



**2014 Project Safe Neighborhoods
Criminal Justice Coordinating Council and the U.S. Attorney's Office of North Georgia
Social Service Agencies¹
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 have an established community presence within these areas to be eligible for an award.*

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

- **The target population of your services.** Please go beyond simple demographics. Describe this population in detail (including age groups). For example, if you describe your organization as serving individuals “at-risk,” detail how these individuals are assessed for “risk” and what that might entail.
- **The services offered by your organization within the neighborhoods listed above.** Please be specific in what services your organization provides. What type of services and for whom? If you have current programs within this area of Atlanta, please describe the capacity of those programs. How many individuals is your organization currently servicing? How many can they service?
- **How do you measure programmatic success?** Please be very specific in your metrics. PSN is a robust program with very stringent programmatic and fiscal reporting requirements. As such, be articulate in how your organization continuously evaluates its effectiveness.
- **Describe your community ties.** Current social science research demonstrates that an organization's community relationships and partnerships have a decisive bearing upon programmatic success. As such, please describe your organization's relationship with one or more of the neighborhoods targeted by the USA's Office.
- **Describe how your organization has a quantifiable impact on the reduction of gun and gang violence in the targeted area(s).** Please note that this grant program requires specific data on the reduction of gun and gang crime within the area. All organizations that are slated to receive funds must have a positive history of reducing gun and gang crime violence within the area.
- **Please describe your experience in implementing evidence-based practices that target criminogenic thinking.** Current social science and criminal justice research demonstrates that offenders reentering the community must be provided with significant programming aimed at altering criminal thinking. Please highlight your organization's abilities and capabilities in incorporating these programs into your existing services.

¹ “Social Services Agencies” include: non-profits, neighborhood associations, community boards, etc.

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- **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.