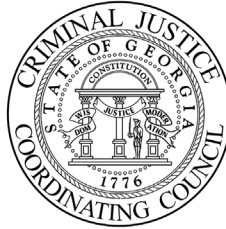


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The Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (the Council) is pleased to announce that it is seeking applications for competitive funding within the State of Georgia under the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program.

**BYRNE STATE CRISIS INTERVENTION PROGRAM (SCIP)
FY2022-2023 REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DEFLECTION**

Eligibility

Applicants are limited to community service boards, health departments, treatment providers, local child welfare offices, non-profits, and community representatives addressing gun violence reduction programs and initiatives through behavioral health deflection. Units of local government in the State of Georgia are also eligible to apply on behalf of first responders, public defender offices, courts, school systems, and local prosecuting and public defender offices. All proposals must aim to adopt or expand promising and/or evidence-based programs that prevent or reduce crime and violence, with a particular focus on gun violence, and target the risk factor of behavioral health needs that may be more likely to lead to this kind of violence.

Deadline

Applications are due by
Friday, October 18, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.

Available Funding

\$2,233,491

Award Period

January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024

Contact Information

For assistance with the requirements of this solicitation, contact:
Rachel Kilgore, Strategy and Development Coordinator, at Rachel.Kilgore@cjcc.ga.gov

Release Date

September 13, 2024

THIS IS A FEDERAL GRANT SUBJECT TO FEDERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

SECTION I: OVERVIEW AND INSTRUCTIONS

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council

The Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (the Council) is designated by the Governor of Georgia as the State Administering Agency for criminal justice and victim assistance programs. Created by the General Assembly (O.C.G.A. § 35-6A-2), the Council is comprised of 27 members representing various components of the criminal justice system. The Council uses a small proportion of each fiscal year's award to pay for costs incurred in administering this grant program.

The Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program

The Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program (SCIP), authorized by the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act of 2022, provides formula funds to support gun violence reduction programs and initiatives. When signing the bill, the President noted that this program “invests in antiviolence programs that work — that work directly with the people who are most likely to commit these crimes or become victims of gun crimes.”

How to Apply

Interested applicants should review the SCIP Solicitation Packet in its entirety and submit the completed application, including the requested information and all required attachments, using the link on the website at cjcc.georgia.gov on or before 5 p.m., Friday, October 18, 2024. This form and the provided budget detail worksheet are the only acceptable formats for submitting the narratives and budget for the funding year. It is recommended that applicants allow adequate time to complete the application. Applications must be submitted using the required format; scanned or handwritten copies of the application will not be accepted. Any application that does not adequately answer all applicable questions will be considered incomplete and will not be reviewed for funding.

On Thursday, September 19, 2024, at 2 p.m., the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council will host a virtual webinar for the RFA. To register, email Rachel.Kilgore@cjcc.ga.gov with your full contact information and any questions you would like to be answered during the webinar.

SECTION II: APPLICATION PROCESS

Application Review

Applications will be reviewed and assessed by the Council and its designated representatives considering the following:

1. Overall quality and completeness of the application;
2. Demonstration of clear, measurable, and appropriate grant project objectives;
3. Demonstration of need including geographic location, local demographics, local statistics, other financial resources, etc.; and
4. Adequate correlation between the cost of the project and the objective(s) to be achieved.

Only complete applications received by the deadline will be reviewed. **When an application is received by the Council, there is no commitment on the part of the Council to fund an application or to fund it at the amount requested.** All areas of the budget are subject to review and approval. Decisions related to these budget areas are based on both eligibility and reasonableness. The Council has full discretion to determine the reasonableness of budget items based on both objective and subjective decision-making tools. See "Restrictions on Use of Funds" subsection below to determine whether budget items requested are allowable prior to submitting your budget.

Applications for funding will undergo several reviews. At any point during these reviews, a decision to not fund a project or any part thereof may be made. These decisions are within the complete discretion of the Council.

Additionally, all applications selected by the Council must also undergo a second review process by the Bureau of Justice Assistance for approval prior to award. CJCC staff will coordinate this approval before notifying the grant applicant of award approval/denial.

Competitive Funding Decisions

All funding decisions related to the SCIP applications received in response to this solicitation are made by the Council and are based on the availability of funding. The Council will inform the applicant of funding decisions through a grant award. Applicants should not make assumptions regarding funding decisions until they have received official written notification of award or denial signed by the Council Director. Applicants can appeal the initial funding decision but must do so within fifteen (15) days of the date on the denial notice.

Once an award is made, it is within the discretion of the Council to determine that a subgrantee is not compliant with applicable policies. Upon such a determination, the Council may terminate further funding and require reimbursement of grant funds.

Use of Funds

For this project, grant funds can be used by local and regional agencies to support gun violence reduction programs and initiatives within the communities they serve related to behavioral health deflection.

Restrictions on Use of Funds

Grant funds cannot be used for: office space, utilities, food, furniture, gift cards, the purchase of vehicles, weapons, for overall agency supplies, and construction projects. Please note, this is not an exhaustive list. Please contact the assigned CJCC contact if you have any questions.

Match

No match is required under this program.

Supplanting

Funds must be used to supplement existing funds for program activities and cannot replace or supplant nonfederal funds that have been appropriated for the same purpose.

Council Approval

Notification of Council approval will be made no later than Monday, December 16, 2024, via electronic correspondence. All Council decisions regarding subgrants will be contingent upon BJA approval.

SECTION III: POST-AWARD REQUIREMENTS

Risk Assessment

Risk Assessment and Monitoring. 2 CFR 200.332(b) states that “all pass-through entities must evaluate each subrecipient’s risk of noncompliance with federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of the subaward for the purposes of determining the appropriate subrecipient monitoring.”

The SCIP monitoring schedule will be developed based on the overall subrecipient risk. The risk assessment should be completed using the implementing agency's information. For example, 'X' County Board of Commissioners receives multiple awards from CJCC but then passes it through to other local government agencies, such as a solicitor general’s office. The risk assessment should use the solicitor general office level data for the risk assessment. Once selected for funding, CJCC will provide additional instructions on how to complete the assessment.

Grant Acceptance

Subgrantees must accept or reject the grant award with original signatures and required forms within forty-five (45) days of the award date. The subgrantee will be unable to request funds until the award documents are received by the Council's office.

Special Conditions

At the time of the subgrant award, the Council will assign special conditions deemed appropriate for the program. The special conditions will outline the subgrantee's responsibilities, as well as federal and state regulations that must be adhered to, as a condition of accepting the grant award for the approved program. The special conditions will be included in the award packet and must be reviewed, signed, and returned to the Council within forty-five (45) days of the award date.

Per DOJ requirements, awardees will be required to have background checks on all personnel who will be directly interacting with the youth through this grant.

This is a federal reimbursement grant. Potential subgrantees are expected to abide by federal rules and regulations.

Fiscal Accountability

Commingling of funds on either a program-by-program or project-by-project basis is prohibited. The subgrantee’s accounting system must maintain a clear audit trail for each source of funding for each fiscal budget period and include the following:

- Separate accountability of receipts, expenditures, disbursements, and balances. CJCC recommends creating an account in your accounting system for each grant using the grant number provided by CJCC.

- Itemized records supporting all grant expenditures in sufficient detail to show exact nature of activity.
- Data and information for each expenditure with proper reference to a supporting voucher or bill properly approved.
- Maintenance of billing records for project related expenses (i.e. provider invoices with accompanying timesheets)
- Provisions for payment by check (as applicable).

Subgrantees will select whether they would prefer to be reimbursed for grant expenses on a monthly or quarterly basis, once awarded.

Performance Measures and Reporting Requirements

The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), Office of Justice Programs, the federal entity that administers the SCIP program, has developed performance measures for all funded program types. As such, the Council requires that all funded subgrantees complete a quarterly statistical report using BJA's Performance Measurement Tool (PMT). The PMT will ultimately help states produce evidence-based guidance on monitoring and evaluating programs. PMT reporting is completed based on grant-funded activities and due on the dates indicated in the chart to the right. Submission of performance measures data is not required for the application.

Reporting Period	Due Date
January 1 - March 31	April 10
April 1 - June 30	July 10
July 1 - September 30	October 10
October 1 - December 31	January 10

SECTION IV: PROGRAM DESIGN

This project will facilitate a comprehensive, multi-system collaboration among local entities statewide including first responders, community service boards, health departments, local court representatives, treatment providers, local child welfare offices, local prosecuting and public defender offices, non-profits, and community that offer gun violence reduction programs and services. Using a data-driven approach, the project will target areas with the most critical need for services while building a framework to enhance public safety beyond the grant’s scope. Grant funding will focus on behavioral health deflection, which refers to strategies and programs within the criminal justice system designed to redirect individuals with behavioral health needs away from traditional punitive measures (such as incarceration) and towards rehabilitative and supportive services. These strategies aim to address the underlying issues of behavioral health and reduce recidivism by providing alternatives to prosecution and promoting interventions that support recovery and reintegration into society. Here are some examples, though this list is not comprehensive.

1. Community Treatment and Violence Intervention Programs

Definition: These programs use evidence-informed strategies to reduce violence through tailored community-centered initiatives. Such programs can help reduce the likelihood that an individual will become involved in the criminal justice system and engage in violent crimes, instead

diverting them to receive community-based treatment and other services. These multidisciplinary strategies engage individuals to prevent and disrupt cycles of violence and retaliation and establish relationships between individuals and community assets to deliver services that save lives, address trauma, provide opportunity, and improved the physical, social, and economic conditions that often drive violence.

Examples: This would include crisis centers; mobile crisis units (including both co-responder and civilian only projects); crisis receiving and stabilization facilities for individuals in crisis; peer support specialists, diversion programs, technological supports (such as smartphone applications to help assist patients navigate mental health and related initiatives); suicide and crisis prevention and referral to services; civil/legal responses; specialized training for individuals who work with or are in families who are in crisis; and other innovative, behavioral health-related programming.

2. Intervention Services and Education Programs for Youth and Children in Need of Services

Definition: These are supportive, directive, and teaching initiatives that aim to improve a youth's level of functioning related to mental health, substance use, and violence reduction. These programs are sometimes offered in a community-based care environment or resident facility and help to redirect youth with behavioral health issues to treatment and support services instead of arrest or other involvement with the criminal justice system. Successful applicants may also collaborate with school systems to aim to prevent and reduce violence, substance use, and address the mental health needs of at-risk kids within the school. Programming should be evidence supported or evidence based.

Examples: Intervention programs include gun violence reduction or education strategies and may focus on the development of nonviolent, conflict resolution skills, active listening, and ways to help heal from trauma. Such programs will teach youth alternative, healthy ways to resolve conflict and reiterate the dangers of violent crime, particularly that of gun violence. Whole-family support services will also be a priority to help ensure basic needs are consistently being met and reduce the likelihood of a youth's future involvement with the criminal justice system.

SECTION V: APPLICATION FORM

Program Narrative

All applicants must complete a project narrative describing the proposed project being requested. The following elements are required in the project narrative. The application must be submitted online via Formstack on or before 5 p.m., October 18, 2024.

- **Project Description:** This section of the application should contain a general description of activities that justifies and describes the project to be implemented. The project description should include specific services that will be provided and explain what the project will accomplish. **If an applicant is requesting to expand an ongoing project, the application must include a detailed description of the current project, the implementation*

status to date, and how the funding will be used to supplement existing funding to achieve project objectives.

- **Needs Statement:** Provide a statement that clearly defines the problem or gaps that the initiative will address. To support your request, offer a detailed description of the target demographic, the geographic area covered, statistics, and scope of the problem that needs to be addressed. Describe any previous efforts taken to solve this issue as well.
- **Project Goals:** State the goals of the proposed project. Explain how the project goals will meet the needs of the project's target population and/or impact the proposed service area.
- **Project Activities and Services:** Describe the project's service delivery plan, detailing how the agency will achieve its goals. Explain how services will be implemented or enhanced, including a timeline for implementation. Additionally, provide an explanation of how the planned activities will address the needs of the target population as outlined in the needs statement.

SECTION VI: Attachments

- [Budget Detail Worksheet](#)
- [Designated Grant Official's Form](#)
- MOU/Contracts, if applicable
- Timeline, if not included in narrative

Budget

All applicants must attach a budget using the provided Detailed Budget Worksheet. All line items within the budget are subject to review and approval. Decisions related to these budget line items are based on allowance of line-item costs per federal program guidelines, justification of costs in relation to project activities, and reasonableness of costs based on current market rates.

How to Apply

Submit the completed application, including the requested information and all required attachments, online at [FY 2022-2023 Byrne SCIP Application Behavioral Health Deflection](#). To be eligible for funding consideration, a complete application must be submitted by 5 p.m. on Friday, October 18, 2024.