

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 grant program furthers the Northern District of Georgia's strategic goal to develop the capacity of law enforcement to reduce gun violence.

Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN): Gun Violence Reduction Equipment Grant Program

Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)

from Law enforcement Partners

Eligibility:

This is an invitational program. Eligible applicants are limited to units of **local and state law enforcement** who operate within or will service any of the 46 counties in 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. by Friday, March 6, 2026*

*Application narratives should be uploaded as an attachment and not be more than 3 pages.

See the below suggested outline.

Available Funding:

Grant Program Funding Available: \$37,000

Multiple awards adding up to a maximum dollar amount of \$37,000 may be funded.

Award Period: * Each award is 6 months in length. NO EXTENSIONS POSSIBLE.

Contact Information:

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*Awards are funded based on an external selection committee vote. All conditions stated within this document are considered. The award period is dependent upon when federal approval (if selected 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. Launched in 2001, the Project Safe Neighborhoods program is a nationwide initiative that brings together federal, state, local, and tribal law enforcement officials; prosecutors; community leaders; and other stakeholders to identify the most pressing crime problems in a community and work collaboratively to address those problems. The Project Safe Neighborhoods Reauthorization Act of 2025 states the program implements 4 key components to successfully reduce violent crime in communities, including community engagement, prevention and intervention, focused and strategic enforcement, and accountability.

Therefore, applications for funding are being accepted related to law enforcement and public safety equipment, or that expand the implementation of community policing and crime prevention through the procurement of equipment and technologies.

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 Gun Violence Reduction 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 FY20-FY22 PSN Gun Violence Reduction (GVR) grant program. This funding is for grants to state, local, tribal, territorial, and other entities to develop and acquire effective equipment, technologies, and interoperable communications that assist in responding to and preventing violent crime throughout the NDGA. Equipment funded under this program should meet any applicable requirements of the National Institute of Standards and Technology's Office of Law Enforcement Standards.

Project-Specific Information

Funding is available to support law-enforcement-led initiatives that directly contribute to the reduction of gun crime, violent crime, and gang-related activity/gang crime. Grant awards will prioritize the acquisition and deployment of proven equipment, tools, and technologies that strengthen operational capacity; enhance officer safety; and improve the identification, investigation, and interdiction of firearms-related offenses. Allowable investments may include secure firearms storage solutions; evidence management systems; secure communications equipment; risk-assessment technologies; mobile safety kits; body-worn cameras; and tools that support ballistics identification, tracing, and investigative follow-up.

To advance measurable reductions in gun violence, applicants are encouraged to incorporate evidence-supported technologies and specialized equipment that improve situational awareness, accelerate response capabilities, and support data-driven enforcement strategies. Anticipated outcomes may include increased clearance rates for gun-related crimes, enhanced investigative efficiency, improved officer safety during high-risk encounters, strengthened information-sharing across agencies, and more effective identification of individuals or groups driving violent crime. Investments should demonstrate a clear nexus to

enforcement activities and align with statutory purpose areas focused on crime control and public safety.

By strengthening investigative tools, modernizing equipment, and improving operational readiness, this funding will support law enforcement agencies in disrupting violent-crime patterns, reducing illegal firearm activity, and enhancing overall public safety.

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.

Please see [Attachment A](#) for a more detailed list of allowable and unallowable expenses

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.

Risk Assessment and Monitoring

[2 CFR 200.332\(b\)](#) states that “all pass-through entities must... evaluate each subrecipient’s risk of noncompliance with Federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of the subaward for the purposes of determining the appropriate subrecipient monitoring.” Risk assessment and monitoring apply to the fiscal agent, not to implementing agency. Please see the links below for more information.

The FY20-FY22 Gun Violence Reduction Grant monitoring schedule will be developed based on the overall subrecipient risk. The risk assessment should be completed using the subgranting agency’s information. Click [here to complete the risk assessment](#). See below for instructions on how to complete the risk assessment:

- [Non-Profit Risk Assessment Instructions](#)
- [Government Agency Risk Assessment Instructions](#)
- [University Risk Assessment Instructions](#)

Risk assessment should only be completed by applicants who **have not completed a risk assessment in the last 12 months.

SECTION II: APPLICATION AND SUBMISSION INFORMATION

Please attach a 3-page application using the following outline: (a) what is the violent crime **problem**; (b) what is **needed** to address the problem; and (c) how the **proposed project** is designed to provide those needs.

Problem Statement: Provide a summary of the specific problem(s)/gap(s) the project (to be subsequently described) will address as it relates to violent crime. Specifically, *state what is driving the violence, and who and where are affected by the problem(s).*

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 or assessments (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 are recent 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.

Needs Statement: Provide a brief explanation about what is needed to address the problem. Specifically, *state how addressing the needs can reduce violent crime.*

Project Description: Provide a description of the equipment or technology proposed to reduce the problem(s)/gap(s) by addressing local need(s). The summary should include all relevant location, agency, planning and implementation details. Describe the geographic area; current capacity to support the implementation; estimated number of individuals who will be served during the grant period; or any characteristics of the population, area of focus, and project components.

* If the applicant is seeking to expand the implementation of gun crime intelligence collection through the procurement of equipment and technologies, the application must include a detailed description of the current efforts and availability of those, the implementation status to date, and how the funding will be used to supplement existing funding to achieve public safety objectives.

- **Project goals:** Provide the goals of the proposed project. Applicants should explain how they will accomplish the proposed goals. The applicant should include how the equipment or technology relates to the overall context of reducing violent gun and/or gang crime.
- **Project Activities:** This section should include a work plan that explains what activities the ordering and implementation will undertake and any other information that allows the reader to understand the specifics of the project. Make sure to fully detail how the proposed funding will address the problem(s)/gap(s) described in the Needs Statement. (There is no need to recap the problem, data, or target group provided in the other sections.)

Additional Application Requirements

Budget

All applicants must use the budget forms within the grant management system. 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

This application will be submitted through the new grants management system, <https://grantsportal.cjcc.ga.gov>. The application must be completed and submitted in accordance with the RFP guidelines for the submission or proposal to be considered for funding. Before you submit, review your application from start to finish to ensure you submit complete and accurate information. To be eligible for funding consideration, a complete application must be submitted before **5 p.m. (EDT.) on March 6, 2026**.

SECTION III: POST-AWARD REQUIREMENTS

Grant Acceptance

Subgrantees must accept or reject the grant award with required forms within forty-five (45) days of the award date. The subgrantee will be unable to request funds for reimbursement until the award documents are submitted to the Council.

Special Conditions

At the time of the subgrant award, the Council will assign special conditions as deemed appropriate for the program. The special conditions will outline the subgrantee's responsibilities, as well as federal and state regulations that must be adhered to, as a condition of accepting the grant award for the approved program. The special conditions will be included in the award packet and must be reviewed, signed, and returned to the Council within forty-five (45) days of the award date. The Council may assume the grantee rejects the grant award if these acceptance documents are not received by this submission deadline.

This is a federal reimbursement grant. Potential subgrantees are expected to abide by all federal rules and regulations.

Fiscal Accountability

Commingling of funds on either a program-by-program or project-by-project basis is prohibited. The subgrantee's accounting system must maintain a clear audit trail for each source of funding for each fiscal budget period and include the following:

- Separate accountability of receipts, expenditures, disbursements and balances. CJCC recommends creating an account in your accounting system for each grant using the grant number provided by CJCC.
- Itemized records supporting all grant expenditures in sufficient detail to show the exact nature of the activity.
- Data and information for each expenditure with proper reference for a supporting voucher or bill properly approved.
- Maintenance of billing records for project-related expenses (i.e. service invoices)
- Provisions for payment by check (as applicable).

Subgrantees will select whether they would prefer to be reimbursed for grant expenses on a monthly or quarterly basis once awarded.

Performance Measures and Reporting Requirements

Performance measurement can be defined as the process of routinely measuring the outputs and outcomes produced by a program, thereby allowing one to assess the effectiveness of program investments and activities. It has been found that measuring performance builds consensus and commitment within the justice community, assists with the goal of obtaining and allocating resources, demonstrates success, and improves accountability.

The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), Office of Justice Programs, the federal entity that administers the PSN program, has developed performance measures for all PSN-funded program types. As such, the Council requires that all PSN-funded subgrantees complete a quarterly statistical report using BJA's Performance Measurement Tool (PMT). The PMT will ultimately help states produce evidence-based guidance on monitoring and evaluating all programs.

PMT reporting is completed based on grant-funded activities and due on the following dates:

Reporting Period	Due Date
July 1 – September 30	October 15
October 1 – December 31	January 15
January 1 – March 31	April 15
April 1 – June 30	July 15

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Attachment A

Allowable Use of Funds¹

- Program/Project Supplies
- Maintenance and Operations
 - Project-related media
 - Outreach
 - Prevention Activities
- Training
- Travel/Mileage
- Equipment (\$10K or more threshold for a single item)
- Rental costs (i.e. meeting space, conference room)
 - Must be limited to fair market value for similar facilities in your locality. Rental rates in excess of this amount will need special Federal approval.

Unallowable Use of Funds

- Food/Beverages
- Prizes, rewards, entertainment, trinkets (or any type of monetary incentive)
- Participant stipends
- Gift cards
- Administrative costs
- Fundraising activities
- Electronic Immobilization Devices (EID)
- Construction or renovation costs
- Acquisition cost of real estate property
- Military-type equipment
- Restitution payments
- Courts costs
- Fines, penalties, and late charges
- Bonuses or commissions
- Drones
- Vehicle purchases
- Building maintenance cost (i.e., lawn care, janitorial services, etc.)
- Utilities
- Covert “Buy Monies/ PEPI”
- Lodging over federal per diem rates
- Lobbying
- First Class Travel
- Pre-award costs
- Supplanting (Federal funds can only be used to supplement existing funds for program activities, it cannot be used to replace or supplant nonfederal funds that have been appropriated for the same purpose.)

¹ Please note that when considering the allowable use of funds, all funds must be spent and reimbursed by **September 30, 2026**.