strategic priorities, programs, and initiatives already supported by PCCD and partner agencies aligned with SCIP goals and objectives, including any known gaps or areas of need;
 - Identify specific funding goals, priorities, and objectives to shape the development of a SCIP funding announcement;
 - Provide a basis for measuring success (e.g., research and evaluation partners); and
 - Create a framework and provide context to inform decision-making.
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Legal Name: SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Award Number: 15PBJA-23-GG-00033-BSCI

Award Amount: \$4,676,129

Project Description: As authorized by the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act of 2022, Byrne SCIP will be used in South Carolina to provide funds for programs or initiatives that work to keep guns out of the hands of those who pose a threat to themselves or others. Pursuant to the requirements of the Bureau of Justice Assistance, a Crisis Intervention Advisory Board (CIAB) is being formed in South Carolina to inform and guide the state’s related gun violence reduction programs/initiatives plan. In the development of the plan, the SAA will involve key law enforcement, the community, courts, prosecution, behavioral health, victim services, and legal counsel, as well as justice personnel on the local, state, and federal levels. The historical demand of gun violence on the state's justice system, current efforts, and projected resource needs for establishing related court-based, behavioral health deflection, and gun safety programs or initiatives will be utilized by the CIAB to finalize South Carolina’s SCIP program areas. Upon review and approval by the state CIAB, the preliminary priorities for FY 2022-2023 are programs and services that provide efforts toward the following:

- Specialized court-based programs such as drug, mental health, and veterans treatment courts, including those that specifically accept clients with firearm violations:
 - Gun violence recovery courts that connect clients in crisis with community resources.
 - Expanding the capacity of existing drug, mental health, and veterans treatment courts to assist clients who are most likely to commit or become victims of gun crimes.
 - Threat assessment training for prosecutors, judges, law enforcement, and public defenders.
- Behavioral health deflection for those at risk to themselves or others:
 - Behavioral threat assessment programs and related training.
 - Triage services, mobile crisis units (both co-responder and civilian only), and peer support specialists.
 - Support behavioral health responses such as regional crisis call centers, crisis mobile team response, and crisis receiving and stabilization facilities to individuals who are in crisis.
- Law enforcement-based programs, training, and technology

Completed subgrantee projects (once known) will be evaluated to compare the subgrantees’ stated goals and objectives to the actual accomplishments and outcomes of the project or

initiative. This evaluation will measure the overall effectiveness of the subgrantees' initiatives in the collective effort to reduce violent crime and suicide in South Carolina.

Legal Name: JUDICIARY COURTS OF STATE OF VERMONT

Award Number: 15PBJA-23-GG-00039-BSCI

Award Amount: \$644,469

Project Description: In July 2022, the Vermont Supreme Court established the Commission on Mental Health and the Courts (hereafter "Commission"). The Commission was established in recognition of the positive impact that courts can have in addressing the needs of court-involved individuals with behavioral health issues. The Commission is comprised of representatives from each branch of state government and includes judges, legislators, and representatives from executive branch agencies that address the needs of people with mental illness in the justice system. The establishment of the Commission was a direct result of the Judiciary's participation in the Conference of Chief Justices and Conference of State Court Administrators New England Regional Mental Health Summit held in Burlington, Vermont in May 2022.

The Commission's purposes are to: 1) advance the pursuit of equal justice under the law while identifying advances in the justice system that will positively impact the administration of justice where it intersects with mental health; 2) evaluate solutions; 3) recommend change. The Commission receives administrative support from the Court Administrator's Office.

The Judiciary is seeking Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program funding to support an array of training activities and the development of training materials that will advance the Commission's work. The training will focus on behavioral health deflection for those at risk to themselves or others. Training events and materials will be developed by the Commission with input from the full Commission as well as a subject matter expert from the National Center for State Courts who has been engaged by the Judiciary to support the Commission's work.

The service area for the proposed activities is the entire state of Vermont. Training events and training materials will be designed for and provided to judges, court staff, prosecutors, public defenders, state agency staff, legal aid and legal service providers, and members of the Vermont bar. As a result of the training activities, those trained will be expected to have increased their knowledge of how to improve the justice response to court-involved people with behavioral health needs. Funds will be passed through by the Judiciary as outlined in the solicitation to parties to be determined.

Legal Name: WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Award Number: 15PBJA-23-GG-00040-BSCI

Award amount: \$5,245,397

Project Description: The Washington State Department of Commerce proposes to implement the Byrne State Crisis Implementation Program for the state of Washington. This program will support state, local, and tribal efforts across the state, improving the implementation and enforcement of protection order laws and practices that can keep firearms out of the hands of those who pose a threat to themselves or others. Project activities will include establishing a

Crisis Intervention Advisory Board; adopting an operations plan and budget; and making subawards to nonprofit organizations, consultants, researchers, government agencies, and other qualifying entities, building on efforts already started in the state. Among other things, subawards are expected to fund efforts:

- Institutionalizing best practice protocols;
- Developing and deploying trainings;
- Building capacity and expertise within and among system partners;
- Strengthening data collection and analysis;
- Developing and distributing current, consistent, accurate, and easy to use information; and
- Scaling up successful models already being implemented in certain communities.

Expected outcomes are:

- Improved implementation and enforcement of the state's protection order laws through concerted, coordinated, and timely actions taken by courts, law enforcement, victim advocates, prosecutors, and others working in and with the civil and criminal legal systems;
- Improved awareness and understanding of the laws and fewer barriers to access through enhanced use of accurate, consistent, and current information for those seeking protection, filing a petition, helping those in need or at risk, as well as those ordered by the court to temporarily relinquish firearms; and
- An increase in the issuance of protection orders and a corresponding reduction of injury, death, and other types of harm to individuals, families, workplaces, schools, and communities due to firearm possession by individuals who present heightened risk of harm; and
- An increased ability to measure effectiveness and identify barriers and opportunities for ongoing systemic improvements in public education, training, practices, approaches, and outcomes.

Appendix B: Project Descriptions for Training and Technical Assistance Awards

Category 1: Developing and Supporting Extreme Risk Protection Order Programs

Legal Name: THE JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY

Award Number: 15PBJA-22-GK-04997-BSCI

Award Amount: \$2,000,000

Project Description: Gun violence is a crisis in the United States. In 2021, more than 48,000 people died by gun violence, the highest number ever recorded. Extreme Risk Protection Order (ERPO) laws, which are modeled off domestic violence protection orders, create a civil process allowing law enforcement, family members (in most states), and medical professionals or other groups (in a few states), to petition a court to temporarily prohibit someone at risk of harming themselves or others from purchasing and possessing firearms for the duration of the order. Early evaluations of ERPO laws show that they are a promising approach to addressing firearm suicide and have been successfully used in response to mass shooting threats. Twenty-one states and the District of Columbia have enacted ERPO laws. There is great variation among these laws and in implementation efforts, with many states and localities under-utilizing the law. Emerging data points to the importance of comprehensive ERPO training to improve the implementation process and prioritize equity in implementation.

The Johns Hopkins Center for Gun Violence Solutions proposes to create the ERPO Resource Center to close this implementation gap. The purpose of the ERPO Resource Center is to provide ERPO implementation training and technical assistance to Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program grantees and other implementers, including law enforcement, prosecutors, attorneys, judges, clinicians, victim services, community organizations, behavioral health, and other social services providers in jurisdictions with extreme risk laws. Project activities include building and disseminating an Implement ERPO website, toolkits, implementation guides, asynchronous and synchronous trainings, a Community of Practice, peer-to-peer learning opportunities, and responsive technical assistance. The ERPO Resource Center will also develop evidence-informed policy recommendations to reduce barriers to ERPO implementation.

Expected outcomes of the ERPO Resource Center include: the development of skills and capacity of grantees and other key implementers to ensure that ERPOs are fully utilized to support effective, constitutional, equitable, and impactful responses to those in crisis, therefore reducing firearm homicides and suicides. Byrne State Crisis Intervention Programs grantees and other implementers are the intended beneficiaries of this project. The National Criminal Justice Association is our subrecipient. Subrecipient activities include supporting State Administering Agencies in their Byrne JAG strategic planning, selection and implementation of best and innovative policies and practices, embedding equity practices in grants administration and strategic planning, data analysis and reporting, and program evaluation.

Category 2: Supporting State, Local, and Tribal Courts Implementing Safer Communities

Legal Name: NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JUVENILE AND FAMILY COURT JUDGES

Award Number: 15PBJA-22-GK-04998-BSCI

Award Amount: \$1,000,000

Project Description: Through the Safer Communities Through Court Collaboration: Building Capacity for Firearms Risk Prevention and Intervention (Safer Communities Court Capacity Project), the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ) proposes to provide expert guidance, training, and technical assistance (TTA) to state, local, and tribal judges and courts in support of coordinated and effective state crisis intervention court proceedings, Extreme Risk Protective Order (ERPO) programs, and related gun violence reduction initiatives. Informed by the expertise of the project's Advisory Committee, the project will include activities to (1) create a judicial resource center to assist state, local, and tribal courts in assessing and responding to court-involved individuals who may pose a risk to themselves or others with a firearm; (2) Publish Safer Communities Court Capacity Project Values, Guiding Principles, and Core Concepts; (3) develop training for court staff and judicial officers regarding firearms laws and best-practice, especially as they apply to court-involved individuals in crisis; 4) create and pilot a Court Self-Assessment Protocol to deepen courts' capacities to identify and respond to court-involved individuals in crisis; (5) develop and disseminate a Judicial Toolkit on Firearms and Crisis Intervention (Judicial Toolkit) and other resources; (6) provide TTA to judges and courts seeking guidance and support; and (7) Host a Summit for judicial officers and court managers on Firearms and Court Involved Individuals in Crisis, and two virtual Table Talks. The Safer Communities Court Capacity Project will deliver this field guidance and support through activities, which are designed to meet BJA's objectives of: 1) providing assistance to state, local, and tribal courts in screening and assessing court-involved individuals to identify those who may be in crisis and designing appropriate responses; and 2) developing best practices and model firearm crisis intervention programs based on DOJ guidelines for ERPO legislation, including leveraging the expertise of problem-solving courts and court capacity. Communities benefiting from these products and TTA include judicial officers, court managers, their community stakeholders, and court-involved individuals in crisis (across the country), all of whom will benefit from implementation of state crisis intervention programs which mitigate for gun violence, and seek to find supportive, evidence-based programs for individuals experiencing behavioral health crises.

Category 3: Implementing Safer Communities Training and Technical Assistance

Legal Name: NATIONAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE ASSOCIATION

Award Number: 15PBJA-22-GK-04999-BSCI

Award Amount: \$1,000,000

Project Description: Data collection and program evaluation are foundational for achieving long-lasting crisis intervention program improvement and gun violence reduction and prevention. Unfortunately, many state, local and tribal agencies struggle with data availability, accessibility, and data quality and need direct support to identify data gaps and needs to inform program and policy solutions. Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program (Byrne SCIP) and Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (Byrne JAG) program SAAs, and their subrecipients need TTA to ensure the successful creation, implementation, or enhancement of these strategies and the collection of data elements for the statutorily required reporting. NCJA will leverage its existing TTA program infrastructure to immediately support Byrne SCIP and Byrne JAG grantees to

gather the necessary information to meet the reporting requirements in the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act of 2022.

NCJA will leverage the expertise of its staff, partners, and Subject Matter Experts (SMEs), including the Johns Hopkins Center for Gun Violence Solutions, to support SAAs with enhancing data collection and reporting efforts and preparing for participation in a larger evaluation initiative.

NCJA will achieve the following six key objectives:

1. Develop and administer individual state assessment tools to ascertain existing crisis intervention programs, gaps, and needs.
2. Create, implement, and monitor individual state work plans that are responsive to the unique needs of each site, and develop a communications strategy to ensure all grantees are aware of available TTA including resources from BJA.
3. Create and maintain partnerships with BJA-approved SMEs in Extreme Risk Protection Order (ERPO) implementation, crisis response and gun violence reduction programs, and evaluation, to provide agile TTA to Byrne SCIP and Byrne JAG grantees.
4. Provide onsite and virtual TTA through peer-to-peer engagement, trainings, and webinars to guide states' exploration, implementation, or enhancement of appropriate strategies and highlight promising practices.
5. Evaluate, monitor, and provide direct TTA based on the assessment of a grantee's capacity to provide quality data related to key strategies and outcomes, and document baseline data for evaluation to ensure successful participation in a larger program evaluation process.
6. Create an online dashboard for states and BJA to examine grant activity, which will include the results from the BJA Performance Measures Questionnaire, and measures taken by grantees to safeguard the constitutional rights of individuals subject to firearm relinquishment to support the development of an annual report that summarizes key data collected from Byrne SCIP and Byrne JAG grantees.