



**2014 Project Safe Neighborhoods
Criminal Justice Coordinating Council and the U.S. Attorney's Office of North Georgia
Research and Evaluation Partner
Request for Proposals (RFP)**

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. Through the PSN taskforce, the USA will implement the five design features of successful PSN programs—partnerships; strategic planning, research integration, and crime analysis; training; outreach; and accountability—to address specific gun crime and gang violence in the most violent neighborhoods.

In the City of Atlanta, the USA of the Northern District of Georgia has identified neighborhoods in West Atlanta as the site for a strategic intervention via the PSN program. These neighborhoods include: Pittsburgh, Mechanicsville, English Avenue, Vine City, and Thomasville. As a potential recipient of a 2014 PSN award, *your organization must be located within the Northern District of the U.S. Attorney's Office and have the ability to regularly attend PSN Taskforce Meetings.*

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

- **Describe your experience working with computerized criminal history (CCH) and Department of Corrections data sets.** Please speak to you and your organization's abilities to analyze data in real time and provide incisive organizational recommendations based upon your analysis.
- **Describe your experience with evaluating offender risk and outcomes.** Please sketch out how you would approach this topic, what data sets you might use, etc.
- **Describe your ability to analyze crime patterns.** PSN is, in part, a targeted research grant. As such, you and your organization must be able to analyze crime patterns, and provide recommendations to multiple agencies based upon your analysis.
- **Please speak to your expertise and fluency in current social science research with gun and gang violence reduction strategies.** As a research partner, you will be expected to bring an informed and articulate opinion to the table. This includes an ability to recall empirical research that might prove useful to the taskforce.
- **Describe you and your organization's history with working with practitioners.** Research/Practitioner relationships are often fraught. As such, the PSN taskforce must ensure that the researcher is flexible in working with the taskforce and understanding that theory does not and cannot always dictate practice. Please describe successful relationships you have had in the past, and how you and your organization will approach work with the taskforce.
- **Describe how your organization will partner with and liaise with the U.S. Attorney's Office.** The USA's Office must incorporate the five design elements listed above. Please speak to your organization's ability to complement and/or bolster one or more of the design features.
- **Please project a budget for the 24 months (beginning October 1, 2014) using the provided template.**

All applications must be submitted by 5pm on April 21, 2014 using the adobe form link provided.

If you have any questions about the RFP, please reach out to Aaron Sayama at aaron.sayama@cjcc.ga.gov.