



The [U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs' Bureau of Justice Assistance](#) is pleased to announce that it is seeking applications for funding under for funding under the Anti-Gang Initiative Program, a component of Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN). This program furthers the Department's mission by providing grants to support and expand PSN task force gang prevention efforts.

Anti-Gang Initiative FY 2007 Grant Announcement

Eligibility

Each of the 94 Project Safe Neighborhoods districts will select a fiscal agent to apply for this program. Fiscal agent applicants are limited to states, units of local government, educational institutions, faith-based and other community organizations, and private nonprofit organizations.
(See "Eligibility," page 1)

Deadline

All applications are due by 8:00 p.m. e.t. on May 22, 2007.
(See "Deadline: Applications," page 1)

Contact Information

For assistance with the requirements of this solicitation, contact: Jonathan Faley, BJA Division Chief, at 202-514-2350 or jonathan.faley@usdoj.gov.

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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Anti-Gang Initiative

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Overview of the Anti-Gang Initiative

The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) has dedicated funding to support new and expanded anti-gang prevention and enforcement efforts under the Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) Initiative. Anti-Gang Initiative funds will enhance PSN task force efforts to combat gangs by building on the effective strategies and partnerships developed under PSN. This initiative 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: Application

The due date for applying for funding under this announcement is 8:00 p.m. e.t. on May 22, 2007.

Eligibility

The PSN task force must identify a fiscal agent for the district, which must be certified by the U.S. Attorney's Office. Eligible fiscal agents include states, units of local government, educational institutions, faith-based and other community organizations, and private nonprofit organizations. BJA recommends that districts select their current PSN fiscal agent, or consider using the State Administering Agency (SAA) for DOJ funding as SAAs can better leverage state resources to assist in the implementation of the district's anti-gang initiative. For a list of SAAs, see www.ojp.usdoj.gov/saa/. For details on the certification process for fiscal agents, see www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/psngrants/cert_process.html.

Anti-Gang Initiative-Specific Information

All awards are subject to the availability of appropriated funds and any modifications or additional requirements that may be imposed by law.

DOJ has dedicated funding to support current and expanded anti-gang prevention and enforcement efforts under the PSN Initiative. The Anti-Gang Initiative funds will enhance PSN task force efforts to combat gangs by building on effective PSN strategies and partnerships. Each district must show how their gang funding may impact their PSN strategies and need for additional funding. Through the development of district-wide comprehensive anti-gang strategies, the U.S. Attorney in each of the 94 federal judicial districts will partner with local law enforcement and others in the PSN task force to pattern strategies after [PSN's five essential elements](#). Additional guidance may be found at www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/psngrants/.

Amount and Length of the Awards

Each district will receive a formula-based award amount that will flow through the PSN fiscal agent. This formula is based on the district population and crime problem, including the impact of gang problems. Awards will be made for a period of 36 months.

Administrative Funds

Districts may use up to 10 percent of their award for costs associated with administering the funds.

Unallowable costs

Federal funds must be used to supplement existing funds for program activities and cannot replace, or supplant, nonfederal funds that have been appropriated for the same purpose. For additional unallowable costs, see OJP's Office of the Comptroller's [Financial Guide](#).

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:

Goal	Performance Measures	Data Grantee Provides
<p>1. Reduce the occurrence of violent gang-related* incidents through both reactive and proactive efforts supported by enforcement planning coordinated with federal, state, and local law enforcement and informed by data and real-time intelligence.</p>	<p>The percentage of combined homicides, aggravated assaults, and robberies that are gang-related*.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The total number of gang-related* homicides that occurred during the current reporting period. • The total number of gang-related* aggravated assaults that occurred during the current reporting period. • The total number of gang-related* robberies that occurred during the current reporting period. • The total number (gang-related* and non gang-related)

		of homicides, aggravated assaults, and robberies that occurred during the current reporting period.
2. Reduce the occurrence of youth gang-related* incidents and increase positive outcomes for youth at high risk for gang involvement through targeted, evidenced-based gang prevention (for grantees using funding for prevention programming).	The percentage of youth completing program requirements.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total number of youth participating in the program during the current reporting period. • Number of youth that completed the program during the current reporting period. • Number of youth that exited the program during the current reporting period without completing the program.

***Note:** The operational definition for "gang-related" will be established by each local district at the outset of the project and included on all progress reports.

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 16.744, titled “Anti-Gang Initiative,” and the funding opportunity number is BJA-2007-1458.

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)

The program narrative must be no more than 15 pages in length, addressing elements A–D:

A. Problem and Proposed Strategy: Develop a concise picture of the gang problem to be addressed with the requested funds. Describe the district's gang problem, including data to support the problem, and what might have been done to date to address the problem. Identify the target area (e.g., district-wide, county, etc.) for focused anti-gang efforts. Identify any gaps in services and how additional funding will be coordinated with other programs (e.g., Weed and Seed, Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program) or related funding. Describe the current capacity of federal, state, and local agencies in the target area to collect and share gang-related crime information. Briefly explain how this initiative will be coordinated, listing organizations and partners (law enforcement and non-law enforcement) involved in the planning and implementation process. Also, briefly describe how this initiative will be coordinated with the PSN gun crime reduction strategy.

B. Goals and Objectives: Describe the goals and objectives of the proposed project. Goals should specifically address the problem identified in (A) above. Objectives are specific statements outlining how the strategy's broader goals will be achieved; are quantifiable; and focus on the methods used by the project to address the problem.

C. Implementation Plan: Include a plan for implementing the strategy in (A) above. The implementation plan should provide a clear overview of when the project's objectives and action steps will be implemented and completed. The plan should also include a detailed timeline, in chart form, that identifies milestones for significant tasks.

D. Program Evaluation/Performance Measures: Applicants must collect data relevant to the goals listed in their application. Identify how data for goals and objectives will be collected and used for future improvements or strategies. See "Performance Measures" above for specific performance measures to be used for semi-annual progress reporting.

Budget and Budget Narrative (Attachment 2)

Applicants must provide a budget that is allowable and reasonable. 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.

U.S. Attorney Certification Letter (Attachment 3)

The U.S. Attorney's letter certifying the fiscal agent must be submitted as part of the application for funding. To submit, scan and upload the letter as an attachment to the application, or fax the letter to 202-354-4147 before the application deadline of May 22, 2007. Do not fax the application to the above fax number, only the U.S. Attorney certification letter.

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.