

OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS

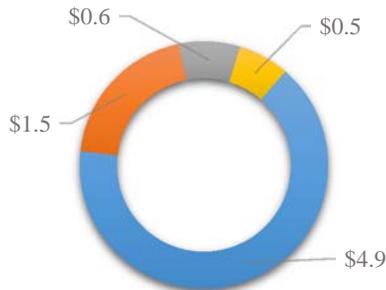
**Program Name: Violent Gang and Gun Crime Reduction Program
(formerly Project Safe Neighborhood “PSN” Initiatives)**

FY 2017 Request

Total Funding: \$5.0M
Vs. FY 2016 Enacted: -\$1.5M

FY 2014 Activities Chart

(\$ in millions)



- Grants to districts with population > 5 million
- Grants to districts with population of 2 - 5 million
- Grants to districts with population < 2 million
- National Gang Center

Program Description

Purpose: To reduce violent crime related to gang activity and criminal misuse of firearms in targeted areas.

This program provides grants, training, and technical assistance to support interagency task forces that are led by the local United States Attorney’s office. Funds may be used to:

- Hire additional prosecutors;
- Support investigators;
- Distribute gun lock safety kits;
- Deter juvenile gun crime; and
- Develop and promote community outreach efforts.

At the core of the program is increased federal prosecution of illegal gun possession and use. Other intervention strategies include police patrols and chronic violent offender and re-entry programs. Prevention strategies include neighborhood development, education and school-based programs.

Authorizing Legislation: Public Law 110-5, embedded sections 101-104; Pub. L. 109-108, 119 Stat. 2290, 2302

Administering Agency: Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA)

DOJ Strategic Objective 3.4: Reform and strengthen America’s criminal justice system by targeting only the most serious offenses for federal prosecution, expanding the use of diversion programs, and aiding inmates in reentering society

Who Can Apply for Funding and How Funds are Distributed:

Activity	Who Can Apply for Funding	Award type	Amounts
Task Force Grants	Task Force fiscal agents certified by the relevant U.S. Attorney’s Office as well as federally recognized Indian tribal governments. Eligible fiscal agents include states, units of local government, educational institutions, faith-based and other community organizations, private nonprofit organizations.	Competitive discretionary grants available for 24 months	\$150,000 - \$500,000
Training and Technical Assistance (TTA)	Nonprofit organizations (including faith-based organizations), for-profit organizations, institutions of higher education, and consortiums with experience in addressing gun crime and anti-gang violence strategies. For-profit organizations must agree to waive any profit or fees for services.	Competitive discretionary grants available for 36 months	\$150,000 - \$500,000
National Gang Center	Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) awards a cooperative agreement to a TTA provider selected through a competitive process to oversee the Center’s work	Inter-agency agreement with the OJJDP	\$500,000 in FY 2014 (Additional funding may be provided in the future)

Program Goals:

This program uses a strategic research-based model — built on successful approaches used in Boston Ceasefire, the 10-city Strategic Approaches to Community Safety Initiative (SACSI) and Richmond's Project Exile. BJA works to network existing local programs that target gang and gun crime and provide them with the additional tools necessary to be successful.

Accomplishments:

- Approximately 67,498 sworn and non-sworn personnel have received training on gang and gun related investigation, prosecution, and community centered topics since the program began in 2001.
- As result of task force investigations funded through this program, 32,515 individuals were prosecuted and convicted of illegal firearm offenses (violations of 18 U.S.C. 922- 924) in fiscal years 2009-2011.

A 2009 NIJ-funded evaluation of the effectiveness of this program found:

- Reduced violent crime overall in participating cities (4.1% decline versus 0.9% in non-participating cities)
- A decline in gun-related violence in the nine participating cities

Project Safe Neighborhoods 2013 case study report *Promising Strategies for Violence Reduction: Lessons from Two Decades of Innovations* is online at

https://www.bja.gov/Publications/MSU_PromisingViolenceReductionInitiatives.pdf.

FY 2017 Proposed Policy Changes to the Program: N/A

FY 2017 Proposed Funding Changes to the Program: N/A

Application and Award History

(\$ in millions)	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017
Amount Appropriated	\$4.6	\$8.5	\$5.0	\$6.5	\$5.0 Requested
Total Funding Awarded [^]	\$4.2	\$7.1	\$4.4	TBD	TBD
Number of Applications	69	60	59	TBD	TBD
Number of awards	15	19	13	TBD	TBD

[^] Total Funding Awarded does not include funds used for management and administration, peer review, or other authorized purposes.

For additional information, please visit: [Violent Gang and Gun Crime Reduction Program](#).

