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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program

The Governor's Crime Commission seeks applications for the State Crisis Intervention Program (SCIP) funding to provide: 1. Community based behavioral health deflection strategies for justice involved individuals, violent crime and firearm reduction programs, and crisis intervention services, 2. Specialty courts with linkage to treatment and life skills service providers 3. School based safe gun storage campaigns and youth focused gun education programs.

Match Requirements

There are no match requirements for SCIP.

Timeline

Application Deadline   August 23, 2024 by 11:59 PM
Grant Period of Performance   October 1, 2024 - September 30, 2026

Contact Information

For assistance with your NCID, visit https://it.nc.gov/support/ncid.
For assistance logging into the online grant management system, contact the ITS Service Desk at 919-754-6000 or toll free at 1-800-722-3946.
For application questions and assistance, contact the Governor's Crime Commission staff:
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SCORING PROCESS

GCC seeks to fund projects in the best interest of the state. Grant applications are competitive and will be scored and reviewed by a committee within the Governor's Crime Commission. Not

everyone who applies will be awarded a grant. The Committee will consider geography, diversity, frequency and type of prior funding, high risk populations, economic need, as well as direct awards provided by USDOJ and others.

No application or proposal is guaranteed award at any time during the time of grant review or the recommendation process. Funding is subject to the availability of federal funds and the project's adherence to federal funding guidelines. Funding decisions are made by the members of the State Crisis Intervention Committee and the members of the Governor's Crime Commission.

Authority

SCIP is a federal formula grant. Our funding partner is the United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance. Included by reference is the federal solicitation: BJA FY 2022-2023 Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program Formula Solicitation (ojp.gov)

Agencies must abide by any additional eligibility or service criteria as established by the North Carolina Governor's Crime Commission including submitting statistical and programmatic information on the use and impact of grant funds as well as any requirements placed by the Bureau of Justice Assistance.

PROGRAM PRIORITIES 2024-2025

TREATMENT COURTS	
Funding Minimum	$50,000/year
Funding Maximum	$250,000/year
Length of Award	Two years
Eligible Subrecipients	Local courts, North Carolina AOC (Administrative Office of the Courts) or court designated agency
	One application under this priority per court district.

With this solicitation North Carolina seeks best practices and innovations in the treatment court space. Applicants must work with AOC Specialty Courts Staff to ensure they have the capacity to manage the grant to start this October. Given the federal grant's primary purpose is to address gun violence, SCIP funded specialty courts can accept participants with firearms violations. At a minimum applicants must show a programmatic and enrollment emphasis on reducing gun violence including lowering barriers of entry to those most likely to commit and/or be a victim of a firearms involved crime.

Components for any application should include:
1) Specific resources and interventions the court will employ to address the impact of gun violence;
2) Methods to lower recidivism of participants;
3) Stakeholder agreements to ensure collaboration between attorneys, prosecution, judges, probation, and victim services;
4) Plans for individualized participant assessments and assistance;
5) Detailed projected timeline that specifies deliverables;
6) Goals, objectives and measurements for program evaluation;
7) Sustainability plan for keeping the program operational beyond the grant.

Best practices, innovations and protocols may include but are not limited to:
- Implementation of BJA approved Public Safety Risk Assessment Clearinghouse (PSRAC) criminal justice risk and needs assessments including evidence-based violence risk assessment tools to screen applicants prior to admission and at regular intervals through completion.
- Establish partnerships with Medicaid funded entities to provide wrap around services including case managers, social workers, and peer support specialists.
- Prioritizing individualized treatment plans to behavioral health and or substance abuse providers, job training, housing, transportation, and aftercare services.
- Designating "special" judges, prosecutors, and or court clerks to work regularly in the treatment court space.
- Regular monitoring and supervision of enrollees to include drug testing, court appearances,

and meeting with treatment providers and probation.
- Trainings for court staff on topics including behavioral health, substance use disorder, trauma informed practices, adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES).
- Address the health, cultural and ethnic diversity needs including sign and language interpreters and referrals to LGBTQ and BIPOC treatment providers.
- Demonstrate adherence to Adult Best Practice Standards such as those proffered by National Treatment Court Resource Center (NTCRC).

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INTERVENTION PARTICIPANT REVENUE AND TRAINING

Funding Minimum	$20,000/year
Funding Maximum	$50,000/year
Length of Award	One year
Eligible Subrecipients	Existing DVIP providers
	One application under this priority per entity.

With this solicitation, the Commission intends to enhance the capacity and reach of existing DVIP providers. Priority funding emphasis will be on addressing the limitations of the participant revenue model and providing training staff. Economically distressed communities will be prioritized based upon Office of State Budget and Management's ranking of economic status. Thus, not all DVIP providers who can apply will be funded.

PLANNING GRANTS FOR REGIONAL THREAT ASSESSMENT TEAMS

Funding Minimum	$10,000/year
Funding Maximum	$50,000/year
Length of Award	One year
Eligible Subrecipients	Local Law Enforcement Agency in partnership with other agencies that covers at least four counties
	One application under this priority per entity.

ALLOWABLE EXPENSES
The Commission seeks applications for the planning of new regional threat assessment teams. The model that is being is sought is the NC State Bureau of Investigation (NCSBI) Behavioral Threat Assessment (BeTA) unit. This unit is staffed by law enforcement officers, intelligence analysts and mental health professionals, to identify, evaluate and manage individuals identified as having motive and means to develop, or act on an opportunity to commit a targeted attack. This new regional unit must manage its own caseload from the area they are supporting and serve as a resource to regional partner agencies.

Applicants should address the following elements:
1) Initial and ongoing training for investigators on threat assessment investigation models, assessment tools, interviewing skills, intelligence analysis and data collection;

2) Threat detection software and other technology including surveillance and digital footprint mining;
3) An estimated budget detail for program onset and year over year;
4) Staffing plan to include partnerships with non-law enforcement personnel from behavioral health, social work, case management, and administrative staff;
5) Regular community engagement with key stakeholders including courts, education, and social services;
6) Protocols for capturing and reporting performance measures and outcome data;
7) Implementation of evidence-based assessment tools for identifying, assessing, and managing individuals who may be on the pathway to violence.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH FOCUSED COMMUNITY VIOLENCE INTERVENTION (CVI) PROGRAMS IN HIGH VIOLENCE COMMUNITIES	
Funding Minimum	$50,000/year
Funding Maximum	$250,000/year
Length of Award	Two year
Eligible Subrecipients	Non-Profits, Local Government, Hospitals
	One application under this priority per entity.

Commission seeks applications from existing or new CVI programs in high violence localities. High violence localities are communities with high violent crime rate per capita as well as high firearm visits to the emergency room. Funding priorities are deploying community health workers, providing trauma informed care, hospital based violence interruption, violence interrupters intervening in community violence and working to prevent retaliation and reinjury.

Applications should include:
1) Culturally competent case managers with backgrounds that reflect the communities they serve;
2) Goals and outcome measurements;
3) Planned partnerships and referrals to wrap around service providers, such as emotional and mental health, social work, substance abuse, workforce development, legal and housing assistance;
4) Staff training that is trauma informed and addresses adverse childhood experiences;
5) Existing local community partnership with multiple stakeholders such as: social services, schools, law enforcement, courts, healthcare, and non-profits including victims' services.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

REGISTER FOR FEDERAL UNIQUE ENTITIY ID (UEI)

The Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) used across the Federal Government changed from the DUNS Number to the Unique Entity ID (generated by SAM.gov). The Unique Entity ID is a 12-character alphanumeric ID assigned to an entity by SAM.gov. As part of this transition, the DUNS Number has been removed from SAM.gov. Entity registration, searching, and data entry in SAM.gov now require use of the new Unique Entity ID. New entities can get their UEI at SAM.gov and, if required, complete an entity registration: https://sam.gov/content/entity-registration

Existing registered entities can find their UEI by logging in to SAM.gov. In your workspace, select the entity title of the "Entities" widget. The UEI is shown beside the entities. Please note that the GCC staff cannot assist you with UEI issues as this system is federally managed.

REGISTER FOR NORTH CAROLINA ID (NCID)

Individual NCID passwords are needed to apply. NCID's are for North Carolina residents who need access to online services offered by the state as well as people conducting online transactions with the state on behalf of a business. Obtain your NCID username and password by registering at: https://ncid.nc.gov/idmdash/

If you have issues with obtaining your NCID or utilizing an existing NCID account, contact the ITS Service Desk 24-hours a day at (919) 754-6000 via e-mail at: its.indicents@its.gov.

APPLY FOR EBS ACCESS

All applications and all grant awards utilize GCC's web-based Enterprise Business System (EBS). Each individual must apply for access to EBS. Use a browser such as Google Chrome or Firefox to access EBS. The EBS portal does not work with a Microsoft browser such as Edge. EBS access request form can be completed at the following web address: https://www.ebs.nc.gov/sap/crmaccess/. Select NCDPS – Governor's Crime Commission as the agency. Do not use auto-fill nor paste information into the form. Your role is subrecipient. If anything is missing or incorrect on the form, the system will reject the application. Approval will take at least 2-3 business days. An EBS User's Guide is also available online: https://www.ncdps.gov/documents/gcc-ebs-external-users-guide/download?attachment

Each Subrecipient must exist in the EBS system before an individual is approved access. This can take additional time. If your organization is not found in the system, you may need to provide additional information.

Once the necessary credentials have been obtained, if you have difficulties related to EBS access, the EBS Help Desk can be contacted at EBSSupport@ncdot.gov. Please note that the GCC staff cannot assist you with NCID access issues. NCIDs cannot be shared among users. Each

user must have their own unique NCID and password. All users must adhere to the NCID Acceptable Use Policy. Violation of the policy could result in disciplinary action, termination, loss of information resources, and criminal prosecution.

APPLICANT ORGANIZATIONAL ROLES

Each application is required to have the following users assigned with established individual NCID accounts. Each user must review and approve the application in order to submit the application to GCC in EBS. The application must be fully reviewed and submitted in EBS by all required roles by August 23, 2024, at 11:59 p.m. User roles are explained in the following table.

ORGANIZATION ROLE	WHO MUST HAVE THE ROLE
Authorizing Official (AO) • Signatory to grant award. • Chief point of oversight for project	**Nonprofits**: Board Chair ** Must not be an employee of the agency without approval **State Government**: Department Secretary **Local Government**: City, Town, or County Manager **Law Enforcement Agencies**: County or City Manager
Financial Officer (FO) • Provides financial oversight to project. • Ensures compliance with both agency. and Federal financial policies and procedures	**Nonprofits**: Board Treasurer ** Must not be an employee of the agency without approval **State Government**: Chief Financial Officer or Division Finance Officer **Local Government**: Finance Director **Law Enforcement Agencies**: Agency Finance Director
Project Director (PD) • Signatory to grant award. • Responsible for execution of project • Primary point of contact with GCC	**Nonprofits**: Executive Director or appointed project staff responsible for overseeing the work of the project **State Government**: Designee responsible for overseeing the work of the project. **Local Government**: Designee project staff responsible for overseeing the work of the project. **Law Enforcement Agencies**: Designee project staff responsible for overseeing the work of the project

SETTING UP ORGANIZATIONAL ROLES
The request for organization roles can come from any of a subrecipient's representatives with access to the EBS System. Changing an organizational role is done via the submission of a Change Request in EBS. The user will click on the "Change Request" tile on their Agreement page in order to begin the request. They will complete the Officials Update at the "Officials Update" tab then enter the justification for the request. New officials will need and NCID login as explained previously.

INDIRECT COST RATE

Applicants that intend to charge indirect costs through the use of a Federally Negotiated Indirect Cost Rate (NICRA) must have a current, signed, federally approved indirect cost rate agreement. Documentation supporting the agency's use of an indirect cost rate is required.

Since utilizing an indirect cost rate occurs at the organization level, the Financial Officer is responsible for the verification of an organization's indirect cost rate (de minimis or Federally-negotiated rate). If an organization is utilizing an indirect cost rate, the required support documentation must be uploaded in EBS by the Financial Officer.

Some subrecipients have the option of using a *de minimis* indirect cost rate set by law. This *de minimis* rate is available without the need to negotiate with the cognizant federal agency for indirect costs. The *de minimis* rate is an option only for subrecipients that do not have an approved NICRA. When the *de minimis* rate is used, costs must be consistently charged as either indirect or direct costs across all your agency's federally funded projects. The de minimis rate is 10% of "modified total direct costs" (MTDC). The MTDC base includes: salary and wages, fringe benefits, materials and supplies, services, travel, and the first $25,000 of each contract. Excluded from the MTDC calculation are the following: equipment, capital expenditures, charges for patient care, tuition remission, rental costs, scholarships, and the portion of any contracts in excess of $25,000. Double-charging is not permitted.

If you elect to use de minimis in your projects, you must submit and upload a certification to each of your project applications. The De Minimis Certification Form can be found: https://www.ncdps.gov/about-dps/boards-and-commissions/governors-crime-commission/grant- forms#application

OFFICE SPACE

The Governor's Crime Commission requires a written valuation of donated office space, as well as a floor plan detailing the space used as an upload to their attached documents. If there is a lease or rental agreement associated with this entity donating this space, it should also be attached as an upload to your grant application.

CONTRACTS & CONSULTANTS

The substance of the activity that has been contracted will be the major factor considered. If program activities are delegated to another entity that delegation will generally be considered a subaward and is not allowed. On the other hand, if goods or services are purchased or procured from another entity for the non-Federal entity's own use, that activity will generally be considered a contract. For additional information on this topic, please refer to 2 C.F.R. § 200.331, subrecipient and contractor determination.

Contracts must be approved by the GCC Grant Administrator before obligations can be made. Please note that the approval of the grant award by the Commission does not constitute the approval of a specific contract. See documentation table for possible forms and certifications required.

Consultants

The limit for individual consultant rates is $650 per day or $81.25 per hour. Fees in excess of the Actual or sample contracts for the project must be uploaded (Attachment 03) to the application and approved by the assigned Grant Manager before being enacted. Reimbursements will not be approved for consultants unless their contracts have been approved by the assigned Grant Administrator.

SUPPLANTING

Supplanting, consistent with the DOJ Grants Financial Guide, is the deliberate reduction of State, local, or tribal government funds otherwise available, specifically because Federal funds are available (or expected to be available) to fund the same activity. Federal funds may be used to supplement existing State and local funds for program activities and must not supplant (replace) funds that have been appropriated for the same purpose. To avoid potential supplanting issues, the below guidelines should be followed:

- Federal funds cannot be used to pay for existing employees unless the existing position is "back-filled" with a new hire.
- Federal funds cannot be used to pay for items or costs that the award recipient is already obligated to pay with State, local, or tribal funds.
- State, local, or tribal government funds previously appropriated, allocated, or budgeted for award purposes cannot be reduced or reallocated to other purposes because of the receipt of Federal funds.
- Agencies must maintain documentation demonstrating that any reductions in non-Federal resources budgeted for award purposes is unrelated to the receipt or expected receipt of Federal funds.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SALARY

Executive Directors cannot be 100% funded through subawards. Executive Directors have responsibilities that do not include or directly support the allowable activities (for example, fundraising, donor retention, board meetings, and executive administrative functions). Personnel costs that are directly related to providing direct services, supervision of grant staff, and supporting grant activities are allowable costs.

FOOD

Food provision within the context of victim services is permissible if the food is necessary or integral to providing services to victims of crime for their safety (for example, providing food to victims at a shelter). Food for training and other events (not direct services) is generally unallowable but may be permitted with pre-approval from the US Department of Justice (DOJ). DOJ only approves requests when it deems food and beverage costs to be necessary.

GIFT CARDS

Funded projects that use gift cards (gas cards or bus passes) to support services must have written policies and internal controls regarding the purchase and use of such cards and must ensure that they are used only as reasonably necessary. Policies should address:
- What approvals are required to purchase the cards?
- How are the cards stored and accounted for?

- What items may be purchased with the cards?
- What supporting documentation is required for purchases?

PURCHASES

Supply chain issues are common. Order early! Grant funded purchases must be <u>received</u> not just obligated prior to the end of the grant period of performance. You may submit reimbursement requests for expenses occurring during your period of performance up to 60 days after your project ends.

MODIFICATIONS

GCC may request pre-award modifications after the application is submitted. Pursuant to Administrative Code 14B NCAC 05B .0203, after the award notice the subrecipient shall submit required grant compliance and modification information. An applicant may request an extension of no more than 60 days to submit the required modifications and documents. An applicant who does not provide the required information shall be ineligible for grant funding.

For the purposes of this Rule, grant compliance and modification information include the following:
- a list of grant conditions that were agreed to by an authorizing official of the Applicant;
- a certification of non-supplanting;
- a certification of filing of an Equal Employment Opportunity Program;
- a memorandum of agreement or contract with any cooperating government agencies;
- an original signature of all authorizing officials, implementing project director, and the Applicant's Chief Financial Officer; and
- a signed agreement to submit to an annual fiscal audit or financial review of the program (as required by funding threshold).

The Governor's Crime Commission staff is committed to providing high quality, efficient, and effective subrecipient customer service through guidance, support services, collaboration, compliance and technical expertise during the life of the grant. Our success relies upon the success of our grantees in providing services to communities across the state and in complying with all federal, state, and GCC guidelines. We are here to help you!