



Anti-Gang Initiative

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.

DEADLINE

All applications are due by 8:00 p.m. eastern time on March 28, 2006.

FOR ASSISTANCE

Anti-Gang Initiative Questions: Jonathan Faley, BJA Division Chief, at 202-514-2350 or jonathan.faley@usdoj.gov.

Technical Assistance: Grants Management System Help Desk at 888-549-9901.

ABOUT THE ANTI-GANG INITIATIVE

The U.S. Department of Justice's (DOJ) Office of Justice Programs' (OJP) Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) is pleased to announce requests for funding under the *Anti-Gang Initiative*. DOJ will dedicate \$30 million in funding to support new and expanded anti-gang prevention and enforcement efforts under the Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) Initiative. These new funds will enhance PSN task force efforts to combat gangs by building on the effective strategies and partnership developed under PSN. This initiative is authorized by [H. Rept. 2862](#).

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: 1) partnerships, 2) strategic planning, 3) training, 4) outreach, and 5) accountability. For more on these elements, visit www.ncjrs.org/html/bja/205263/. Additional guidance may be found at www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/psngrants/.

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/BJA/grant/SAAList_02_06.pdf. For details on the certification process for fiscal agents see www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/psngrants/cert_process.html.

Award Amount

Each district will receive a formula-based award amount that will flow through the PSN fiscal agents. This formula is based on the district population and crime problem, including the impact of gang problems.

Administrative Funds

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

Length of the Award

Awards will be made for a period of 36 months.

Performance Measures

To help meet requirements under the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA), P.L. 103-62, districts who receive Anti-Gang funding must provide data that helps measure the results of their work.

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](#).

Registration and Application Deadlines

The deadline to register in the Grants Management System (GMS) is 8:00 p.m. eastern time on Friday, March 24, 2006. The deadline for applying for Anti-Gang funds is 8:00 p.m. eastern time on Tuesday, March 28, 2006.

HOW TO APPLY

Anti-gang funding requests must be submitted through the OJP Grants Management System (GMS). To access the system, go to <https://grants.ojp.usdoj.gov>. Complete GMS instructions can be found at www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/GMSHowToApply.pdf.

A Dun and Bradstreet (D&B) Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number must be included in every application. Organizations should verify that they have a DUNS number or take the steps necessary to obtain one. Applicants can receive a DUNS number at no cost by calling the dedicated toll-free DUNS number request line at 1-866-705-5711.

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number for this application is 16.744, titled the "Anti-Gang Initiative."

ATTACHMENTS

All applications must include the following three attachments:

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 (district-wide, county, etc.) for focused anti-gang efforts. Identify any gaps in services and how additional funding will be coordinated with other programs or related funded. 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 involved in the planning and implementation process.

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. BJA will provide grantees with specific performance measures to be used for semi-annual progress reports.

Budget Detail Worksheet (Attachment 2)

Applicants must provide a budget that is allowable and reasonable. Applicants must submit a [budget detail worksheet](#) in one file. Applicants may contact the OJP Office of the Comptroller's Customer Service Center at 1-800-458-0786 with any questions regarding the budget form.

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 GMS application, or fax the letter to 202-354-4147 before the application deadline of March 28, 2006. Include the application number, which GMS will assign at the completion of the GMS registration process (e.g., 2006-F0001-PA-PG), on each page of the faxed document. Do not fax the Anti-Gang application to the above fax number, only the U.S. Attorney certification letter.

