

CY 2027 Firearm Violence Intervention and Prevention Grant Program

Overview of Guidelines and Application Procedures

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Solicitation Information

OGMS Funding Opportunity: #573920

Project period: January 1, 2027 – December 31, 2028

Application deadline: July 31, 2026, by 5:00 p.m.

Grant guidelines: available to download via OGMS and on the DCJS website at

<https://www.dcjs.virginia.gov/office-of-safer-communities/current-fvip-funding-opportunities>

Introduction and Purpose

DCJS is accepting applications for the Virginia Firearm Violence Intervention and Prevention (FVIP) Grant Program.

Purpose

- To support the implementation of strategies that reduce violent crime and
- To implementing effective and sustainable intervention and prevention programming that interrupt and prevent local cycles of violence.

About FVIP

- Gun violence intervention and prevention programs avert interpersonal violence by working with community stakeholders to provide support and intervention to those at the highest risk of becoming a victim or perpetrator of violence.
- Numerous states have noted a significant reduction in firearm violence through these programs.

Eligibility

This funding opportunity is available to:

- Registered 501c3 non-profit organizations
 - * Only those that **have not** previously received FVIP funding are eligible.
 - * All non-profit organizations must complete the DCJS FVIP Readiness Assessment to formally determine eligibility.
- Local units of government

Available Funding

DCJS anticipates awarding up to \$2.5 million under this funding opportunity.

	Minimum	Maximum
Non-profit Organizations	\$25,000	\$250,000
Local Units of Government	\$25,000	\$350,000

Program Requirements

DCJS is seeking applications that propose projects that are:

- Evidence-informed: a practice supported by evidence from research and evaluation, case studies, expert opinions, or documented lessons learned from the field.
- Local
- Strategically planned

Applicants should fully describe program services and their ability to collect performance measures on program activities.

Program Requirements

Prevention

- Solutions/strategies that keep youth and young adults from entering the cycle of violence
- Involves efforts to prevent escalation
- Assists individuals at an increased risk of violence or who exhibit early signs of violent behavior

Intervention

- Programs and policies that assist individuals and their families who were impacted by gun violence
- Reduces their risk levels to repeat exposure

Program Requirements

New Program Implementation

Applicants must demonstrate program readiness to:

- Implement community outreach;
- Collaborate with local businesses, non-profit organizations, community-based organizations, local medical and health agencies, and law enforcement; and
- Dedicate resources or subject matter experts needed to execute and administer the project.

Existing Program Implementation

Applicants must identify:

- Current funding sources (i.e., local or federal funding),
- Initial project recommendations,
- Current and past challenges that cause operations to pause or stop,
- Progress and successes that occurred since the initial implementation of the program, and
- The need to enhance the program.

Program Requirements: Sustainability

- Sustainability measures must be included in the application.
- All applicants must present a clear plan for sustainability of the program beyond the grant period, including any partners and other funding sources.

Replicable Programs

- Draw upon components of programs that have demonstrated success in reducing gun violence. Example programs:

Mentoring	Behavioral Health Services
Wrap-around services	Housing and relocation services
Victim services	Navigation services
Employment and job training	Violence interruption
Focus deterrence	Community outreach
Re-entry resources	Mentoring

- Resources
 - National Institute of Justice | <https://crimesolutions.ojp.gov/topics/gun%20violence>

Allowable and Unallowable Expenses

Allowable Expenses

- Personnel required for project
- Overtime
- Supplies
- Training
- Travel
- Equipment (necessary items related to violence reduction)
- Consultants (\$81.25hr max)
- * Supplies and equipment must be well-justified with pricing quotes.

Unallowable Expenses

- Weapons, ammunition, and related equipment
- Construction or renovation
- Land acquisition
- Vehicles
- Lobbying and political contributions
- Honoraria
- Bonuses
- Alcohol
- Indirect costs

Project Narrative

Key elements to include:

- **Organizational background: Tell us about the applying organization**
 - Brief overview of the organization
 - When the organization was founded
 - What the organization does
 - Individuals or communities served by the organization
- **Needs statement: Describe the needs of the community served**
 - Severity of crime or firearm violence issues
 - The impact of firearm violence on the community
 - Specific statistics that support the existence and extent of the problem
 - Whether a strategic comprehensive assessment has been completed, and if so, what it shows
- **Population served: Describe the intended population served by the project**
 - Locality(ies)
 - Neighborhoods
 - Communities
 - Types of individuals served

Project Narrative

- **Community background:** describe how firearm violence and violent crime have impacted the community
 - What efforts the organization has already made
 - What strategies the organization wants to implement
- **Community plan:** describe how the proposed project ties to community plans to address violence
- **Project description:** describe the proposed project or practice
 - Implementation activities
 - Activities' relevance to reducing firearm violence in the community
 - Information on how the project intends to reduce violent crime based on outlined activities
- **Promising practices:** describe the components of the promising practice(s) that will address the stated problem(s).
- **Capabilities:** describe the organization and its capabilities to implement the proposed project
 - Prior experience working collaboratively with the locality
- **Timeline:** describe the planned implementation activities and their relevance to the state goals and objectives

Additional Application Components

Letters of Support

- Attach letters from entities expected to be sources of referrals to the program (as described in the “population served” section).
 - These letters should speak to the organization’s ability to fulfill the goals and objectives of the program and how the program seeks to benefit the community.

Non-profit Verification

- Provide the link to the organization’s non-profit notation in GuideStar.org, IRS Tax Exempt Organization Search, or other similar non-profit data source engine.
 - If notation is not available, leave this field blank and upload a copy of the organization’s tax-exempt letter as an attachment.

Local Government Letter of Support

- Attach a letter of support from the city manager, county administrator, or the local criminal justice planner describing how this program will fit within the local violence reduction plan.
 - This letter must be uploaded using the Attachments tab in OGMS.

Other Attachments

- A letter designating signing authority is required if someone other than the specified individual signs any of the certifications in the application.
 - This letter must be on official organization letterhead, include an effective date, and include the contact information of the person being granted signatory authority.
- Applicants seeking funding under “Personnel” must attach job descriptions for each staff person to whom they are requesting funding.
 - Job descriptions must correspond to each staff person listed on the application.
- A copy of the most recent 990 form and audit
- A project timeline
- Letters of support
- Tax-exempt Status Letter
- Completed DCJS FVIP Readiness Assessment
- Quotes for supplies/equipment

On-line Grants Management System (OGMS)

OGMS Training and Resources Page

- <https://ogms.dcjs.virginia.gov/>



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OGMS Login:

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The screenshot shows the OGMS Login page. On the left, there is a 'Login' section with a header 'Enter your user id and password'. It contains two input fields: 'User ID' and 'Password'. Below these is a green 'SIGN IN' button. At the bottom of this section are links for 'Forgot User ID?' and 'Forgot Password?'. A large blue arrow points from the left towards a yellow button labeled 'Click here to Register'. Below the login section is a 'Single Sign On For Internal Users Only' section with a blue button labeled 'Click Here to Access Single Sign On Tool'. On the right side of the page is an 'Announcements' section. It starts with 'Welcome to OGMS! Registration is now open!' followed by a paragraph about the system launch and a link to training resources. Below this is a 'Mandatory CASA Training' announcement for February 22, 2021, with contact information for Terry Willie-Surratt. The final announcement is 'Phase One Implementation', stating that grants have been transitioned to OGMS and are no longer in GMIS.

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Announcements

Welcome to OGMS! Registration is now open!

The Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) is excited to announce the official launch of the new Online Grant Management System (OGMS)! Users may now begin the registration process. Every user that manages a DCJS grant will need to register to receive a login account. This includes those within your locality that are responsible for submitting a grant application, uploading progress reports, entering financial reports, and requesting funds. You should have received the instructions on *Completing Your Registration in OGMS* via email, however if you did not, training materials and resources can be located here <https://www.dcjs.virginia.gov/grants/ogms-training-resources>.

Mandatory CASA Training

A mandatory training will be held on Monday, February 22, 2021 at 2:00 PM to assist CASA programs with completing applications. The training will be held via WebEx. Call in instructions will be emailed separately. This session will be recorded. If you have any questions, please contact Terry Willie-Surratt at (804) 225-4320 or via email at terry.willie-surratt@dcjs.virginia.gov.

Phase One Implementation

The following grants have been fully transitioned to OGMS and have now been disabled in GMIS. Please start to manage your grant in OGMS.

FY21 CCCA/PSA-Community Corrections & Pretrial Services Expansion Grants – Start Date 1/1/2021

On-line Grants Management System (OGMS)

Registration

- Every user that manages a DCJS grant will need to register to receive a login account.
- When registering, the **Program Area of Interest** is only used to process registration, and it does not restrict a users ability to apply for other funding opportunities.
- Registration approval takes approximately 3-5 business days.
- You will receive a confirmation email from: VAgrantsDCJS@webgrantsmail.com with the User ID and a temporary password to login to OGMS.
- To update personal contact information, select **My Profile**, update the information, and select save. For organization profile changes, contact grantsmgmt@dcjs.virginia.gov.
- For technical assistance contact: ogmssupport@dcjs.virginia.gov

Application Review Process

- DCJS reviews the applications to ensure the information presented is reasonable, understandable, measurable, and achievable, as well as consistent with the solicitation.
- All applications are reviewed as part of a competitive review process and are rated based on:
 - Information provided;
 - Adherence to the grant guidelines; and
 - The clarity, substance, and strength of the request for funding.
- The Criminal Justice Services Board (CJSB) Grants Committee will review recommended grant application scores and summaries and make recommendations for funding to the CJSB.
- The CJSB will make final grant award decisions at its meeting on **October 8, 2026**.
 - * Funding decisions are final and may not be appealed.
 - * DCJS Office of Grants Management will issue grant award packages based on the final approval of the CJSB, and fiscal or programmatic revisions may be required as a condition of funding.

Reminders

- Advanced payments are not allowable—reimbursement only.
- Application deadline: July 31, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. in OGMS
- *Youth* and *young adults* are considered ages 28-years-old or younger.
- All salaries must meet a living wage requirement.
 - To determine this requirement, visit: <https://livingwage.mit.edu/states/51/locations>
- Provide adequate justification for all requested expenses.
 - Do not assume grant reviewers know what is being requested.
- For individual consultants, fees may not be more than the federal rate of \$81.25/hr or \$650 per day.
- Prior to applying, review the Special Conditions to ensure your organization can meet the requirements of this grant:
<https://www.dcjs.virginia.gov/grants/programs/firearm-violence-intervention-and-prevention-grant-program-cy-2027-2028>
- For questions related to the application in OGMS, please email ogmssupport@dcjs.virginia.gov.

Questions?



Questions and Technical Assistance

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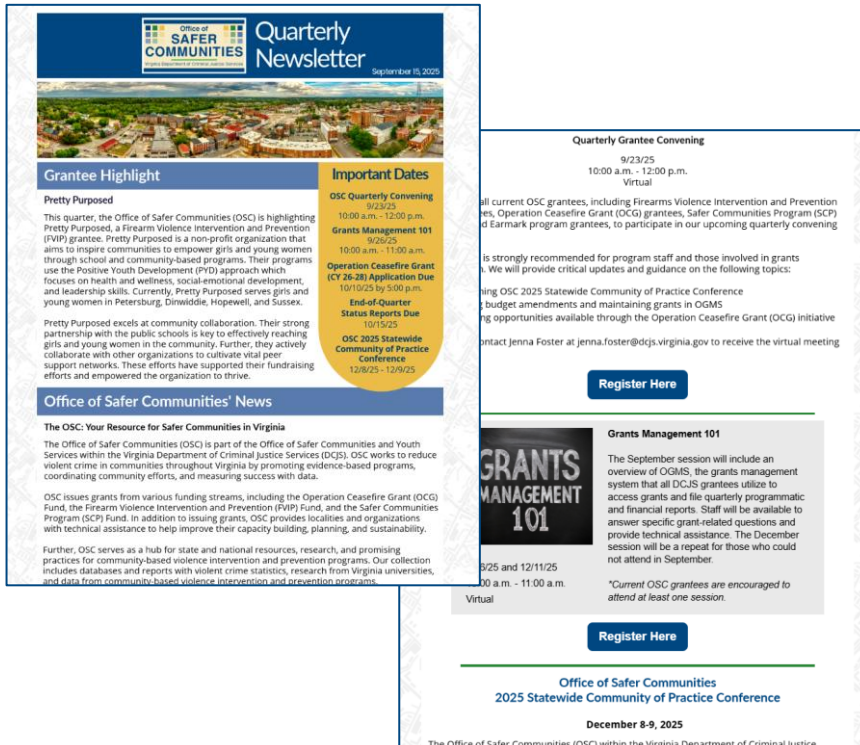
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