



Notice of Funding Availability

2018 Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) Violent Gang and Gun Crime Reduction Program

This Notice of Funding Availability is provided by the Children's Initiative for the 2018 Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) Violent Gang and Gun Crime Reduction Program with the United States Attorney's Office, District of Oregon. 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. PSN funds will be used to implement Oregon's PSN in the Targeted Enforcement Area (TEA) of Portland and the City of Gresham within Multnomah County.

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Funding Opportunity Number:	0135
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Opportunity Category:	Competitive
Posting Date:	April 17, 2020
Closing Date:	5:00 PM May 18, 2020
Funding Instrument:	Sub-grant Agreement
Funding Categories:	Prevention, Intervention, Deterrence, or Outreach
Estimated Total Program Funding:	\$296,800
Cost Sharing or Matching:	No
Term of Funding:	October 1, 2019 – September 30, 2022

Electronic copies of the NOFA and Application submittal forms can be obtained at <https://www.thechildrensinitiative.org/grants>

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 in order to carry out the Portland Area Crime Gun Initiative (PAGI). The Children's Initiative is the assigned Fiscal Agent for the USAO District of Oregon for this PSN funding. As such, the Children's Initiative is responsible for providing coordinated and transparent management of various programmatic and all financial components of the award.

Focused Program Areas:

The Children's Initiative and the USAO District of Oregon have vetted purpose areas for the 2018 PSN application. Focused program purpose areas and mandates for the 2018 funding cycle have been limited to:

1. **Targeted prevention, intervention, deterrence, and/or outreach activities** for individuals at highest risk of being a victim or perpetrator in a shooting (including firearm violence victims) in the Targeted Enforcement Area (TEA), which employ the application of long-term, intensive case management. PACGI's goal is to replicate the Oakland Ceasefire Intensive Case Manager/Life Coach program by creating an intensive Case Manager/Life Coach program in the TEA. Similar to Oakland, California and other jurisdictions' ceasefire strategies, the goals are to reduce the risk of re-hospitalization for firearm or assault injuries, arrest for firearm or violent crime, and death by homicide.

Oregon's PSN Task Force would prefer, but not require, applicants applying for PSN funds to implement the PACGI strategy to satisfy the following criteria:

- Entities that can provide at minimum 2 intensive Case Manager/Life Coaches for 2 years.
- Personnel who are well-trained and certified by the National Institute for Criminal Justice Reform (NICJR).
- Personnel who are culturally competent and responsive to the clients they serve.
- Personnel who are credible messengers by their background and experience.
- Personnel who will work with high-risk clients on creating a life plan with specific goals and provide incentives for reaching milestones and goals.
- Personnel who will work with up to 12 clients at a time for 12-18 months.
- Personnel who will meet with clients weekly.

- Personnel who receive client referrals from collaborating with the City of Portland's Office of Youth Violence Prevention and Local Public Safety Coordinating Council, and Oregon's PSN Task Force.
- Entities that will work with Oregon's PSN task force and research partner on data and outcomes.

For additional information about Oakland's Ceasefire Intensive Case Manager/Life Coach program, please review the program's description and requirements.

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:

Applicants may visit the Children's Initiative website at <https://www.thechildrensinitiative.org/grants> or contact Jessica Brown at 858-256-6569 or at jbrown@theci.org to obtain a copy of the Request for Proposal (RFP). All applications are due no later than 5:00 PM May 18, 2020 and shall be submitted in accordance with the procedures outlined within the Request for Proposal (RFP).

Award Selection Procedure:

Upon receipt of the sub-grant applications, the Children's Initiative will determine the quality and validity of each application. Complete applications are then forwarded to the Oregon PSN Task Force for review. The Oregon 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 Grant Selection Committee will submit their recommendations through to the Children's Initiative for ratification. The final selections will be forwarded to the USAO District of Oregon. The Children's Initiative is required to notify all applicants in writing of the outcome of their application no later than thirty (30) days after the application deadline. 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 rating and funding decision.

Reporting Requirements:

As indicated in the Request for Proposal (RFP) by the Children's Initiative, all selected applicants (sub-grantees) shall be required to submit quarterly financial and programmatic reports.

Termination:

The Children's Initiative shall have the right to terminate this Notice of Funding Availability. The terms of this Notice are contingent upon federal appropriations and authorizations being made by the Congress of the United States. If sufficient appropriations and authorizations are not formalized, this Notice of Funding Availability shall terminate, with notice being given by the Children's Initiative to the applicant. The Children's Initiative is not committed to reimburse grant funding to sub-grantees until the funds are programmed, budgeted, and approved.