

The Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) in partnership with the United States Attorney's Office of the Northern District of Georgia is pleased to announce that we are seeking applications for funding under the Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) Grant Program. This microgrant program furthers the Northern District of Georgia's strategic goal to develop the capacity of law enforcement to expand community policing strategies.

## **FY2020/2021 Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN): Community Policing Microgrant Program**

### **Request for Proposals (RFP)**

*from Law enforcement Partners*

#### **Eligibility:**

Applicants are limited to units of local and state law enforcement who operate or will service any of the 46 counties within the Northern District of Georgia. The Northern District comprises the counties of Banks, Barrow, Bartow, Carroll, Catoosa, Chattooga, Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, Dade, Dawson, DeKalb, Douglas, Fannin, Fayette, Floyd, Forsyth, Fulton, Gilmer, Gordon, Gwinnett, Habersham, Hall, Haralson, Heard, Henry, Jackson, Lumpkin, Meriwether, Murray, Newton, Paulding, Pickens, Pike, Polk, Rabun, Rockdale, Spalding, Stephens, Towns, Troup, Union, Walker, White and Whitfield.

**Note: If an award is made, it must be managed by a local or state government agency.**

**Deadline:** All applications are due at **5:00 p.m. on April 1, 2022**

Available Funding: Approximately \$150,000

Multiple awards with a maximum dollar amount of \$15,000

Award Period\*: Each award is one year (12 months) in length. Extensions will be limited.

#### **Contact Information:**

For assistance with the requirements of this solicitation, contact:

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Release Date: March 3, 2022

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\*The award period is dependent upon when federal approval (if selected by for funding) is received; therefore, exact award dates cannot be given until federal approval is received.

## THIS IS A FEDERAL SUB-GRANT SUBJECT TO FEDERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

### SECTION I: OVERVIEW AND INSTRUCTIONS

#### The Project Safe Neighborhoods Grant Program

Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) is designed to create safer neighborhoods through a sustained reduction in crime associated with gang and gun violence. The program's effectiveness is based on the cooperation of local, state, and federal agencies engaged in a unified approach led by the U.S. Attorney (USA) in each district. The USA is responsible for establishing a collaborative PSN taskforce of federal, state, and local law enforcement and other community members to implement gun and gang crime enforcement, intervention, prevention, and reentry initiatives within the district.

#### Criminal Justice Coordinating Council

The Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) is designated by the Governor of Georgia as the State Administering Agency for criminal justice and victims' assistance programs. Created by the General Assembly (O.C.G.A. § 35-6A-2), CJCC is comprised of twenty-four members representing various components of the criminal justice system.

#### Overview of the Microgrant for Community Policing Program

CJCC in partnership with the United States Attorney's Office of the Northern District of Georgia (NDGA) is seeking applications for funding for the FY2020/2021 PSN Community Policing (CP) Microgrants program. CP Microgrant funds can be used to foster trust and increase legitimacy in the communities; to implement or enhance community engagement and policing strategies through the development or testing of innovative strategies; to build knowledge about effective practices and outcomes; and to support new, creative approaches to preventing crime and promoting safer communities throughout the Northern District.

#### Project-Specific Information

Funding has been established to support specific law enforcement lead projects related to community-officer engagement, such as the following subcategory areas:

- **Youth Engagement:** Projects that support proactive ways for law enforcement to engage with youth to develop a mutual understanding, break down barriers and create trust, prevent youth involvement in criminal activity, and reduce opportunities for their victimizations. Funding will be provided to develop and enhance trust and legitimacy between youth and law enforcement.
- **Community-based Prevention and Intervention:** Projects that address street-level community violence in a holistic, multipronged-approach programs such as group violence intervention, focused deterrence, and wraparound services that strengthen community resilience and build social capital. Funding will be provided to assist in the development and enhancement of programs that engage the community in violence reduction efforts including street outreach, violence interrupters, shooting review commissions, and other strategies that provide services to address the social and economic inequalities to communities.
- **Community Safety and Wellness.:** Projects that involve law enforcement meaningfully engaged with community members to improve public safety and take proactive steps to collaborate around our shared value of justice or trauma-informed approaches to community building. Collaborations of interest include those that address violent crime (e.g., illegal firearm use and sales, gangs, domestic violence, and hate crimes), those at risk of repeat violence, or the

reverberating trauma it cases communities. Funding will be provided to develop or enhance programming with communities as critical partners at all stages of efforts to reduce and respond to the occurrence of violence or the broader effects caused by violence.

Evidence-promising project ideas can be found at [crimesolutions.ojp.gov](http://crimesolutions.ojp.gov)

### Unallowable Use of Funds

- Projects seeking funding to hire sworn law enforcement personnel will not be considered.
- Projects that *exclusively* seek to purchase technology, software or mobile applications, or equipment **without** offering broader training, programming, or services to support those tools will not be considered.
- Projects that include the majority of funding for generally unallowable costs such as vehicles, food, exercise and recreational equipment, and promotional items such as gifts and souvenirs will not be considered.

### Match Requirement

There is no match requirement for this federal award program.

### Supplanting

Awards must be used to supplement existing funds for program activities where they exist, not replace or supplant nonfederal funds that have been appropriated for the same purpose.

## SECTION II: APPLICATION AND SUBMISSION INFORMATION

To submit an application for consideration, please write a 3–5-page statement that includes the following information:

- **Needs statement:** Provide a statement of the specific problem(s)/gap(s) the project will address. Include any data or information that supports this claim. Information sources can include official counts (e.g., calls for service, code enforcement reports, incidents of crime, clearances in areas, jail populations); management data (e.g., community interactions, prior events, school records, public transit issues); surveys (e.g., questionnaires, interviews); or social patterns (e.g., resource allocations, service requests, evidence of decay, news articles, pictures). Only use data that is verifiable and relevant to the target population. For example, do not use statewide data for a local problem statement, and do not use national data for a statewide problem statement.
- **Project description:** Please provide a detailed description of the project to include the area of focus, the geographic area targeted, the estimated number of individuals who will be served during the grant period, or any relevant characteristic of the target population of the area of focus. If an applicant is requesting to expand an ongoing project, the application must include a detailed description of the current project, the implementation status to date, and how the funding will be used to supplement existing funding to achieve project objectives.
- **Project goals:** State goals of the proposed project. Applicants should explain how they will accomplish the following general categories when developing their own specific project goals:
  - **Develop knowledge:** Please explain how you will develop new knowledge or use

existing knowledge about promising community policing activities and strategies.

- **Increase awareness:** Please explain how you will increase the awareness of community policing strategies among law enforcement, relevant stakeholders, and/or individuals who are most affected by your project.
  - **Increase skills and abilities:** Please explain how you will increase skills and abilities of law enforcement, relevant stakeholders, and/or individuals to engage in community policing practices.
  - **Increase practice:** Please explain how you will increase the number of law enforcement officers, relevant stakeholders, and/or individuals using community policing practices.
  - **Institutionalize practice:** Please explain how you will increase the number of law enforcement officers, relevant stakeholders, and/or individuals that systematically use and integrate community policing strategies as part of their routine business.
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- **Resources needed:** Please clearly explain the resources needed to implement, enhance, or expand the project activities to achieve project's goals. For example, if the proposed project is to expand an ongoing project, then explain how these grant funds will enhance the resources already in use and enable the project to be conducted at a greater capacity.

## Additional Application Attachments

### Budget

All applicants must attach a budget using the provided Detailed Budget Worksheet. All line items within the budget are subject to review and approval. Decisions related to these budget line items are based on allowance of line-item costs per federal program guidelines, justification of costs in relation to project activities, and reasonableness of cost based on current market rates.

### How to Apply

Submit the completed Application including the requested information and all required attachments online at [https://cjcc.formstack.com/forms/fy21\\_22\\_psn\\_community\\_policing\\_microgrant\\_program](https://cjcc.formstack.com/forms/fy21_22_psn_community_policing_microgrant_program). To be eligible for funding consideration, a complete application must be submitted before **5 p.m. (EDT.)** on **Friday, April 1, 2022**.