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PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS GUN AND GANG CRIME PREVENTION

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

GOAL OF THE PROGRAM

The goal of the New Hampshire Project Safe Neighborhoods Grant Program is to develop, maintain and expand comprehensive gun crime reduction and anti-gang strategies in New Hampshire's cities and to develop sustainable programming that will continue to monitor and assess violent crime. **Successful applicants will have demonstrated critical gun and/or gang crime in their communities via the application's problem statement.**

WHO MAY APPLY

The New Hampshire Department of Justice will accept applications from law enforcement agencies only from New Hampshire's cities as defined on the website:

http://www.nh.gov/municipal/index.html

ALLOWABLE ACTIVITIES

The proposed grant-funded activities should be directed at initiatives designed to prevent the infiltration of gang entities, the illegal sale and use of firearms, and gang/gun education and outreach. While the current year's federal solicitation focuses on gun crime prosecution, youth gang prevention activities may be allowable. The Bureau of Justice Assistance is also strongly encouraging grantees to leverage other resources with the limited funds offered by this request for proposals.

Project Safe Neighborhoods requires that five design features be included in our statewide initiative. Those five design features are as follows:

- Partnerships
- Strategic Planning and Research Integration
- Training
- Outreach
- Accountability and Data-Driven Efforts

Also, BJA encourages the implementation of evidence-based practices, which are initiatives that have been studied by one or more researchers and have been deemed successful in prevention, intervention and/or treatment of anti-social behaviors. A valuable resource for finding evidence-based practices for your program can be found at www.nrepp.samhsa.gov. The website enables you to search by key word for appropriate initiatives that will be allowable under the PSN program.

Some model programs held up by the Bureau of Justice Assistance as best practices include:

- **Project Exile**, which includes comprehensive training for local law enforcement on federal firearm statutes and innovative outreach/education through various media outlets. For more information:

  http://wwwc.house.gov/judiciary/Legacy/earlatt.htm

- **Operation Ceasefire,** which targets repeat youthful (24 and under) violent offenders who are responsible for the majority of gun crimes. The targeted deterrence strategy was balanced with intervention and prevention programs for at-risk youth. In many cases crime mapping was utilized to determine a community's "hot spot" for violent crime and concentrated resources were applied to that area. For more information, see the following:

  http://www.ojjdp.gov/pubs/gun_violence/profile21.html

- **OJJDP's Comprehensive Gang Model**. The National Gang Center developed a website with links to many promising program outlines. All of the initiatives described in the Gang Model are evidence-based and approved by the Bureau of Justice Assistance. The website can be found at:

  http://www.nationalgangcenter.gov/Comprehensive-Gang-Model/About

These are but a few examples of allowable programming. You may find other programs/strategies that meet the needs of your community utilizing the Comprehensive Gang Model or at www.psn.gov.

Also, the Office of the Chief Financial Officer has issued the Federal Financial Guide, which lists allowable/unallowable expenses. It is also a valuable resource for subgrantees. The guide can be found at:

http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/financialguide/index.htm

WHAT IS NOT SUPPORTED BY PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS FUNDS

- Equipment and/or activities deemed "entertainment". While "Teen Night" and other deterrent activities are effective, program elements such as arts and crafts, video games, live or recorded music or other entertainment are not allowable under the Office of Chief Financial Officer guidelines.
- Food, except under very narrow circumstances, and only with written consent from the Fiscal Agent and the Bureau of Justice Assistance

SUBMISSION

You may obtain a Project Safe Neighborhoods grant application package by calling the Grants Management Unit at 271-7820.

Applications are due on or before Friday, November 18, 2011 at 4:00 p.m.

Please submit **the original only** of the completed application to:

Johanna S. Houman, PSN Fiscal Agent
New Hampshire Department of Justice
Grants Management Unit
33 Capitol Street
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Incomplete applications will not be considered. Applications must contain every item contained in the checklist at the end of the application package.

REVIEW CRITERIA

Applications will be reviewed in the following areas:

- The experience, knowledge, and capacity of the applicant for the management of grant funds and grant reporting requirements.

- The experience in work related to gang/gun crime.

- The ability of the applicant to clearly identify the nature of the problem in the community, the activities required to address the problem, the staffing and resources available to successfully carry out proposed activities, and a plan for the collection of measurable data. **The applicant must demonstrate critical gang/gun crime issues in their community in order to be considered for an award.**

- The likelihood that the proposed enforcement strategy will have an immediate and measurable impact on the problem.

- The identification of realistic and measurable goals, objectives, activities, and data to be collected to evaluate the success of the applicant's strategy, as well as the means by which information will be collected.

REQUIREMENTS OF SUCCESSFUL APPLICANT

Successful applicants will be required to provide quarterly financial reports to the PSN Fiscal Agent. Subgrantees must submit, upon request, documentation that supports the financial reporting, in order to comply with federal requirements.

SELECTION PROCESS

The review process will take place beginning Monday, November 21, 2011. Applications will be reviewed and either approved or denied by December 7, 2011. Successful applications will then be brought for approval to the Governor and Executive Council for implementation by December 14, 2011.

GRANT PERIODS

Grant periods are the date of Governor and Executive Council approval to September 30, 2013.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Questions related to this request for grant proposal may be addressed to Johanna Houman, PSN Fiscal Agent, at (603) 271-7820 or via e-mail at Johanna.Houman@doj.nh.gov.