



One Safe Place Funding Announcement: FY23 Project Safe Neighborhood Request for Proposals

Purpose

The purpose of this announcement is to solicit proposals for projects that are designed to create and foster safer neighborhoods through a sustained reduction in violent crime, including, but not limited to, addressing criminal gangs and felonious possession and use of firearms.

The strategy of the Northern District of Texas Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) Task Force is to focus on gun, gangs, and violent crime as they relate to the safety and welfare of the community. The overall PSN Strategy is to implement a four-prong approach to combat gun, gang, and violent crimes, which includes, law enforcement, schools, community organizations, and a focus on reentry and deterrence.

The goal of this PSN program is to reduce gun and gang violence by the most violent individuals in targeted enforcement area by employing a research-driven, intelligence-led, and problem-solving approach to reducing firearm and gang violence through enforcement, deterrence, intervention and prevention.

Available Funding

Federal funds are authorized under 34 U.S.C. §60702 Project Safe Neighborhoods Block Grant Program (PSN). PSN funds are made available through a Congressional appropriation to the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance. All awards are subject to the availability of appropriated federal funds and any modifications or additional requirements that may be imposed by law. Safe City Commission dba One Safe Place will serve as the fiscal agent for the BJA FY23 Project Safe Neighborhood solicitation, grant number 15PBJA-23-GG-02504-GUNP.

Application Process

Requests for Proposals

One Safe Place invites proposals through a Request for Proposal process and awards sub-recipients who support our goal to reduce gun and gang violence by the most violent individuals in designated PSN communities by employing a research-driven, intelligence-led, and problem-solving approach to reducing firearm and gang violence through enforcement, deterrence, intervention and prevention.

Eligible Requests

We support projects directly benefitting the designated PSN communities experiencing an increase in gang and violent crime activity. Applicant organizations may include public and private institutions of higher education, independent school districts, non-profit corporations (including hospitals and faith based organizations), and units of local government, such as local law enforcement agencies/offices.

Key Dates

Funding Announcement Release: **September 1, 2024**

Final Date to Submit Application: **September 27, 2024**

Earliest Project Start Date: **October 1, 2024**

Project Period and Target Area

Projects must begin on or after 10/01/2024 and may not exceed a 24-month project period.

Project target area is City of Fort Worth Stop Six neighborhood and contiguous areas.

Funding Levels

Minimum: \$50,000.00

Maximum: \$200,000.00

Match Requirement: None

Eligible Activities and Costs

Funds may only be used to foster and improve existing partnerships between Federal, State, and local agencies, including the United States Attorney in each Federal judicial district, entities representing members of the community affected by increased violence, victims' advocates, and researchers to create safer neighborhoods through sustained reductions in violent crimes by:

1. Developing and executing comprehensive strategic plans to reduce violent crimes, including the enforcement of gun laws, and prioritizing efforts focused on identified subsets of individuals or organizations responsible for increasing violence in a particular geographic area;
2. Developing evidence-based and data-driven intervention and prevention initiatives, including juvenile justice projects and activities which may include street-level outreach, conflict mediation, provision of treatment and social services, and the changing of community norms, in order to reduce violence; and
3. Collecting data on outcomes achieved through the Program, including the effect on the violent crime rate, incarceration rate, and recidivism rate of the jurisdiction.

Eligible Costs:

1. Salary, wage, and fringe benefits of individuals supporting the PSN Project;
2. Overtime compensation of individuals supporting the PSN project on special initiatives (example: special operations to reduce gun and gang violence within the target area) only 10% of budget can be

designated for overtime;

3. Workshops and events associated with the support of the PSN project (pending approval by Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance);
4. Travel associated with implementation and evaluation of the PSN project;
5. Equipment purchased to support the execution of the PSN project; and
6. Printing, publication, and duplication of materials that support the PSN project.

Mandatory Costs:

Other mandatory costs include travel expenses for one agency representative to attend the annual PSN conference, which must be included in the budget.

Ineligible Costs:

Grant funds may not be used to support the following unallowable costs:

1. Construction, renovation, or remodeling;
2. Medical services;
3. Law enforcement equipment that is standard department issue; and
4. Any other prohibition imposed by federal, state or local law or regulation.

Project Safe Neighborhoods Design Features:

Applications should focus on at least 1 of 4 of the PSN design features:

Community Engagement. The main focus of this PSN design feature is programs that foster meaningful engagement between and among communities, law enforcement, prosecutors, and other stakeholders as an essential component of an effective violence reduction strategy. Ongoing engagement involves open communication and builds relationships, trust, and shared public safety values between community members and law enforcement.

Targeted and Prioritized Enforcement. Applicants are required to develop data-driven strategies to target enforcement efforts in locations with significant violent crime problems and against offenders who are driving the violence. Applicants must focus on three areas:

1. Identify locations within their jurisdiction in greatest need of comprehensive violent crime reduction efforts;
2. Identify offenders who are driving the violence in those locations; and
3. Ensure offenders are prosecuted in the jurisdiction that can provide the most certain and appropriate sanction.

Prevention and Intervention. Effective PSN teams engage in problem-solving approaches that address the reduction of violent crime using all the tools at their disposal. Applicants should utilize strategies to address risk and protective factors, which often involves building relationships with representatives of agencies and organizations most suited to provide education, social services, job training and placement, reentry programs, or similar resources to those in need. Program should include prevention and intervention activities that can provide individuals and families with skills, opportunities, and alternatives that can ultimately help to reduce violent crime in communities.

Accountability. PSN maintains accountability by measuring results based on outcomes and reduction of crime. Applicants addressing this PSN design feature are required to collect and analyze relevant data that focus on outcomes—i.e. reduced violent crime. Applicants must monitor crime data over time as related to their local PSN Task force’s targeted problems and/or targeted areas.

Special note: All applicants must address this design feature and shall agree to submit crime data to the PSN partners on a regular basis to ensure effective measuring of outcomes and reduction of crime.

Gang Task Forces

The PSN program requires that 30 percent of funding be allocated to support gang task forces in the United States regions experiencing a significant or increased presence of criminal or transnational organizations engaging in high levels of violent crime, firearms offenses, human trafficking, and drug trafficking. Applications seeking to support gang task forces will be required to provide information on the gang task force as well as list of participating agencies/units.

Application Procedures

Please submit a proposal containing all of the items specified below. The proposal should be double spaced, using a standard 12-point Times New Roman font; have no less than 1-inch margins; and should not exceed 5 pages (does not include the Budget and Budget Narrative). Pages should be numbered. Funding awards will be made based on the recommendation of the PSN Selection Team and subject to BJA approval and availability of funds.

Proposal Contents:

- Cover sheet on your organizational letterhead that includes all relevant contact information for your organization, including but not limited to, the name of the contact person for this project and their phone number and email address (not to be included in the total page count).
- Project Abstract (not to exceed one page, doubled spaced)
- Narrative
 - o Project Description
 - Brief statement of the problem to be addressed
 - Project objectives
 - Project approach (strategy as it relates to the four-prong approach mentioned above)

- Proposed project activities and deliverables
- o Proposed performance management of outputs and outcomes
 - Include a statement as to how you will adhere to the special note of sharing crime data and the individual who will be responsible.
- Budget and detailed budget narrative
- Timeline for deliverables during the 24-month project period

Non-profit organizations shall also provide the following:

- List of Board of Directors
- IRS letter confirming 501(c)(3) status
- Most recent audited financial statements or Form 990.

Submit Application

Proposals should be submitted to One Safe Place no later than 5:00pm on Friday, September 27, 2024. Final proposals should be emailed to PSN@onesafeplace.org.

For any questions related to this RFP please contact Michelle Morgan at mmorgan@onesafeplace.org.