

Notice of Funding Availability

Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) FY 21 Project Safe Neighborhoods Southern District of California

This Notice of Funding Availability is provided by the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) for the 2021 Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) program with the United States Attorney's Office Southern District of California (SDCA). PSN is an essential source of grant funding available for state and local law enforcement agencies developing innovative multi-disciplinary, multi-agency approaches to address violent crime through the cultivation of collaborative relationships. The program's effectiveness depends upon the ongoing cooperation of local, state, tribal, and federal law enforcement agencies working together with the communities they serve—engaged in a unified approach facilitated by the USAO's in all judicial districts.

Opportunity Category: Competitive

Posting Date: **February 15, 2022**

Closing Date: **Friday, March 21, 2022, 5:00 p.m. PST**

Funding Instrument: Sub-grant Agreement

Funding Categories: Intervention, Enforcement, Research and Evaluation

Estimated Total Program Funding: \$166,846

Cost sharing or matching: This sub-grantee solicitation does **not** require a match

Term of Funding: October 1, 2021 – September 30, 2024 (1, 2, or 3 years of requested grant funding)

Description:

The PSN Gang and Gun Crime Reduction Program is administered by the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), through SANDAG. SANDAG is the assigned Fiscal Agent for the USAO SDCA for FY 21 PSN funding. SANDAG is responsible for providing coordinated and transparent management of various programmatic and financial components of the award.

Focused Program Areas:

SANDAG and the USAO SDCA have vetted purpose areas for the FY 2021 PSN application. Focused program purpose areas and mandates for the FY 2021 funding cycle have been limited to:

1. Law enforcement programs that will curb gun and gang violence and the availability of weapons in high-risk populations and high crime areas. This may include targeting gangs and violent street groups, geographic hot spot areas, felons in possession, and/or chronic violent offenders.
2. Prevention programs that break the cycle of crime and keep youth and adults from becoming involved in gangs and crime. This may include reentry, prevention, mentoring, instructional, or other programs that provide services that prevent or rehabilitate gang members.
3. Prevention programs that place special emphasis on law enforcement mentors working alongside credible messengers who are former gang members.
4. Research that informs regional strategies to reduce gun violence or measure their effectiveness.

Supplanting:

Grant funds are intended to add, augment, or supplement, **not replace**, resources already committed to the Reduction of Gun and Gang Violence control effort.

Reporting Requirements:

All selected applicants (sub-grantees) shall be required to submit quarterly financial and programmatic reports.

Application Procedure:

All applicants must submit a cover sheet, program narrative, budget detail worksheet, and the certified assurances to:

- Ruben Casillas at: Ruben.Casillas@Sandag.org or at (619) 595-1319

Applicants should visit SANDAG's website at:

<https://www.sandag.org/SouthernDistrictPSN> or contact Ruben Casillas to learn more about this funding opportunity. All applicants will find certified assurances at the web site address above. All applications are due no later than March 21, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. PST.

Program Narrative – 8 PAGES MAXIMUM, NOT INCLUDING THE COVER PAGE, 1 INCH MARGINS, 12-POINT TIMES NEW ROMAN FONT, DOUBLE SPACED

Cover Sheet

- Applicant agency: Provide the official name, physical address, and mailing address of the entity applying for funds.
- Project director: Provide the name, title, telephone number, and email address of the individual who will be in direct charge of the project.
- Project title: Provide the title or name of the project.
- Requested amount
- Proposed start and end date
- Elevator pitch: Please describe your proposal in 1 to 2 sentences.

Statement of the Problem (SAP)

- Identify the existing need and problem.
- Include relevant data, such as jurisdiction, arrest, and crime rates.
- Identify the Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) program strategy that will be utilized (Law enforcement or outreach).
- Demonstrate an understanding of the PSN program strategy goals and timeline.

Program Design and Implementation

- Describe sufficiently and clearly how the proposal will be implemented.
- Describe how the proposal will advance the goals and outcome measures of the USAO SDCA's PSN Program.
- List any collaborators or partners specific to the proposal. Describe the role of each collaborator or partner. Written agreements should be included where possible, such as a memorandum of understanding (MOU), contract, or a Letter of Agreement (LOA).

Capabilities/Competencies

- Describe capabilities to (1) implement the program in the identified areas; and (2) implement the program within the established project timeline.
- Demonstrate expertise in collaborating with local, state, and federal law enforcement, and/or criminal justice partnerships (including the United States

Attorney's Office).

- Demonstrate experience in addressing gun and gang violence, gang violence associated with conflict over turf, narcotics distribution, aggression, and/or shootings.
- Demonstrate experience working with law enforcement, criminal justice agencies, and/or community-based partners on targeted enforcement, prevention activities, and/or community engagement.

Plan for Collecting Required Data

- Describe the process for measuring project performance.
- Indicate who will be responsible for submitting Quarterly Progress Reports and Performance Measurement Tool Reports.

Budget

- Provide a budget and budget narrative that are complete, cost effective, and allowable (i.e., reasonable, allocable, and necessary for program activities).
- Budget narratives should demonstrate how the applicant will maximize cost effectiveness of grant expenditures.
- An indirect cost rate of 10% of the total amount requested for personnel costs only (salary plus fringe) is allowable only for non-governmental organizations.

All applicants should use the Excel version of OJP's Budget Detail Worksheet available online at: <https://www.ojp.gov/funding/apply/forms/ojp-budget-detail-worksheet>

Allowable costs

- Personnel costs, salaries, fringe benefits, overtime
- Training
- Equipment
- Supplies
- Travel
- Contractual services, when applicable
- Other costs: telecommunication, equipment maintenance, fuel and vehicle maintenance, janitorial or security services, and more.

Unallowable costs

- Expenses for non-PSN activities
- Stipends
- Bonuses or commissions
- First class travel
- Food and beverage
- Lobbying or fundraising
- Tips/gratuities
- Costs incurred prior to the start of the grant period

For more information on costs, [please refer to the DOJ Grants Financial Guide](#).

Award Selection Procedure:

Upon receipt of the sub-grant applications, SANDAG will determine the quality and validity of each submission. For a grant submission to be reviewed it must meet all of the aforementioned criteria for completeness. Eligible applications will then be forwarded to USAO SDCA's PSN Selection Committee for review. The PSN Selection Committee will review, rate, and rank each responsive application received based on the following criteria:

1. Statement of the Problem and Understanding of the PSN Program Strategy
2. Program Design and Implementation
3. Capabilities/Competencies
4. Plan for Collecting Required Data
5. Budget and Detailed Budget Narrative

The PSN Selection Committee will submit their recommendations to SANDAG for ratification. The final selections will be forwarded to the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA). A decision to deny funding may not be appealed, however it does not prohibit resubmission of a similar proposal in a subsequent year of funding.

Once the allocation of funding has been made to all selected sub-grantees, each recipient will receive an award letter indicating their final award amount. All applicants will be notified, in writing, of their funding decision. This notification will be made within 30 days of the PSN Selection Committee's meeting to select applicants for the SDCA's PSN program for FY 2021.

Termination:

SANDAG shall have the right to terminate this Notice of Funding Availability (NFA). The terms of this Notice are contingent upon federal appropriations and authorizations being made by the Congress of the United States. If sufficient appropriations and authorizations are not formalized, this NFA shall terminate, with notice being given by SANDAG to the applicant. SANDAG is not committed to reimburse grant funding to sub-grantees until the funds are programmed, budgeted, and approved.