



Notice of Funding Availability

2019 Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) Violent Gang and Gun Crime Reduction Program

This Notice of Funding Availability is provided by the Children's Initiative (TCI) for the 2019 Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) Violent Gang and Gun Crime Reduction Program- with the United States Attorney's Office, Southern District of California (SDCA). PSN is an essential source of grant funding for state and local law enforcement agencies charged with developing innovative multi-disciplinary, multi-agency approaches to addressing violent crime through the cultivation of collaborative relationships.

Document Type:	Sub-grant Notice
Announcement Type:	Initial
Funding Opportunity:	0016
CFDA Number:	16.609
Opportunity Category:	Non-competitive
Posting Date:	October 28, 2020
Closing Date:	5:00 PM November 30, 2020
Funding Instrument:	Sub-grant Agreement
Funding Categories:	Law Enforcement and Prevention
Estimated Total Program Funding:	\$433,367
Cost sharing or matching:	No
Term of Funding:	October 1, 2019 – September 30, 2022
Anticipated Sub-grant Awards:	All applications will be reviewed and considered. Of note, however, SDCA's Task Force hopes to make a meaningful and geographically diverse impact by making 2-4 award

Description:

The Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) Violent Gang and Gun Crime Reduction Program is administered by the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), through the Children's Initiative (TCI). The Children's Initiative (TCI) is the assigned Fiscal Agent for the USAO SDCA for this PSN funding. As such, TCI is responsible for providing coordinated and transparent management of various programmatic and all financial components of the award.

Focused Program Areas:

TCI and the USAO SDCA have vetted purpose areas for the 2019 PSN application. Focused program purpose areas and mandates for the 2019 funding cycle have been limited to:

1. Law Enforcement programs that certify compliance with *8 U.S.C. 1373* (2018 OJP Compliance Mandate) and provide required information regarding *Communication with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and/or Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)* <https://ojp.gov/funding/Explore/SampleCertifications-8USC1373.htm>.
2. Law enforcement programs that will curb gun and gang violence and the availability of weapons in high-risk populations and high crime areas. This may include targeting gangs and violent street groups, geographic hot spot areas, felons in possession, and/or chronic violent offenders.
3. Prevention programs that break the cycle of crime and keep youth and adults from becoming involved in gangs and crime. This may include reentry, prevention, mentoring, instructional, or other programs that provide services that prevent or rehabilitate gang members.
4. Prevention programs that place special emphasis on law enforcement mentors working alongside credible messengers who are former gang members.

Supplanting: Grant funds are intended to add to, augment, or supplement, **not replace**, resources already committed to the drug and violent crime control effort.

Application Procedure:

All applicants must submit a program narrative, budget detail worksheet, and complete the certified assurances to AUSA Andrew Haden at Andrew.Haden@usdoj.gov and Jessica Brown, Grant Compliance Specialist/Grant Writer at Jbrown@theci.org

For more information about the program narrative, please see below and use the template for the program narrative, which is provided in the [PSN 2018 Grant Solicitation](#). SDCA is using the same PSN strategy for 2018 and 2019.

Applicants should visit TCI's website at <https://www.thechildrensinitiative.org/grants> or contact Jessica Brown at 858-256-6569 or at jbrown@theci.org to learn more about this funding opportunity.

All applications are due no later than **5:00 PM November 30, 2020**.

Award Selection Procedure:

Upon receipt of the sub-grant applications, TCI will determine the quality and validity of each application. Complete applications are then forwarded to the PSN Task Force for review. After thorough review and scoring of each programs request, in coordination with TCI, the PSN Task Force will review, rate, and rank each responsive application received based on the following criteria:

1. Statement of the Problem and Understanding of the PSN Program Strategy
2. Program Design and Implementation
3. Capabilities/Competencies
4. Plan for Collecting Required Data
5. Budget and Detailed Budget Narrative

The PSN Executive Committee will submit their recommendations through to the Children's Initiative for ratification. The final selections will be forwarded to the USAO SDCA. A decision to deny funding may not be appealed, but does not prohibit resubmission of a similar proposal in a subsequent year of funding.

Once the allocation of funding has been made to all selected sub-grantees, each recipient will receive an award letter indicating their final award amount. All applicants will be notified, in writing, of their funding decision. This notification will be made within (30) days of the PSN Selection Committee's meeting to select applicants for the Southern District of California's PSN program for Fiscal Year (FY) 19.

Reporting Requirements:

All selected applicants (sub-grantees) shall be required to submit quarterly financial and programmatic reports.