

Governor's Office of Planning and Budget
Public Safety and Community Violence Reduction (PSCVRG) Grant Program
CFDA 210.27 Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds
Notice of Funding Opportunity
August 24, 2022

DISCLAIMER

This Notice of Funding Opportunity (“NOFO”) is intended to be a guide to the application process for perspective applicants applying for consideration of funding through the Public Safety and Community Violence Reduction Grant Program. This guidance is not exhaustive, binding, or final.

I. OVERVIEW

The purpose of this funding is to address violent gun crime and community violence that have increased as a result of COVID-19, or to address a decrease in public sector law enforcement staffing as a result of COVID-19.

II. APPLICATION ASSISTANCE

The primary program specialist for the Public Safety and Community Violence Reduction Grant Program is Amanda Hawkins (Amanda.Hawkins@opb.georgia.gov). For general questions on our grant programs, applicants may also reach out to grants@opb.georgia.gov.

III. FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR AWARD

OPB anticipates that approximately \$100,000,000 million may be available under this NOFO, which may be increased or decreased at OPB's discretion. Awards may be made up to Up to \$1,500,000 per entity. OPB reserves the right to fund, in whole or in part, any, all, or none of the applications submitted in response to this NOFO.

IV. ELIGIBLE ACTIVITY

Note: State agencies are not eligible to apply for program category 1 below.

1. Law Enforcement Staffing (Hiring law enforcement officials)¹:

- Hire Public Safety employees for the same positions that existed on January 27, 2020 but that were unfilled or eliminated as of March 3, 2021.
- Hiring above pre-pandemic baseline, by adjusting the pre-pandemic baseline for historical growth in the public sector employment over time. If choosing this option, the formula prescribed in Treasury's final rule that must be completed to determine eligibility

2. Violent Crime Reduction Programs²: Evidence-based practices like focused deterrence, street outreach, violence interrupters, and hospital-based violence intervention models, complete

¹ State Agencies are not eligible to apply for Program Category 1, Law Enforcement Staffing

² Many communities are using SLFRF funds to invest in holistic approaches in violence prevention that are rooted in targeted outreach and addressing root causes. For example, the City of St. Louis is planning to invest in expanding a “community responder” model designed to provide clinical help and to divert non-violent calls away from the police department. Additionally, the city will expand access to mental health services, allowing residents

with wraparound services such as behavioral therapy, trauma recovery, job training, education, housing and relocation services, and financial assistance

3. Equipment and Technology: Investments in technology and equipment to allow law enforcement to more efficiently and effectively respond to the rise in gun violence resulting from the pandemic, for example technology to assist in the identification of guns whose serial numbers have been damaged.

4. Community Violence Intervention Programs³: Funding more intervention workers, increasing their pay, providing training and professional development for intervention workers, and hiring and training workers to administer the programs.

V. ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

All ARPA applicants must have an organization, or subrecipient, that will serve as the fiduciary agent and assume overall responsibility for the grant. As this is a law enforcement grant, the implementing agency must be a law enforcement agency and the affiliated unit of government will be either the municipal or county governance of the law enforcement agency. Eligible ARPA applicants include:

- Law enforcement agencies
- A unit of local government
- State agencies

VI. SCORING CRITERIA

The following criteria will be used by the committee to score applications for this Grant Program:

- Description of the Issue (30%)
- Project Design and Implementation (30%)
- Capabilities and Competencies (15%)
- Performance Measures (10%)
- Budget (15%)

VII. MATCHING FUNDS

Match funding is not required or scored in this application.

VIII. PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE

All funds must be expended by October 31, 2026, which is the end of the period of performance. The awardee may use PSCVRG funds to cover costs incurred beginning from the date of award approval by OPB through October 31, 2026.⁴

to seek support at city recreation centers, libraries, and other public spaces.⁵⁷ Similarly, Los Angeles County will further invest in its “Care First, Jails Last” program which seeks to replace “arrest and incarceration” responses with health interventions. Los Angeles County, CA Recovery Plan

<http://file.lacounty.gov/SDSinter/bos/supdocs/160391.pdf>. (Department of U.S. Treasury’s Final Rule)

³ The White House, FACT SHEET: More Details on the Biden-Harris Administration’s Investments in Community Violence Interventions (April 7, 2021), <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statementsreleases/2021/04/07/fact-sheet-more-details-on-the-biden-harris-administrations-investments-in-communityviolence-interventions/>.(Department of U.S. Treasury’s Final Rule)

⁴ Award approval requires an executed Terms and Conditions agreement, active UEI, vendor location on file, and approved budget. The award status will move from ‘awarded’ to ‘approved’ when the requirements are met.

Only new projects that have not started at the time of the release of this NOFO are eligible for the PSCVRG Program.

IX. ELIGIBLE PROJECT COSTS

Allowable costs are determined in accordance with the cost principles identified in 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Subpart E. Federal funds committed to an award may only be used to cover allowable costs incurred during the period of performance for eligible activity outlined by the program category allowable activity.

X. PAYMENT REQUESTS

All payment requests for allowable activity will be paid using a reimbursement method.

XI. GRANT PROGRAM TIMELINE

August 24, 2022: NOFO Release

September 1, 2022: Application Period Begins

September 6, 2022: Virtual Applicant Workshop

November 18, 2022: Application Window Closes. Applications due by 11:59 PM EST (OPB Staff will be available until 5pm for technical assistance)

November 19-December 19, 2022: Application Review

January 2023: Final Recommendations and Preliminary Awards Announced (Date is dependent upon the volume of applications received)

****OPB will hold an in-person training(s) and technical assistance for this program. Dates, times, and location for in-person training are forthcoming.***

XII. APPLICATION REVIEW PROCESS

All applications will be reviewed for eligibility and completeness, and then evaluated based on the priorities and criteria identified herein. Recommendations will be made to the governor for final selection.

XIII. APPLICATION AWARD AND NOTIFICATION

All applications will be reviewed and evaluated according to the scoring criteria, priorities, and preferences outlined in this NOFO. All award results will be posted on OPB's website and applicants notified in writing.

XIV. GRANT AGREEMENT AND TERMS AND CONDITIONS

An applicant selected for funding through the Public Safety Community Violence Reduction Strategies Grant Program that wishes to accept this award must execute the Grant Program Terms and Conditions within 60 days of award announcements. The State will not accept proposed changes or amendments to the Terms and Conditions. Failure or refusal to comply with this requirement will result in award funds being rescinded.

XV. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER REQUIREMENTS

Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, including 2 C.F.R. Part 200 apply to awarded projects, except for any provisions the Treasury may determine are inapplicable to an award. Each award is further subject to such exceptions as may be

otherwise provided by Treasury. More information on applicable policy requirement can be found under the [21.027 assistance listing](#) for Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (CSLFRF), Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund (CSFRF) and Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (CLFRF).

XVI. REPORTING

Subrecipients awarded funding through the PSCVRS Grant Program will be subject to all reporting requirements as set forth by the State and Treasury.

XVII. OVERSIGHT

Subrecipients awarded funding through the PSCVRS Grant Program will be subject to audit or review by the Treasury Inspector General and Government Accountability Office. Additionally, all subrecipients will undergo a subrecipient monitoring program.