# FY 2021 Project Safe Neighborhoods Solicitation Northern District of Mississippi 15PBJA-21-GG-03038-GUNP CFDA 16.609

### **Background**

The Division of Public Safety Planning has limited funds available from the U. S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs (OJP), to support the Violent Gang and Gun Crime Reduction Program, by providing support to state, local, and tribal efforts to reduce violent crime, including but not limited to, felonious firearm crimes and criminal gang violence. An application packet is attached. All applicants must complete and return the application no later than **Thursday, September 15, 2022.** 

All applications must be accompanied by an abstract that includes the following: (1) Summary of the proposed project in 400 words or fewer; (2) Identify the most important needs of the agency; (3) Written for a general public audience; (4) Submitted as a separate attachment with "Project Abstract" as part of the file name; and (5) Single-spaced, using a standard 12-point font with 1-inch margins. Incomplete applications will not be considered for funding.

## **Eligibility**

Applicants must be from the Northern District of Mississippi. Preference will be given to applicants who operate in the PSN target areas or who work with targeted at-risk youth or offenders in the target areas. PSN Target areas for the Northern District of Mississippi include cities of Greenville and Tupelo and the Counties of Lee and Washington. Eligible applicants include law enforcement, probation and parole agencies, or non-profit organizations. State or local government entities must submit information regarding Communication with DHS and/or ICE.

## **Program Purpose Areas**

The purpose of this funding is to reduce, prevent or deter gun and gang violence in targeted areas through enforcement and prevention, the prosecution and removal of chronic offenders who contribute to violent crime problems, and the disruption and dismantling of violent gangs that drive the drug crime and violent crime problem. Funds can be used for:

- Equipment and Personnel related costs directly associated with the project
- Gang related activity
- Training
- Prevention/reentry/deterrence efforts
- Publications or Advertising

Grants funds may not be used for renovations, construction, land acquisition, lobbying, fundraising, or formation of corporations.

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# SPECIAL GRANT CONDITIONS

## **Availability of Funds and Application Deadline**

Funds are available after completing the project abstract, attached application, and DHS/ICE letter, returning it to DPSP for further review. All applicants are expected to complete and return the application no later than Thursday, September 15, 2022.

## **Grant Period**

The grant award period is tentatively from October 1, 2022, to September 30, 2023. Any and all funds must be expended by the end of the contract period. All awards are subject to availability of appropriated funds. Funding is not guaranteed.

## **Special Grant Conditions**

- Each applicant must provide information on letter regarding Communication with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and/or Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). *Example will be provided*.
- This is a <u>one-year grant</u> award. Once funds are expended, the grant will expire.
- If you are receiving assistance from any other federal agency, there can be no duplicate purchases from such funds. In other words, funds cannot be used from separate agencies to make the same purchase.
- Expenditures incurred prior to the actual project start date will not be approved. Supporting documentation must have valid and verifiable dates.
- Handwritten applications or applications submitted by facsimile (FAX) will not be accepted.

#### **Non-Supplant Requirement**

Funds available under this program may not be used to supplant (replace) existing local funds. These funds must be used to supplement the level of funds from non-federal sources that would, in the absence of these funds, be made available for programs or activities funded under a similar program.

## **Monitoring**

Each successful subgrantee will receive an on-site compliance monitoring visit or a desk review audit at least once during the grant period. Each successful subgrantee must retain records, receipts, invoices, and other documents for review during the monitoring visit. Guidelines and/or procedures listed in the original application must be adhered to and deviations from those guidelines must have prior approval by the Division of Public Safety Planning.

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## **Budget**

Approximately \$69,221.00 in grant funding is available to be awarded on a competitive basis to two or more sub-grantees in the Northern District of Mississippi. <u>Approximately \$20,766</u> of the available funding is designated for a gang related initiative, \$41,533 will be designated for Equipment or Personnel and \$6,922.00 will be for travel. The total 12-month budget allotted for the subgrantee of this RFP will be based on number of applicants.

### SAM.gov

Organizations are required to register with the System for Award Management (SAM). Please note that applicants formerly used the Central Contractor Registration (CCR) database for this purpose. SAM is a government-wide registry for vendors doing business with the federal government which requires annual renewal. The SAM centralizes information about grant recipients and also provides a central location for grant recipients to change organizational information.

Please note that organizations must update or renew their SAM registration at least once a year to maintain an active status. Please include a copy of your SAM registration verifying an active status along with your application. To complete the SAM registration process, access the website at <a href="https://www.sam.gov">www.sam.gov</a>.

### **Technical Assistance**

Technical assistance will be available through our office during the PSN application process. If assistance is needed, please contact the PSN Program Manager at 601-977-3756.

#### **Application Submission Requirements**

One (1) original application should be submitted on the official application form to the Office of Justice Programs, Division of Public Safety Planning no later than Thursday, September 15, 2022.

**Submit Applications to:** Attn: Sharon Nguyen, PSN Program Manager

Division of Public Safety Planning Office of Justice Programs 1025 NorthPark Drive Ridgeland, Mississippi 39157

\*If you have questions, please contact Sharon Nguyen at (601) 977-3756.

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