



The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs' (OJP) [Bureau of Justice Assistance](#) (BJA) is pleased to announce it is seeking applications for funding under the Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) Grant Program. This program furthers DOJ's mission by providing \$10 million in grants to support and expand PSN task force efforts to reduce gun crime.

Project Safe Neighborhoods Grant Program

Eligibility

Each of the 94 PSN districts will select a fiscal agent to apply for this program. Fiscal agent applicants are limited to states, units of local government, educational institutions, faith-based and other community organizations, and private nonprofit organizations.

(See "Who is Eligible to Apply," page 1)

Deadline

All applications are due by 8:00 p.m. eastern time on April 11, 2006.

(See "Deadline for Applications," page 1)

Contact Information

For assistance with the requirements of this solicitation, contact Jonathan Faley, BJA Division Chief, at 202-514-2350 or jonathan.faley@usdoj.gov.

This application must be submitted through the online Grants Management System (GMS). For technical assistance with submitting the application, call the GMS Support Hotline at 1-888-549-9901.

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Project Safe Neighborhoods Grant Program (CDFA 16.609)

Overview

Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) is a nationwide network designed to create safer neighborhoods by reducing gun violence and gun crime, and sustaining that reduction. The program's effectiveness is based on the cooperation of local, state, and federal agencies in a unified offensive led by the U.S. Attorney (USA) in each of the 94 federal judicial districts. Each USA is responsible for establishing a collaborative PSN task force of federal, state, and local law enforcement and other community members to implement PSN initiatives within the district. Through the PSN task force, each USA will implement the five core elements of PSN—partnerships, strategic planning, training, outreach, and accountability—to address specific gun-crime problems in that district. Details on the five elements can be found online at www.ncjrs.gov/html/bja/205263/. This initiative is authorized by [H. Report 2862](#).

Deadline: Registration

The GMS registration deadline is 8:00 p.m. eastern time on Thursday, April 6, 2006.

Deadline: Application

The due date for applying for funding under this announcement is 8:00 p.m. eastern time on Tuesday, April 11, 2006.

Eligibility

The PSN task force must identify a fiscal agent for the district, which must be certified by the U.S. Attorney's Office. Eligible fiscal agents include states, units of local government, educational institutions, faith-based and other community organizations, and private nonprofit organizations. BJA recommends that districts select their current PSN fiscal agent, or consider using the State Administering Agency (SAA) for DOJ funding as SAAs can better leverage state resources to assist in the implementation of the district's PSN initiative. For a list of SAAs, see www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/SAAList_02_06.pdf. For details on the fiscal agent certification process see www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/psngrants/cert_process.html.

Program-Specific Information

DOJ has dedicated \$10 million to fund current and expanded comprehensive gun crime reduction strategies. DOJ also dedicated additional funding of \$30 million under its recent "Anti-Gang Initiative" to fund new and expanded anti-gang prevention and enforcement efforts under the PSN Initiative. The new Anti-Gang Initiative funds will enhance PSN task force efforts to combat gangs by building on effective PSN strategies and partnerships. Each district must show how their gang funding may impact their PSN strategies and need for additional funding. Through the development of district-wide comprehensive anti-gang strategies, the U.S. Attorney in each of the 94 federal judicial districts will partner with local law enforcement and others in

the PSN task force to pattern strategies after [PSN's five essential elements](#). Additional guidance may be found at www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/psngrants/.

Award Amount: Districts applying for FY 2006 PSN funds are eligible for an award up to their total FY 2004 PSN amount, minus the FY 2006 Anti-Gang Initiative allocation, if requested. All awards will be based on the total PSN amount available for FY 2006 (\$10 million). For a list of amounts each district is eligible to apply for, click [here](#).

Administrative Funds: Districts may use up to 10 percent of their award for costs associated with administering the funds.

Match Requirement: There is no match requirement.

Length of the Award: Awards will be made for a period of up to 36 months.

Unallowable costs: Unallowable costs for PSN grants funds include:

- Gun locks (for details, see www.projectchildsafe.org).
- Confidential funds.
- Gun buy back programs.
- Air-time to run the national public service announcements "Mothers," "Sentenced," and "Family Prison."

Federal funds must be used to supplement existing funds for program activities and cannot replace, or supplant, nonfederal funds that have been appropriated for the same purpose. For additional unallowable costs, see OJP's Office of the Comptroller's [Financial Guide](#).

Performance Measures

To assist in fulfilling the Department's responsibilities under the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA), P.L. 103-62, applicants who receive funding under this solicitation must provide data that measures the results of their work.

How to Apply

Grants Management System Instructions: Applications must be submitted through the online Grants Management System (GMS). Please begin the process early, especially if this is the first time you have used the system. Each application requires a separate GMS registration. To access the system, go to <https://grants.ojp.usdoj.gov>. Complete GMS instructions can be found at www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/GMSHowToApplyPSN.pdf. GMS assistance is also available through the GMS Help Desk at 1-888-549-9901.

CFDA Number: The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number for this solicitation is 16.609, titled "Community Prosecution and Project Safe Neighborhoods."

A DUNS Number is required: The Office of Management and Budget requires that all businesses and nonprofit applicants for Federal funds include a DUNS (Data Universal Numeric System) number in their application for a new award or renewal of an award. Applications without a DUNS number are incomplete. A DUNS number is a unique nine-digit sequence

recognized as the universal standard for identifying and keeping track of entities receiving Federal funds. The identifier is used for tracking purposes and to validate address and point of contact information. The DUNS number will be used throughout the grant life cycle. Obtaining a DUNS number is a free, simple, one-time activity. Obtain one by calling 1-866-705-5711 or by applying online at <http://www.dunandbradstreet.com>. Individuals are exempt from this requirement.

What an Application Must Include

All applications must include the following three attachments:

Program Narrative (Attachment 1)

The program narrative must be no more than 15 pages, addressing elements A–D:

A. Problem and Proposed Strategy: Develop a concise picture of the gun crime problem to be addressed with the requested funds. Describe the district's current gun crime problem, including data to support the problem, and what has been done to date. Identify the target area (district-wide, county, etc.) for focused PSN efforts. Describe which elements of the district's PSN strategy need additional funding and why, and identify any gaps in services. Explain how additional funding will be coordinated with other programs or related funded. Briefly explain how this initiative will be coordinated, listing organizations and partners involved in the planning and implementation process. Also, briefly describe how this initiative will be coordinated with the Anti-Gang Initiative.

B. Goals and Objectives: Describe the goals and objectives of the proposed project. Goals should specifically address the problem identified in (A) above. Objectives are specific statements outlining how the strategy's broader goals will be achieved; are quantifiable; and focus on the methods used by the project to address the problem.

C. Implementation Plan: Include a plan for implementing the strategy in (A) above. The implementation plan should provide a clear overview of when the project's objectives and action steps will be implemented and completed. The plan should also include a detailed timeline, in chart form, that identifies milestones for significant tasks.

D. Program Evaluation/Performance Measures: Applicants must collect data relevant to the goals listed in their application. Identify how data for goals and objectives will be collected and used for future improvements or strategies. BJA will provide grantees with specific performance measures to be used for semi-annual progress reports.

Budget Detail Worksheet (Attachment 2)

Applicants must provide a budget that is allowable and reasonable. Applicants must submit a [budget detail worksheet](#) in one file. Applicants may contact the OJP Office of the Comptroller's Customer Service Center at 1-800-458-0786 with any questions regarding the budget form.

U.S. Attorney Certification Letter (Attachment 3)

The U.S. Attorney's letter certifying the fiscal agent must be submitted as part of the application for funding. To submit, scan and upload the letter as an attachment to the GMS application, or fax the letter to 202-354-4147 before the application deadline of April 11, 2006. Include the application number, which GMS will assign at the completion of the GMS registration process

(e.g., 2006-F0001-PA-GP), on each page of the faxed document. Do not fax the PSN application to the above fax number, only the U.S. Attorney certification letter.

Selection Criteria

A district's final award amount will be determined based on need and past performance. Past performance includes, but is not limited to, the timely submission of progress and financial reports and active PSN grant balances.

Review Process

After a review of the applications, BJA will notify the U.S. Attorney's Office and the applicant if the district was selected for funding.

Additional Requirements

Successful applicants must agree to comply with additional requirements prior to receiving grant funding, including:

- Civil Rights Compliance.
- Confidentiality and Human Subjects Protections regulations.
- Anti-Lobbying Act.
- Financial and Government Audit Requirements.
- National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) compliance.
- DOJ Information Technology Standards.
- Single Point of Contact Review.
- Non-Supplanting of State or Local Funds.
- Criminal Penalty for False Statements.
- Compliance with Office of the Comptroller Financial Guide.
- Suspension or Termination of Funding.

We strongly encourage you to review the information pertaining to these additional requirements prior to submitting your application. Additional information for each can be found at www.ojp.usdoj.gov/funding/otherrequirements.htm.