

## **Deadline: Notice of Intent**

Applicants must submit a Notice of Intent by **Thursday, June 29, 2006 [POSTMARK DATE]**.

## **Deadline: USAO**

Applicants must submit a draft WSC application to their local USAO by **Tuesday, January 9, 2007 [POSTMARK DATE]**.

## **Deadline: Registration**

Applicants must first register on that site in order to apply. The deadline to register in Grants.gov is **Tuesday, January 23, 2007, 8:00 PM EST.**

## **Deadline: Application**

The due date for applying for funding under this announcement is **Wednesday, January 31, 2007, 8:00 PM EST** via Grants.gov.

## **Eligibility**

Any urban, rural or Indian Tribe and Tribal community with a persistent high level of serious violent crime (Part I) pursuant to this guideline, and which has not previously received Weed and Seed Official Recognition (OR), is eligible to participate in the program.

**Faith-Based And Other Community Organizations:** Consistent with President George W. Bush's Executive Order 13279, dated December 12, 2002, and 28 C.F.R. Part 38, it is DOJ policy that faith-based and other community organizations that statutorily qualify as eligible applicants under DOJ programs are invited and encouraged to apply for assistance awards to fund eligible grant activities. Faith-based and other community organizations will be considered for awards on the same basis as other eligible applicants and, if they receive assistance awards, will be treated on an equal basis with all other grantees in the administration of such awards. No eligible applicant or grantee will be discriminated for or against on the basis of its religious character or affiliation, religious name, or the religious composition of its board of directors or persons working in the organization.

Faith-based organizations receiving DOJ assistance awards retain their independence and do not lose or have to modify their religious identity (e.g., removing religious symbols) to receive assistance awards. DOJ grant funds, however, may not be used to fund any inherently religious activity, such as prayer or worship. Inherently religious activity is permissible, although it cannot occur during an activity funded with DOJ grant funds; rather, such religious activity must be separate in time or place from the DOJ-funded program. Further, participation in such activity by individuals receiving services must be voluntary. Programs funded by DOJ are not permitted to discriminate in the provision of services on the basis of a beneficiary's religion.