

2026 Firearm Violence Intervention and Prevention Grant Program

Overview of Guidelines and Application Procedures

This session will be recorded.

DCJS Introduction



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Solicitation Information

OGMS Funding Opportunity #547367

Grant Guidelines are available to download via OGMS. They are also available on the DCJS website at:

<https://www.dcjs.virginia.gov/grants/programs/firearm-violence-intervention-and-prevention-fvip-grant-program-cy2026-2027>

Introduction and Purpose

The Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) is now accepting applications for the Virginia Firearm Violence Intervention and Prevention Grant Program (FVIP).

The purpose of this initiative is to support the implementation of strategies that will result in the reduction of violent crime within the Commonwealth of Virginia while implementing effective and sustainable intervention and prevention programming to interrupt and prevent local cycles of violence.

Through violence prevention and intervention programs, numerous states have seen a significant reduction in firearm violence. Violence intervention and prevention programs avert interpersonal violence by working with a range of community stakeholders to provide support and intervention to those at highest risk of being a victim and perpetrator of violence.

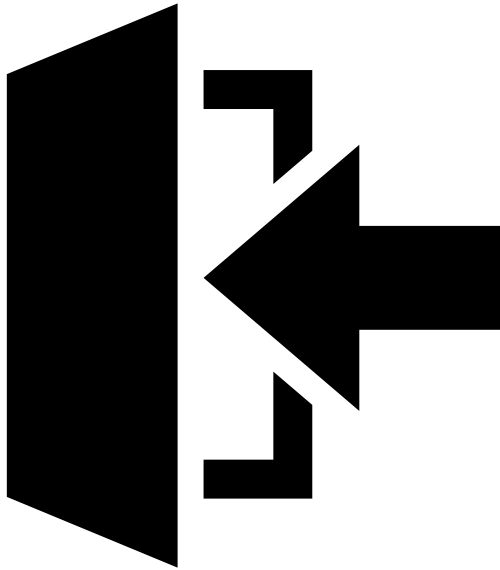
These funds also support firearm suicide including subjects of domestic violence protective orders, persons convicted of prohibitory crimes, and persons subject to substantial risk orders.

Purpose

The purpose of the FVIP grant solicitation is to support local non-profit organizations' efforts to address violent crime. The applicant must present a clear plan for sustainability. Applicants seeking to expand or replicate an existing project must be able to demonstrate progress and success in what has been done through the life of the existing project.

This announcement provides guidance to aid applicants in determining eligibility, developing a program narrative, developing the itemized budget and budget narrative, and completing other related forms.

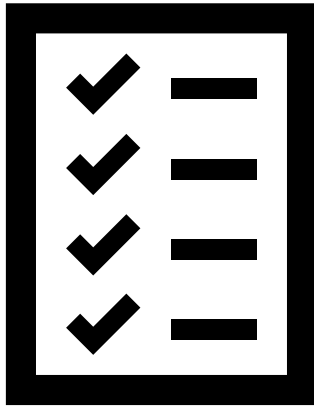
Eligibility



Under this solicitation, funding will be awarded:

- **Exclusively to non-profit organizations providing human services and/or criminal justice services.**
- Because other funding sources are specifically available for law enforcement and prosecutors' offices, these are specifically excluded from this funding source.

Program Requirements



DCJS is seeking applications that propose to initiate evidence-informed local strategic planning. Evidence-informed indicates a practice backed by evidence from research and evaluation, case studies, expert opinions or documented lessons learned from the field.

For the purpose of this funding opportunity applicants can apply under two elements:

- Prevention
- Intervention

Program Requirements

Violence Reduction Programs should focus on at least one of the following two key elements:

- **Prevention:** Solutions that keep youth and young adults from entering the cycle of violence.

Prevention involves efforts to prevent escalation by assisting individuals at an increased risk of violence or exhibiting early signs of violent behavior.

- **Intervention:** Programs and policies that assist individuals and their families that have been impacted by violence, to reduce their risk levels of repeat exposure.

Program Requirements

For *new program implementation*, applicants must demonstrate program readiness to include deliberate efforts at community outreach, collaboration with local business, other non-profits, community organizations, local medical and health agencies, and law enforcement. Applicants must dedicate resources or subject matter experts needed to execute and administer the project. Applicants should fully describe program services and their ability to collect performance measures on program activities.

Program Requirements

For funding to *enhance existing programs*, applicants must identify current funding sources (i.e., local or federal funding) for the existing program. Applicants must document initial project recommendations, as well as any current and past challenges that may have caused program operations to stall or stop. Applicants must document the successes that have been captured since the initial implementation of the program and must justify the need for an enhancement.

Possible Program for Replication

Applicants are encouraged to draw upon components of programs that have demonstrated success in reducing gun violence. OJP's crime solutions website is one resource that applicants may use to find information about promising practices and evidence-based practices.

OJP Crimes Solutions Website – Gun Violence:
<https://crimesolutions.ojp.gov/topics/gun%20violence>

Example Programs for Replication

Mentoring	Behavioral Health Services
Wraparound Services	Housing and Relocation Services
Victim Services	Navigation Services
Employment and Job Training	Violence Interrupters
Focus Deterrence	Community Outreach
Re-entry Resources	Mentoring

Program Requirements: Sustainability

Sustainability must be included in your application. All applicants must present a clear plan for sustainability of the program beyond the grant period to include any partners and other funding sources.

Applicants seeking to expand or replicate an existing project must demonstrate progress and success in what has been done through the life of the existing project.

Project Narrative

Key Elements to include:

Organization Background. Please provide a brief overview of your organization, when you were founded, what your organization does, and the individuals or communities you serve.

- **Needs Statement.** Describe the needs of the community served, including the severity of crime or firearms violence issues and the impact of violence on the community. Provide specific statistics that support the existence and extent of the problem as defined in the eligibility section of these guidelines. Identify if a strategic comprehensive assessment has been completed, and if so, what the assessment shows.
- **Population Served.** Describe the intended population served by the project. Be specific about the localities, neighborhoods, communities, or types of individuals that will be served by the program.

Project Narrative

Community Background. Please describe how firearms violence and violent crime has impacted your community, and what efforts your organization has already made – or strategies you would like to implement – to address that problem.

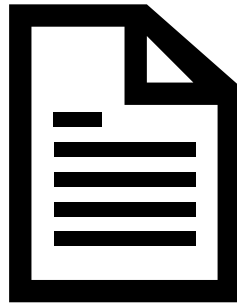
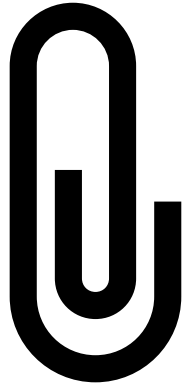
Community Plan. Please describe how the proposed project ties to community plans to address violence.

Project Description. Provide a description of the proposed project or practice and some of the planned implementation activities and the activities' relevance to reducing firearms related violence in your community. Provide information on how your project intend to reduce violent crime based on your outlined activities.

Promising Practice. Describe the components of the promising practice that will address the stated problems.

Capabilities. Provide a description of the organization and the capabilities of the organization to implement the proposed project. Describe any prior experience working collaboratively with the locality.

Timeline. Describe the planned implementation activities and their relevance to the stated 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 your organization’s ability to fulfill the goals and objectives of the program and how your program seeks to benefit the community.

Additional Application Components

Non-profit Verification. Please provide the link to your organization's nonprofit notation in GuideStar.org, IRS Tax Exempt Organization Search or another similar nonprofit data source engine to confirm said status. If that notation is not available, please leave this field blank and upload a copy of the organization's tax-exempt letter as an attachment.

Letter of Support from Local Government. Attach a letter of support from the city manager or county administrator, or the local criminal justice planner, if the locality has one designated, describing how this program will fit within the local violence reduction plan. This letter must be uploaded using the Attachments tab in OGMS.

Additional 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.
- Project timeline
- Letters of support
- Tax-exempt Status Letter
- Quote for supplies/equipment

Maximum Amount Available for Funding

DCJS anticipates awarding up to \$2.5 million through this competitive solicitation. Programs must address crime intervention and prevention through community engagement.

Maximum Award	\$250,000
Minimum Award	\$25,000

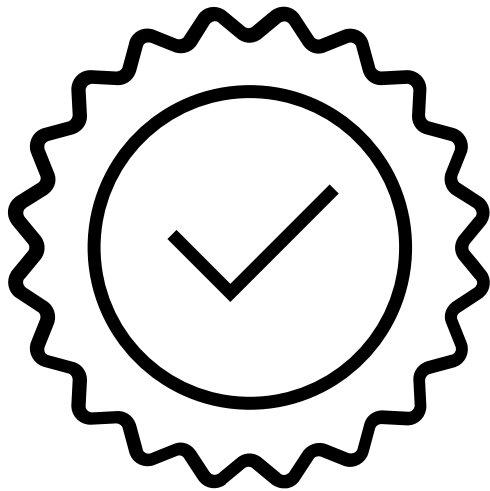
Project Period

The 24-month period of January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2027.

Future funding for continuation of these projects is not guaranteed but may be considered, contingent upon the availability of adequate funding, program performance, and compliance with grant requirements.



Restrictions and Allowable Expenses



Examples of allowable expenditures include:

Personnel required for the project;

Overtime;

Supplies;

Training;

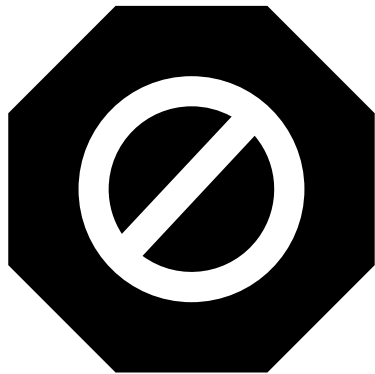
Travel; and

Equipment, necessary items related to violence reduction.

***Supplies and equipment must be well-justified with pricing quotes.**

Restrictions and Unallowable Expenses

Grant funds may not be used for:



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

Grant Application Review Process

DCJS is committed to ensuring a fair and open process for awarding grants.

DCJS reviews the applications to make sure that the information presented is reasonable, understandable, measurable, and achievable, as well as consistent with the solicitation.

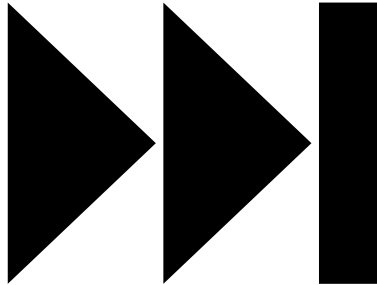
All applications will be reviewed as part of a competitive review process and will be rated based on information provided, adherence to these Grant Guidelines, and the clarity, substance, and strength of the request made for funding.

Grant Application Review Process

The Criminal Justice Services Board (CJSB) Grants Committee will review grant application scores and the summaries of evaluations of applications and will make recommendations for funding to the CJSB.

The CJSB will make final grant award decisions at its meeting on October 9, 2025. Funding decisions made by the CJSB are final and may not be appealed. DCJS Office of Grants Management in the Division of Finance and Administration will issue grant award packages based on the final approval of the CJSB. Fiscal and programmatic revisions may be required as a condition of funding.

Application Deadline



Applications must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on July 14, 2025 in OGMS. Applications received after the deadline will not be considered.

On-line Grant Management System (OGMS)

Training & Resources Page:

<https://www.dcj.virginia.gov/grants/ogms-training-resources>

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OGMS Training & Resources

The Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) is excited to announce the official launch of the new On-line Grant Management System (OGMS)! To ensure that future grant applicants and existing grantees have the training and resources they need to navigate the new website successfully, DCJS will create a series of self-guided videos and training materials on this page. These training resources will provide a global overview of OGMS functionality as well as high-level information on how to perform various tasks.

To access the On-line Grants Management System (OGMS) click here <https://ogms.dcj.virginia.gov/>. For technical assistance, contact ogmssupport@dcjs.virginia.gov. Please include your grant number and the Subject line (Example: 20-A1234CC20 – CCCA/PSA Grant Program).


In addition, DCJS will host a series of virtual program specific webinars geared towards more in-depth training. Answer sessions and live technical assistance to supplement the self-guided training materials. All sessions and the links will be posted below.

Training Documents

- [Completing your registration in OGMS](#)
- [Terminology Crosswalk Between the Old and New System](#)

Training Videos

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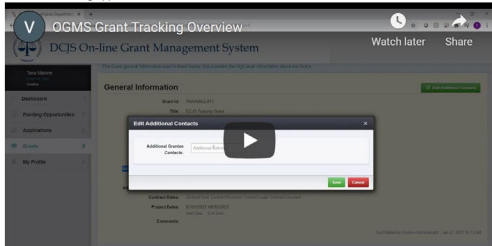


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Announcements

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

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 doesn't restrict your 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 your user id and temporary password to login to OGMS.

To update your 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

Final Reminders

No advanced payments – Reimbursement only

Application Deadline: July 14, 2025 at 5pm in OGMS

Youth and Young Adults are considered ages 28 years old and younger

All salaries must meet a living wage requirement. To determine this requirement, visit <https://livingwage.mit.edu/states/51/locations>

Please provide adequate justification for all expenses requested. Do not assume grant reviewers know what you are requesting.

No match requirement

For individual Consultants, fees must not be more than the federal rate of \$81.25 per hour or \$650 per day.

For questions related to your application in OGMS, please email ogmssupport@dcjs.virginia.gov



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Questions?



Questions & Technical Assistance

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