

The <u>U.S. Department of Justice</u>, <u>Office of Justice Programs'</u> <u>Bureau of Justice Assistance</u> is pleased to announce that it is seeking applications for funding under the Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) Anti-Gang Training Program, a part of the Attorney General's Anti-Gang Initiative. This program furthers the Department's mission by assisting state, local, and tribal anti-gang efforts.

Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) Anti-Gang Training Program FY 2007 Competitive Announcement

Eligibility

Applicants are limited to for-profit organizations, nonprofit organizations, institutions of higher education, and consortiums with demonstrated expertise in addressing criminal street gang issues and delivering large-scale training and technical assistance on a national level.

(See "Eligibility," page 1)

Deadline

All applications are due by 8:00 p.m. e.t. on March 20, 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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Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) Anti-Gang Training Program CDFA #16.609

Overview of the Project Safe Neighborhoods Anti-Gang Training Program

The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) is seeking a training provider who will develop antigang curricula and deliver training to local law enforcement agencies and other justice agencies in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Justice's (DOJ's) Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) initiative. This program is authorized by the Science, the Departments of State, Justice and Commerce, FY 2006 Appropriations Act, Pub. L. 109-108.

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/. 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 8:00 p.m. e.t. on March 20, 2007.

Eligibility

For-profit organizations, nonprofit organizations, institutions of higher education, and consortiums with demonstrated expertise in addressing gang enforcement, intervention, and prevention issues and delivering training and technical assistance on a national level are eligible to apply. For-profit organizations must agree to waive any profit or fees for services.

Anti-Gang Training Program-Specific Information

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

BJA is seeking an experienced training provider who will continue the development of anti-gang curricula, schedule and coordinate training logistics, and support the delivery of training primarily to local law enforcement agencies and, on a limited basis, other justice agencies across the United States.

The organization selected to operate the Anti-Gang Training Program on behalf of BJA and DOJ will be required to provide two primary areas of programmatic support:

1. Training Program Development:

The training provider will be required to work directly with BJA and other DOJ components including the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF); the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI); U.S. Marshals Service (USMS); Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA); Office of Justice Programs (OJP); Executive Office of United States Attorneys (EOUSA); Criminal Division; and the Office of the Deputy Attorney General to develop and finalize the content and produce the training curriculum. The training will follow the format of ATF's firearms enforcement training currently provided through PSN. This format allows for the concurrent training of law enforcement executives, line officers, and investigators by current federal law enforcement experts and state or local law enforcement experts. The anti-gang training will be comprised of core modules as well as optional modules that allow communities to customize the training based on local needs. DOJ will determine the content of the core and optional modules, as well as the instructors to be used. Additional core training program elements are:

- Locally-tailored 3-day interactive course designed to teach federal, state, and local law
 enforcement and prosecutors what they need to know regarding gang enforcement; the
 course is modeled after the ATF-led PSN enforcement training. Law enforcement and
 prosecutors will be trained together to increase coordination and teamwork on gang
 issues.
- Comprehensive in nature, beginning with an overview of the problem and covering all anti-gang strategies, from prevention and intervention to enforcement and reentry.
- Concurrent executive session, designed to inform policymakers of the key issues and to elicit coordinated direction and planning from the executives, which will be incorporated into training for line staff.
- Line staff training will encompass approximately 18 hours and can be customized by expanding the core modules or adding additional modules (up to 6 hours) to address specific needs.

2. Training Program Support and Logistics:

Once the training curriculum is developed, the training provider will be required to support the planning and delivery (i.e., logistics) of this training in up to 12 locations over the 18 month project period. Program support and delivery logistics include:

- Develop materials to support the marketing of the Anti-Gang Training Program at state and national conferences and meetings. Materials may include brochures, web-based articles, fact sheets, post cards, presentations, etc.
- Assist in planning for training delivery by securing training facilities, scheduling training and instructors/facilitators, developing and delivering training materials, conducting course evaluations, and assisting in the process of training customization for each jurisdiction requesting training.
- Provide travel support for non-federal instructors and facilitators, including reimbursement of allowable travel costs and payment of consultant fees where applicable. As many as six non-federal instructors/facilitators are expected to be used in

each delivery. Federal instructors/facilitators will be reimbursed through federal agency procedures and funds.

- Provide contracting services related to facility costs, including any audiovisual (AV) or other equipment fees and provide for onsite AV support.
- Ensure coordination and effective flow of overall training by working with instructors prior
 to the training event and while onsite, and working with the lead federal agency onsite to
 ensure that the training remains on schedule and is delivered effectively.
- Update curriculum and instructional materials as requested by instructors and authorized by DOJ.
- Respond to inquiries regarding the availability of the Anti-Gang Training Program and provide materials for review upon request.
- Provide limited ad hoc training/follow-up as requested and approved by BJA and DOJ.

Requirements and Deliverables:

- 1. Develop anti-gang training curriculum, including convening one focus group of up to 15 state and local participants to review the curriculum content.
- 2. Support one pilot test of curriculum.
- 3. Develop and print instructor's guide (syllabus).
- 4. Develop and print student manual(s).
- 5. Develop course marketing materials.
- 6. Support delivery of the course up to 12 times during the project period, reaching approximately 1,200 law enforcement officers.
- 7. Develop and maintain a calendar of training events.
- 8. Collect and provide performance measurement data as required by the grant award.

Amount and Length of Award

One cooperative agreement for up to \$725,000 will be awarded for a project period of 18 months.

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:

Performance Measures	Data Grantee Provides
Number of local law enforcement agencies and other justice system agencies and representatives trained through the program.	Number of training events during the current reporting period. Number of individuals trained during the current reporting period: Law enforcement. Other justice agencies.
Percent of pre- and post-technical assistance (TA) or course evaluations demonstrating self-reported improvement in understanding of strategies to address gang crime.	During the current reporting period, the number of individuals completing both pre- and post-TA or course evaluations that demonstrate improved understanding of strategies to address gang crime. During the current reporting period, the number of individuals completing both pre- and post-TA or course evaluations that did NOT demonstrate improved understanding of strategies to address gang crime.
	Number of local law enforcement agencies and other justice system agencies and representatives trained through the program. Percent of pre- and post-technical assistance (TA) or course evaluations demonstrating self-reported improvement in understanding of strategies to address gang

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. 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 16.609, titled "Community Prosecution and Project Safe Neighborhoods," and funding opportunity number is BJA-2007-1572.

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. Individuals are exempt from this requirement.

What an Application Must Include

Standard Form 424

Program Narrative (Attachment 1)

Applicants must submit a Program Narrative that describes the proposed activities for the grant period and responds to the Selection Criteria in the order given. The narrative should be double-spaced, using a standard 12-point font (Times New Roman preferred) with 1-inch margins, and must not exceed 10 pages. Please number pages "1 of 10," "2 of 10," 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.

Resumes and Letters of Support (Attachment 3)

Attach *Resumes* for key positions and *Letters of Support* that demonstrate agreements regarding responsibilities of any partner organizations.

Selection Criteria

1. Statement of the Problem (10 points)

Demonstrate extensive knowledge and experience with a wide range of criminal justice, public safety, and anti-gang related practices, policies, and issues as well as an in-depth understanding of training processes and programs.

2. Program Design and Implementation (25 points)

Describe strategies for developing the Anti-Gang Training Program curriculum and materials and supporting the planning and delivery logistics for the program.

3. Capabilities/Competencies (30 points)

Describe the management structure, staffing, and in-house or contracted capacity to complete each of the required tasks. Provide resumes for project personnel and consultants (see Attachment 3). Provide information that clearly illustrates the ability to manage complex activities (both type and expertise) effectively. Clearly outline the organization's ability to conduct the required activities and the organization's and staff's expertise in developing and providing anti-gang training and technical assistance. Describe co-applicants' roles and responsibilities, which should mirror the information provided in the letters of support (see Attachment 3).

4. Budget (25 points)

Provide a proposed budget that is complete, allowable, and demonstrates the ability to meet all requirements and deliverables within the funding provided through this award (see Attachment 2).

5. Impact/Outcomes and Evaluation (10 points)

Applicants must describe the process for measuring program performance (see Performance Measures), including meeting timelines and deliverables, as well as obtaining input and feedback from training recipients, law enforcement agencies, and related partners.

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.