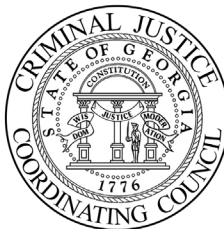


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The Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (the Council or CJCC) is pleased to announce that it is seeking applications for competitive funding within the State of Georgia under the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program.

**BYRNE STATE CRISIS INTERVENTION PROGRAM (SCIP) FY2027  
REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS  
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DEFLECTION**

**Eligibility**

Units of local government in the State of Georgia. Priority consideration will be given to existing recipients under the FY 2022-2023 Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program Grant. Current nonprofit grantees are also eligible to apply for continuation funding, but this solicitation is not open to new nonprofits.

**Deadline**

Applications are due by  
**Friday, July 31, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.**

**Award Period**

October 1, 2026 – September 30, 2027

**Release Date**

Monday, June 15, 2026

# Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program (SCIP) Behavioral Health Application Packet

## *SECTION I: OVERVIEW AND INSTRUCTIONS*

### **Criminal Justice Coordinating Council**

The Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (the Council) is designated by the Governor of Georgia as the State Administering Agency for criminal justice and victim assistance programs. Created by the General Assembly (O.C.G.A. § 35-6A-2), the Council is comprised of 27 members representing various components of the criminal justice system. The Council uses a small proportion of each fiscal year's award to pay for costs incurred in administering this grant program.

### **The Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program**

The Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program (SCIP), authorized by the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act of 2022, provides formula funds to support gun violence reduction programs and initiatives. When signing the bill, the President noted that this program “invests in antiviolence programs that work — that work directly with the people who are most likely to commit these crimes or become victims of gun crimes.” All proposals under this solicitation must aim to adopt or expand promising and/or evidence-based programs that prevent or reduce crime and violence, with a particular focus on gun violence, and target the risk factor of behavioral health needs that may be more likely to lead to this kind of violence.

## *SECTION II: APPLICATION PROCESS*

### **Application Review**

Applications will be reviewed and assessed by the Council and its designated representatives considering the following:

1. Past compliance with all financial and programmatic reporting requirements;
2. Overall quality and completeness of the application;
3. Explanation of proposed change demonstrating their appropriateness; and
4. Adequate correlation between the cost of the project and the objective(s) to be achieved.

Only complete applications received by the deadline will be reviewed. **When an application is received by the Council, there is no commitment on the part of the Council to fund an application or to fund it at the amount requested.** All areas of the budget are subject to review and approval. Decisions related to these budget areas are based on both eligibility and reasonableness. The Council has full discretion to determine the reasonableness of budget items based on both objective and subjective decision-making tools. See the “Restrictions on Use of Funds” subsection below.

Applications for funding will undergo several reviews. At any point during these reviews, a decision not to fund a project or any part thereof may be made. These decisions are within the complete discretion of the Council.

Additionally, all applications selected by the Council must also undergo a second review process by the Bureau of Justice Assistance for approval prior to award. CJCC staff will coordinate this approval before notifying the grant applicant of final award approval/denial.

### **Competitive Funding Decisions**

All funding decisions related to the SCIP applications received in response to this solicitation are made by the Council and are based on the availability of funding. The Council will inform the applicant of funding decisions through a grant award. Applicants should not make assumptions regarding funding decisions until they have received official written notification of award or denial signed by the Council Director. Applicants can appeal the initial funding decision but must do so within 15 days of the date on the denial notice.

Once an award is made, it is within the discretion of the Council to determine that a subgrantee is not compliant with applicable policies. Upon such a determination, the Council may terminate further funding and require reimbursement of grant funds.

### **Use of Funds**

All proposals must aim to adopt or expand promising and/or evidence-based programs that prevent or reduce crime and violence, with a particular focus on gun violence, and target the risk factor of behavioral health needs that may be more likely to lead to this kind of violence.

### **Restrictions on Use of Funds**

Grant funds cannot be used for: office space, utilities, food, furniture, gift cards, the purchase of vehicles, weapons, for overall agency supplies, and construction projects. Please note, this is not an exhaustive list. Please contact the assigned CJCC contact with any questions.

### **Match**

No match is required under this program.

### **Supplanting**

Funds must be used to supplement existing funds for program activities and cannot replace or supplant non-federal funds that have been appropriated for the same purpose.

## ***SECTION III: POST-AWARD REQUIREMENTS***

### **Risk Assessment**

[2 CFR 200.332\(b\)](#) states that “a pass-through entity must [...] evaluate each subrecipient’s fraud risk and risk of noncompliance with a subaward to determine the appropriate subrecipient monitoring.” Risk assessment and monitoring apply to the fiscal agent, not to the implementing agency. Please see the links below for more information.

The SCIP monitoring schedule will be developed based on the overall subrecipient risk. The risk assessment should be completed using subgranting agency's information. Once an id has been issued, [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.

### **Grant Acceptance**

Subgrantees must accept or reject the grant award with original signatures and required forms within 45 days of the award date. The subgrantee will be unable to request funds until the award documents are received by the Council's office.

### **Special Conditions**

At the time of the subgrant award, the Council will assign special conditions 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 45 days of the award date.

**Per DOJ requirements, awardees will be required to have background checks on all personnel who will be directly interacting with the youth through this grant.**

**This is a federal reimbursement grant. Potential subgrantees are expected to abide by 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 exact nature of activity.
- Data and information for each expenditure with proper reference to a supporting voucher or bill properly approved.
- Maintenance of billing records for project related expenses (i.e. provider invoices with accompanying timesheets)
- 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**

The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), Office of Justice Programs, the federal entity that administers the SCIP program, has developed performance measures for all funded program types. As such, the Council requires that all 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 programs. PMT reporting is completed based on grant-funded activities and due on the dates indicated in the chart to the right. Submission of performance measures data is not required for the application.

<b>Reporting Period</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
January 1 - March 31	April 10
April 1 - June 30	July 10
July 1 - September 30	October 10
October 1 - December 31	January 10

### ***SECTION IV: PROGRAM DESIGN***

This project will facilitate a comprehensive, multi-system collaboration among local entities statewide including first responders, community service boards, health departments, local court representatives, treatment providers, local child welfare offices, local prosecuting and public defender offices, non-profits, and community that offer gun violence reduction programs and services. Using a data-driven approach, the project will target areas with the most critical need for services while building a framework to enhance public safety beyond the grant's scope. Grant funding will focus on behavioral health deflection, which refers to strategies and programs within the criminal justice system designed to redirect individuals with behavioral health needs away from traditional punitive measures (such as incarceration) and towards rehabilitative and supportive services. These strategies aim to address the underlying issues of behavioral health and reduce recidivism by providing alternatives to prosecution and promoting interventions that support recovery and reintegration into society. Here are some examples, though this list is not comprehensive.

#### **1. Community Treatment and Violence Intervention Programs**

**Definition:** These programs use evidence-informed strategies to reduce violence through tailored community-centered initiatives. Such programs can help reduce the likelihood that an individual will become involved in the criminal justice system and engage in violent crimes, instead diverting them to receive community-based treatment and other services. These multidisciplinary strategies engage individuals to prevent and disrupt cycles of violence and retaliation and establish relationships between individuals and community assets to deliver services that save lives, address trauma, provide opportunities, and improve the physical, social, and economic conditions that often drive violence.

**Examples:** This would include crisis centers; mobile crisis units (including both co-responder and civilian only projects); crisis receiving and stabilization facilities for individuals in crisis; peer support specialists, diversion programs, technological supports (such as smartphone

applications to help assist patients navigate mental health and related initiatives); suicide and crisis prevention and referral to services; civil/legal responses; specialized training for individuals who work with or are in families who are in crisis; and other innovative, behavioral health-related programming.

## **2. Intervention Services and Education Programs for Youth and Children in Need of Services**

**Definition:** These are supportive, directive, and teaching initiatives that aim to improve a youth's level of functioning related to mental health, substance use, and violence reduction. These programs are sometimes offered in a community-based care environment or resident facility and help to redirect youth with behavioral health issues to treatment and support services instead of arrest or other involvement with the criminal justice system. Successful applicants may also collaborate with school systems to aim to prevent and reduce violence, substance use, and address the mental health needs of at-risk kids within the school. Programming should be evidence supported or evidence based.

**Examples:** Intervention programs include gun violence reduction or education strategies and may focus on the development of nonviolent, conflict resolution skills, active listening, and ways to help heal from trauma. Such programs will teach youth alternative, healthy ways to resolve conflict and reiterate the dangers of violent crime, particularly that of gun violence. Whole-family support services will also be a priority to help ensure basic needs are consistently being met and reduce the likelihood of a youth's future involvement with the criminal justice system.

### **Program Narrative**

All applications must include narrative information using the outline provided below.

**Needs Statement:** The submission of this application presumes there is a definable problem, which will be solved either in whole or in part with the grant program for which funds are being requested. Describe the problem that justifies the need for funding. To support the request, offer a detailed description of the target demographic, the geographic area covered, statistics, and scope of the problem that needs to be addressed. Describe any previous efforts taken to solve this issue as well.

**Project Description:** This section of the application should contain a general description of activities that justify and describe the project to be implemented. The project description should include specific services that will be provided and explain what the project will accomplish. *\*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.* This section should include:

- **Services:** Describe the project's service delivery plan, detailing how the agency will achieve its goals. Explain how services will be implemented or enhanced, including a timeline for implementation. Additionally, provide an explanation of how the planned activities will address the needs of the target population as outlined in the statement of need.

- Personnel/Competencies: A list of personnel that your agency proposes to be funded and descriptions of their benefit to the program, if applicable.
- Operations, Activities, and Equipment: Clearly state the equipment and services that will be purchased and their necessity to agency operations. All items requested in the budget summary and narrative must be clearly supported by project activities.

Project Activities and Services: In this section, describe the program's intent to change, reduce, or eliminate the problem noted in the previous section and outline the project's goals. Include an explanation for how the program will accomplish its goals. Objectives are specific, quantifiable statements of the project's desired results. They should be clearly linked to the problem identified in the preceding section and measurable. Additionally, briefly describe the methods that will be used to collect data and report outcomes to the Council. Describe partnerships and collaborative efforts as they relate to the scope of the program, if applicable.

Program Budget and Sustainability Plan: The sustainability plan should be used to describe your agency's ability to support the program in the event funding through this solicitation is reduced or no longer available. We encourage all subgrantees to find alternative sources of funding to avoid being completely dependent on a sole funding source. Describe potential alternative sources of funding and a plan for continued operation and services should funding under this program be reduced or eliminated.

## **SECTION V: Application Submission Instructions**

Applications must be submitted online via CJCC's Grants Management System.

For entities that are experiencing emergency circumstances that may prevent completion of the grant award within the provided timeframe, please contact CJCC immediately and prior to the deadline to request an extension or alternate method of applying.

**Applications must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, July 31, 2026. The application must be submitted through the grants management system. Please see the accompanying step by step guides for more details and instructions on the application process.**

- [How to Complete an Application/Apply for Funding](#)
- [How to Re-enter & Continue a Saved Grant Application](#)
- [How To Cancel an Application](#)