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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 Gang Resistance Education And Training Program. This program furthers the Department's mission by assisting state, local, and tribal gang prevention efforts.

Gang Resistance Education And Training (G.R.E.A.T.) Program Training and Technical Assistance Support FY 2007 Competitive Grant Announcement

Eligibility

Applicants are limited to for-profit organizations, nonprofit organizations, faith-based and community organizations, institutions of higher education, and consortiums with demonstrated experience in providing national- and local-level training and technical assistance and in providing logistical support to large scale initiatives. Significant knowledge of the Gang Resistance Education And Training (G.R.E.A.T.) Program and of anti-gang and crime prevention strategies is required.

(See "Eligibility," page 1)

Deadline

All applications are due by 8:00 p.m. e.t. on January 18, 2007. (See "Deadline: Applications," page 1)

Contact Information

For assistance with the requirements of this solicitation, contact: David Adams, Senior Policy Advisor, at 202–514–5309 or david.adams@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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Gang Resistance Education And Training (G.R.E.A.T.) Program Training and Technical Assistance Support CFDA #16.737

Overview of the Gang Resistance Education And Training (G.R.E.A.T.) Program Training and Technical Assistance Support

The Gang Resistance Education And Training (G.R.E.A.T.) Program (42 U.S.C. § 13921) is a school-based, law enforcement officer-instructed classroom curriculum administered by the Office of Justice Programs' Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) in cooperation with the Department of Justice's (DOJ's) Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF). The program's primary objective is prevention and is intended as an immunization against delinquency, youth violence, and gang membership. G.R.E.A.T. lessons focus on providing life skills to students to help them avoid engaging in delinquent behavior and violence to solve problems. This solicitation seeks a provider to support the G.R.E.A.T. Program through training, technical assistance, and information dissemination support.

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 January 18, 2007.

Eligibility

Applicants are limited to for-profit organizations, nonprofit organizations, faith-based and community organizations, institutions of higher education, and consortiums with demonstrated experience in providing logistical support to large scale national initiatives. Significant knowledge of the G.R.E.A.T. Program and of anti-gang and crime prevention strategies in general is required. For-profit organizations must agree to waive any profit or fees for services. Where there are proposed partner agencies or contractors, letters of support that outline the partners' responsibilities must be provided.

G.R.E.A.T. Program Training and Technical Assistance Support-Specific Services

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

The G.R.E.A.T. Program is governed by the G.R.E.A.T. National Policy Board (NPB), comprised of chief executive officers from the five law enforcement agencies that host the regional training centers and the directors of ATF and the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC). The NPB has final authority over all issues that relate to the management of the national G.R.E.A.T. Program, including establishing or modifying policy.

The National Training Committee (NTC) provides guidance regarding operational procedures of all committees, teams, and G.R.E.A.T. Program training initiatives. The NTC has authority to implement permanent changes to any G.R.E.A.T. training curricula, subject to approval by the NPB and approves scheduling of all training classes. Information on G.R.E.A.T. Officer training can be found on the web site: www.great-online.org.

BJA currently addresses G.R.E.A.T. Program needs through a collaboration among the five regional centers, the NPB and its committees, NTC, a National Training Team, Quality Review Committee, and three federal agency partners.

Through this solicitation, BJA is seeking a TTA provider who will coordinate the National G.R.E.A.T. Program and meet the unique needs of this school-based gang and violence prevention program with constituents from a broad and cross-cutting range of areas across the country.

Requirements and Deliverables

The provider will be required to perform the following:

- Meeting, conference, and training planning and support:
 - Logistical support costs for a maximum of 8 national G.R.E.A.T. policy and training meetings (12–15 participants, 1½–2 days) and travel costs for applicant support staff and 5–8 participants.
 - Logistical support for 12–15 training sessions (maximum of 40–45 participants, 6 days).
 - Logistical support for 10-14 training sessions (maximum of 40–45 participants, 13 days).
 - Logistical support, planning, and travel for one national conference (600–700 participants, 3–5 days).
 - Assume a substantive role in developing national training team meeting and conference content and a logistical support role in all of them.
 - Staff and provide exhibit G.R.E.A.T. display and materials at national conferences (i.e., International Association of Chiefs of Police, National Sheriffs' Association).
- Technical assistance and communication:
 - Provide information delivery, via the maintenance of an "800" toll-free telephone line and dedicated e-mail address.
 - Provide and maintain various databases, with secure Internet access, for the purpose of facilitating the compilation of training records and National G.R.E.A.T. Program statistics.
 - Publication development (one brochure, training materials).

- Web site content development (e.g., update training schedules as needed) and maintenance.
- o G.R.E.A.T. training and conference/meeting promotion calendar.
- o Prepare generic G.R.E.A.T. articles for Regional Newsletters (three times per year for five regions).
- Development and maintenance of a database to track all G.R.E.A.T. training.
- Research for policy briefs as needed.
- Local G.R.E.A.T. project support:
 - Interface with the printing contractor to print all G.R.E.A.T. promotional materials, graduation certificates, etc. and manage the distribution. Also interface with the printing contractor to print G.R.E.A.T. training workbooks.
 - Maintain distribution records and analyze data as requested.
 - o Provide scholarship funds for travel and per diem for officers who are new to G.R.E.A.T. so they may obtain G.R.E.A.T. certification.

Applicants should note the above is an estimate of this project's needs and is used to provide a standard base from which applicants' budgets may be evaluated by BJA. Budget priorities may shift among these categories. When using this formula, budgets must be submitted in the format discussed under Attachment 2 under the "What an Application Must Include" section of this solicitation.

Amount and Length of Award

One cooperative agreement for up to \$4.5 million will be made 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:

Program Goals	Performance Measures	Data Grantee Provides		
Provide comprehensive logistical support to all components of the G.R.E.A.T initiative.	Percentage of meeting and conference logistical activities completed in a timely, effective, and efficient manner.	During the reporting period, logistical support to meetings and conferences completed on time: Location and accommodations selection. Registration services. Advance notification of meetings and conferences. G.R.E.A.T. Officer training record maintenance. During the reporting period, logistical support to meetings and conferences NOT completed on time: Location and accommodations selection. Registration services. Advance notification of meetings and conferences.		

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Enhance the G.R.E.A.T. web site.	Percentage of G.R.E.A.T. web site updates and enhancements completed on time.	•	of cor Du of c	ring the reporting period, number updates and enhancements mpleted on time. ring the reporting period, number updates and enhancements NOT mpleted on time.

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 16.737, titled "Gang Resistance Education And Training," and the funding opportunity number is BJA-2007-1517.

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

Project Narrative (Attachment 1)

Applicants must submit a Project Narrative that fully describes the proposed activities for the grant period and responds to the Objectives and Tasks, as described in the "G.R.E.A.T Training and Technical Assistance Support-Specific Services" section of this solicitation. The Project Narrative must respond to the Selection Criteria in the order given. Submissions that do not adhere to the format will be deemed ineligible. The program narrative must 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. The budget worksheet
must list the cost of each budget item and show how the cost was calculated. Up to 5
percent may be used for administrative costs. A fillable budget detail worksheet form is
available on OJP's web site at www.ojp.usdoj.gov/Forms/budget_fillable.pdf.

Project Timeline, Resumes, and Letters of Support (Attachment 3)

Attach a *Project Timeline* with each project goal, related objective, activity and expected completion date and responsible person or organization; *Resumes* for key positions, and *Letters* of *Support* that outline the partners' responsibilities (if applicable).

Selection Criteria

1. Statement of the Problem (20 points)

Demonstrate significant knowledge and experience with a range of law enforcement, gangrelated, and crime prevention practices, strategies, policies, and issues. Knowledge and experience should include the delivery of training and technical assistance on a national scale, and logistical support for training and technical assistance initiatives, national and regional conferences, and meetings. (Knowledge of anti-gang prevention strategies; youth development programs; and the G.R.E.A.T. Program is required.)

2. Program Design and Implementation (25 points)

Describe strategies for: (1) conducting activities identified in the "G.R.E.A.T Training and Technical Assistance Program—Specific Services" section; and (2) delivering services in a short timeframe (requests often require a 24-hour response time). Provide a timeline of activities related to the project (Attachment 3). Describe in detail how the TTA will operate and support all national G.R.E.A.T. Program components as well as the federal and regional meetings and related activities.

3. Capabilities/Competencies (25 points)

Describe the management structure, staffing, and in-house or contracted capacity to complete each of the requirements and deliverables previously outlined. Provide resumes for project personnel and key consultants (Attachment 3). Provide information that clearly defines the organization's experience in carrying out the requirements and deliverables. Clearly outline the organization's ability to conduct each of the individual activities and demonstrate experience in these areas. As appropriate, describe co-applicants' roles and responsibilities, which should mirror the information provided in the letters of support (Attachment 3). Detail the qualifications of public safety, crime prevention, and training delivery partners.

4. Budget (25 points)

Provide a proposed budget that is complete and allowable (see Attachment 2).

5. Impact/Outcomes and Evaluation (5 points)

Describe the process for measuring project performance, including meeting timelines and deliverables, as well as obtaining input and feedback from customers and stakeholders. Detail what will be measured (see Performance Measures), who is responsible for performance measurement, and how the information will be used to guide the program.

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.