

FY 2021 Project Safe Neighborhoods Solicitation
Southern District of Mississippi
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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 Southern 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 Southern District of Mississippi include: Jackson, Hattiesburg, Meridian, Gulfport/Moss Point and Natchez/Vicksburg. 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, fund-raising, or formation of corporations.

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 one-year grant 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.

