The Criminal Justice Coordinating (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 program furthers the State of Georgia’s strategic goal to prevent or reduce crime and violence.

**2018 Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN):**

**Violent Gang and Gun Crime Reduction Program**

**Request for Proposals (RFP)**

**Eligibility**

Eligible applicants are non-profit and for-profit organizations, local or state governments and educational institutions who operate or have the ability to serve any of the 46 counties in the Northern District. Priority will be given to applicants who have an established presence in or the ability to serve the following target areas: Crystal Lakes and Wesley Park Neighborhoods (unincorporated Clayton County), English Avenue Neighborhood (City of Atlanta), Blacksville and Sable Chase Neighborhoods in McDonough (Henry County), and the Calumet Community in LaGrange (Troup County).

**Note: All subrecipients (including any for-profit organization) must forgo any profit or management fee.**

**Deadline**: All applications are due at 5:00 p.m. on *April 19, 2018*

**Available Funding:** Approximately $255,488

**Award Period\*:** May 1, 2019 through March 30, 2021

**Contact Information**

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**Release Date: March 20, 2019**

\*The award period is dependent upon when federal funding becomes available (if awarded) and, therefore, it may change.

**2018 Project Safe Neighborhoods**

**Criminal Justice Coordinating Council and the U.S. Attorney’s Office of North Georgia Request for Proposals (RFP)**

**Prevention/Reentry Agencies**

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. The program must be:

**Comprehensive**—The most successful initiatives combine enforcement with prevention and deterrence efforts.

**Coordinated**—Programs that ensure coordination between enforcement, deterrence and prevention efforts are more likely to succeed than those that do not.

**Community-based**—The composition of gang and gun-related crime varies at the local level, and the resources available to address it vary from district to district. Accordingly, any national crime reduction program must remain sufficiently flexible for jurisdictions to implement it in a way that both responds to the specific problem in that area, and accounts for the particular local capacities and resources that can be dedicated. PSN represents the national commitment to reduce gun and gang-related crime in America by coordinating with existing local programs which target these crimes, and by providing those programs with the additional tools necessary for them to be successful.

• The partnership element requires workable and sustainable partnerships with federal, state, and local law enforcement and prosecutors.

• Community strategic problem-solving involves the use of data and research to isolate the key factors driving violent crime at the local level.

• The outreach component incorporates communication strategies geared at residents, youth offenders, and other community members.

• The accountability element ensures that the PSN task force regularly receives feedback about the impact of its interventions to make necessary program adjustments.

For more specific guidance with the development and implementation of your proposed project as it relates to the Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) grant program, the link to the national PSN site can be accessed [here](https://www.bja.gov/programdetails.aspx?program_id=74).

The USA for the Northern District of Georgia is implementing a targeted and prioritized strategy, based upon data that addresses gun and gang crime in six Target Enforcement Areas (TEAs) for place-based enforcement. The TEAs are:

• Calumet Community in LaGrange (Troup County)

• Blacksville and Sable Chase Neighborhoods in McDonough (Henry County)

• Crystal Lake and Wesley Park Neighborhoods (unincorporated Clayton County)

• English Avenue Neighborhood (City of Atlanta).

The strategy also incorporates a people-based enforcement plan that targets violent repeat offenders who are committing violent crimes in all of the 46 counties in the Northern District. The USA’s strategy is attached, and all proposals must follow and support the strategy.

As a potential recipient of a 2019 PSN award, ***your organization must have an established community presence in or ability to serve these areas to be eligible for an award***. Note: The Prevention and Reentry component of the Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) Strategy relies heavily upon the Credible Messenger Initiative. Credible Messengers are neighborhood leaders, experienced prevention and reentry specialists, and individuals with relevant life experiences (often including their own involvement with the criminal justice system) who serve in a variety of capacities to coach, guide, mentor, facilitate and advocate for the youth and adults who have been detained or incarcerated for gun-related and gang-related crime.

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 or counties listed above.** Please be specific in what services your organization provides. What type of services and for whom? If you have current programs within these areas, please describe the capacity of those programs. How many individuals is your organization currently servicing? How many can they service? Also describe your organization, i.e., non-profit, neighborhood association, community board, etc.
* **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.
* **Describe how your organization will partner with and liaise with the U.S. Attorney’s Office.** The USA’s Office must incorporate the 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 May 1, 2019) using the provided template**

**Reviewing the Application\***

Please review all attachments found in the website announcement thoroughly prior to submitting your application, information for **Applicant Workshop Webinar** can be found there.

**HOW TO APPLY**

Submit the completed application, detailed narrative and budget, to CJCC using the link provided in announcement. Please note that you will not be able to save an incomplete application and return at a later time. Ensure that you have all of the required information and attachments before submitting your documents. To be eligible for funding consideration, a complete application must be received by our office by **April 19, 2019 at 5:00 P.M**. No mail or e-mailed applications will be accepted.