



The [U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs' Bureau of Justice Assistance](#) is pleased to announce that it is seeking applications for funding for the Gang Member Reentry Assistance Project under the Prisoner Reentry Initiative. This project furthers the Department's mission by assisting state, local, and tribal offender reentry and gang prevention efforts.

## **Gang Member Reentry Assistance Project FY 2007 Competitive Grant Announcement**

### **Eligibility**

Applicants are limited to for-profit organizations, nonprofit or professional organizations, governmental agencies, institutions of higher education, and consortiums with demonstrated experience in conducting technical assistance efforts, including the development of practical resources for justice policymakers and practitioners.

(See "Eligibility," page 1)

### **Deadline**

All applications are due by 8:00 p.m. e.t. on January 18, 2007.

(See "Deadline: Applications," page 1)

### **Contact Information**

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This application must be submitted through Grants.gov. For technical assistance with submitting the application, call the Grants.gov Customer Support Hotline at 1-800-518-4726.

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# Gang Member Reentry Assistance Project CDFA #16.202

## Overview of the Gang Member Reentry Assistance Project

Authorized by 42 U.S.C. § 3797w, the Gang Member Reentry Assistance Project, part of the Prisoner Reentry Initiative (PRI), focuses on developing tools, strategies, and training products that will assist law enforcement and corrections agencies in addressing the many issues faced by returning juvenile and adult gang offenders.

### Deadline: Registration

Registering with Grants.gov is a one-time process; however, if you are a first-time registrant, it could take up to several weeks to have your registration validated and confirmed and to receive your user password. It is highly recommended you start the registration process as early as possible to prevent delays in submitting your application package to our agency by the deadline specified. There are three steps that you must complete before you are able to register: 1) register with Central Contractor Registry (CCR), 2) register yourself as an Authorized Organization Representative (AOR), and 3) be authorized as an AOR in your organization. For more information, go to [www.grants.gov/](http://www.grants.gov/). **Note: Your CCR registration must be renewed once a year. Failure to renew your CCR registration will prohibit submission of a grant application through Grants.gov.**

### Deadline: Applications

The due date for applying for funding under this announcement is by 8:00 p.m. e.t. on January 18, 2007.

### Eligibility

Applicants are limited to for-profit organizations, nonprofit or professional organizations, governmental agencies, institutions of higher education, and consortiums with demonstrated experience in conducting technical assistance efforts, including the development of practical resources for justice policymakers and practitioners.

## Gang Member Reentry Assistance Project-Specific Information

*This award is subject to the availability of appropriated funds and any modifications or additional requirements that may be imposed by law.*

PRI strengthens communities characterized by a large number of returning offenders. PRI is designed to reduce recidivism by helping returning offenders find work and access services. This project will focus on developing tools, strategies, and training products that will assist law enforcement and corrections agencies in addressing the many issues faced by returning juvenile and adult gang offenders.

Deliverables will consist of, but not be limited to, curriculums and training packages (e.g., web-based, distance learning, workshops) that will benefit both law enforcement and corrections

agencies at the state and local levels. The products should discuss strategies for information sharing; monitoring and tracking of offenders; changing offender behavior; utilizing community-based organizations; implementing promising practices; and preventing, disrupting, and intervening in gang-related activities and behaviors.

**Amount and Length of Award**

One cooperative agreement for up to \$300,000 will be awarded for a project period of 12 to 24 months. The applicant should designate the length of the project period and how the funds will be expended during the project period.

**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. Performance measures for this solicitation are as follows:

Program Goals	Performance Measures	Data Grantee Provides
Develop strategies and training materials to assist law enforcement and corrections agencies in addressing adult and juvenile gang issues related to gang members’ reentry into the community from incarceration.	Percent of planned/specified deliverables submitted on time.	<p>Number of deliverables (e.g., curriculums, training packages (web site, distance learning, onsite), CDs, print materials) submitted on time.</p> <p>Number of deliverables (e.g., curriculums, training packages (e.g., web site, distance learning, onsite), CDs, print materials) NOT submitted on time.</p>

**How To Apply**

DOJ is participating in the e-Government initiative, one of 25 initiatives included in the President’s Management Agenda. Part of this initiative—Grants.gov—is a “one-stop storefront” that provides a unified process for all customers of federal grants to find funding opportunities and apply for funding.

**Grants.gov Instructions:** Complete instructions can be found at [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov). If you experience difficulties at any point during this process, please call the Grants.gov Customer Support Hotline at **1-800-518-4726**.

**CFDA Number:** The catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number for this solicitation is 16.202, titled “Prisoner Reentry Initiative” and the funding opportunity number is BJA-2007-1515.

**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 [www.dunandbradstreet.com](http://www.dunandbradstreet.com). Individuals are exempt from this requirement.

## What an Application Must Include

### Standard Form 424

#### Program Narrative (Attachment 1)

The program narrative must respond to the solicitation and the Selection Criteria (1-3, 5) in the order given. Submissions that do not adhere to the format will be deemed ineligible. The program narrative must be double-spaced, using a standard 12-point font (Times New Roman is preferred) with a 1-inch margin, and must not exceed 20 pages. Please number the pages “1 of 20”, “2 of 20”, etc.

#### Budget and Budget Narrative (Attachment 2)

Applicants must provide a budget that is complete and allowable. Applicants must submit a budget worksheet and budget narrative in one file. A fillable budget detail worksheet form is available on OJP’s web site at [www.ojp.usdoj.gov/Forms/budget\\_fillable.pdf](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/Forms/budget_fillable.pdf).

#### Project Timeline (Attachment 3)

Attach a *Project Timeline* with each project goal, related objective, activity, and expected completion date.

## Selection Criteria

### 1. Statement of the Problem (15 points)

Describe the problems associated with gang members returning to the community, including what problems the offenders, law enforcement, corrections agencies, and communities face. Include details on the target population and describe the estimated number of gang members both in correctional facilities and returning to the community. Describe how these issues impact the correctional system and overall criminal justice system in the community. Describe the collaborative efforts required among law enforcement, institutional corrections, and community corrections. Describe the information sharing required between corrections agencies and law enforcement agencies.

### 2. Program Design and Implementation (40 points)

Describe how materials/products will be developed that will assist law enforcement and institutional and community corrections in information sharing, developing strategies for behavioral change of offenders, developing promising practices on reentry/supervision/ services for gang members, and implementing the use of community-based organizations in the prevention and intervention of re-offending gang members. Demonstrate how the project will be carried out and implemented. Provide a timeline of activities related to the project (see Attachment 3).

### 3. Capabilities/Competencies (15 points)

Describe the management structure and staffing capability for this project. Identify the staff person responsible for the project and those who will be providing assistance. Describe in detail the partnerships to be developed with organizations/associations/consultants/ others in completing this project, including how much funding will be directed to each of these partners.

#### **4. Budget (15 points)**

Provide a proposed budget that is complete and allowable (see Attachment 2). If the primary applicant is going to make subawards to other entities, the amount being subawarded must be designated in the budget.

#### **5. Impact/Outcomes and Evaluation (15 points)**

Describe how the performance of the project will be measured (see Performance Measures), including meeting timelines and deliverable schedules and getting feedback and input from stakeholders at the state and local level, including institutional and community corrections officials, court officials, and law enforcement. Applicants should also describe how project findings will be supported by evaluation literature and data.

Deliverables will consist of, but not be limited to, curriculums and training packages (web-based, distance learning, workshops) that will benefit both law enforcement and corrections agencies at the state and local levels. The products should discuss strategies for information sharing; monitoring and tracking of offenders; changing offender behavior; utilizing community-based organizations; implementing promising practices; and preventing, disrupting, and intervening in gang-related activities and behaviors.

### **Review Process**

All applications will be peer reviewed. The BJA Director will then make award recommendations to OJP's Assistant Attorney General, who will make final determinations.

### **Additional Requirements**

- 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](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/funding/otherrequirements.htm).