



May Grant Newsletter

May 23, 2014

Dear Fellow Hoosiers,

Like you, I am extremely concerned about violent crime that is happening in many Indiana neighborhoods. My focus as U.S. Senator is on assisting law enforcement, community organizations, elected officials and other community leaders, non-profits, and anyone else who wants to help solve the problem of violent crime find the tools they need.

I hope the following information is helpful and informative. My Grants Director, Marianne Black, can be contacted at marianne_black@donnelly.senate.gov if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Senator Joe Donnelly

GRANTS & RESOURCES

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

COPS Hiring Program

The competitive 2014 Hiring Program will provide funding to hire or re-hire law enforcement officers. In FY 2014, additional consideration will be given for applicants who select "Homicide/Gun Violence," "Homeland Security Problems," or "Trust Problems" as their focus area. In addition, the issue of school safety continues to be a national priority with the law enforcement community, educators, and the general public so additional consideration will also be given to applications for School Resource Officers.

The COPS grant program is now open. The application deadline is June 23, 2014. Click [here](#) for the latest COPS updates, frequently asked questions and links to the application.

Violent Gang and Gun Crime Reduction Program (Project Safe Neighborhoods) Grant

The PSN grant requires five elements to address specific gun crime and gang violence, in the most violent neighborhoods: partnerships; strategic planning, research integration, and crime analysis; training; outreach; and accountability. The program is designed to encourage and focus funding in high-performing and evidence-based programs where the need is greatest and where the most violent neighborhoods, within districts, are being addressed. PSN initiatives require coordination between the relevant United States Attorney's Office and local, state and federal law enforcement agencies to implement gang and gun crime enforcement, intervention and prevention initiatives within the district. The deadline for PSN recently passed, but there is now a full year to develop a program for your community and prepare to apply next year. For the full announcement, and for information on the types of initiatives that qualify, click [here](#).

Office of Justice Programs (OJP)

Additional criminal justice-related grant opportunities are also available through the Office of Justice Programs. For more information on other specific programs that may be appropriate for your community, please click [here](#).

The **DOJ** also offers **resources** for law enforcement agencies:

- **Information** on approaches to many aspects of community policing from violent crimes to use of technology can be found [here](#).
- **Publications** from the COPS Resource Library can be ordered for free using the form found [here](#).

OJP Grants 101, a Comprehensive Lesson on Grants, from pre-application to post-award instructions, is available on the DOJ website. If you plan to apply for DOJ funding, be sure to investigate [this website](#) thoroughly before you begin.

OJP Grants 101 provides:

- An overview of the OJP grant process for competitive and non-competitive

- programs;
- Tips on how to find funding opportunities and write strong applications;
- A description of the application review process; and
- Links to other resources, including the OJP Financial Guide and sample application materials.

Office of Justice Programs Diagnostic Center

The Office of Justice Programs (OJP) launched its Diagnostic Center in 2012 to serve as a technical assistance resource for state, local and tribal policymakers seeking to develop data-driven criminal justice strategies and improve public safety. The Diagnostic Center works with communities to analyze strategies and tactics in individual communities and ensure that limited local resources are invested wisely and leveraged where they are most effective to produce better safety outcomes. To learn about how the OJP Diagnostic Center can help in your community, click [here](#).

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

The Youth Empowerment II grant is now available. It focuses on the risk behaviors of at-risk minority male youth at critical stages in their lives, and improving long-term outcomes to increase the quality of their lives. Projects should address one or more of the following focus areas: 1) minority male youth violence (including gang violence); 2) teen pregnancy prevention education as it relates to males; 3) career preparation training that is appropriate for at-risk minority male youth; and 4) mentoring support services. Complete project information can be found [here](#).

The deadline is June 13, 2014.

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Byrne JAG funding is awarded to states and local governments through a formula based on population and violent crime statistics. Byrne JAG funding must be used to supplement existing funds and can be used for state and local initiatives, technical assistance, training, personnel, equipment, supplies contractual support and IT systems for law enforcement, prosecution and court programs, prevention and education, corrections, drug treatment, victim and witness and planning, evaluation and technology improvement.

Most of the DOJ Byrne Grant funding is administered through the State Administering Agency, the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI) for distribution to local law enforcement agencies. It is important that local agencies register [here](#) with ICJI in order to get the latest grant announcements and information. Byrne JAG funding opportunities will be open for applications in the fall. ICJI is focused on interoperability, communications and data collection so that they can determine where resources are most needed.

If you have questions about ICJI funding, I encourage you to contact Megan Compton, Drug and Crime Control Director, at mlcompton@cji.in.gov or 317.232.1233.

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