Senator Charles E. Shannon, Jr. Community Safety Initiative (CSI)

Bidders Conference

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Purpose of Grant Funds

To combat gang violence through the core strategies:

- Prevention
- Social Intervention
- Opportunities Provision
- Suppression
- Community Mobilization
- Organizational Change

Key Dates

- **October 6, 2016**– Non-binding letter of intent due to EOPSS
- **October 20, 2016 – no later than 4:00 PM** – Applications due to EOPSS
- **December 20, 2016** – Targeted date for award announcements
- **January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017** Anticipated grant period

Details for Applicants

- Up to $5.3 million in grant funds are available for the Shannon CSI grant program through this AGF
- Competitive grant program; EOPSS may award full, partial, or no funding.
- Only one application per municipality will be considered. The municipal CEO is encouraged to sign off to demonstrate executive leadership.
- Funds will be distributed by the lead fiscal agent to agencies within the municipality or partner municipalities.

Applicant Funding Eligibility

- Applicants are encouraged to consider the reduction in the FY17 Shannon CSI appropriation when responding to this solicitation

- Applicants that did not receive a Shannon CSI award in 2016 are eligible to apply for the minimum/maximum amount of $100,000

Proposal Contents

- **Cover page (Attachment A)**

  1. Provides contact information for the project.
  2. Must be signed by authorized signatory.
  3. Please email this document (do not scan) to eopsshannon@state.ma.us.

Proposal Contents

- **Program Narrative (Attachment B)**

  Gang Violence Problem Statement - 3 page limit

  - Describe the current nature and extent of the gang violence problem within each of the applicant communities.

  Gang Definition

  - Detail how the term *gang* is defined by the applicant community.

  Shannon Youth Definition

  - Shannon eligible youth must be: **(1)** between the ages of 10-24 years of age; **(2)** living in a *high-risk area within the community*; and **(3)** *at-risk or high-risk* of becoming involved, or currently involved, in gang activity.

Proposal Contents

- **Program Narrative (Attachment B) cont.**

Risk Definitions:

- ***At-risk youth*** are in danger of engaging in risky behaviors or gang activity, due to the presence of known risk factors for gang involvement, such as exposure to gang affiliates, in their environment (home or community).
- ***High-risk youth*** are exposed to the same risks factors as at-risk youth, as well as additional risk individual factors such as school failure, truancy, dropping out of school, substance abuse, court involvement, witnessing violence or violent victimization, and gang involvement as an affiliate or member not yet participating in violent criminal activity.
- ***Proven-risk youth*** are identified as those youth being perpetrators or victims of shooting or stabbing violence, and/or are known gang members.

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- **Program Narrative (Attachment B) cont.**

  Proposed Strategy - 4 page limit

  - Use your Shannon Youth Definition when determining what youth participants are eligible to receive services.

  Strategy Development

  - What methods have been used to identify strategies, or gaps in services, needed to address the specific gang violence problem in the community as illustrated in the *Gang Violence Problem Statement*
  - Community Assessments

  Strategy Description

  - Explain and describe the identified strategy and its outcomes, as they relate to and address the *Gang Violence Problem Statement*

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- **Program Narrative (Attachment B) cont.**

<u>Partner Selection - 5 page limit</u>

- Explain how and why each potential partner was selected to address your *Gang Violence Problem Statement.* Include a statement about the steering committee's level of involvement during the partner selection process.

- Complete the *Partner Selection Workbook*

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- **Program Narrative (Attachment B) cont.**

<u>Individual Risk Assessment – 2 page limit</u>

In 2017, EOPSS anticipates adopting an individual risk assessment tool to be utilized for assessing Shannon eligibility for non-case management, non-drop-in and non-suppression programs. Once adopted, how will the applicant:

- Determine the appropriateness of the tool for their program(s)?
- Implement the risk assessment tool
- Train appropriate staff

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- **Program Narrative (Attachment B) cont.**

<u>Collaboration With Other Funding Sources - 1 page limit</u>

- Communities often use multiple funding streams to combat *gang violence.* Please identify other funding streams, such as SSYI, currently being used and how these funding streams will enhance, or complement, programming delivered through Shannon CSI.

Budget Spreadsheet and Budget Narrative

1. Submit one excel budget spreadsheet both for site and all partners
2. Submit an individual budget narrative for each site and each partner agency.
3. Within the budget narrative, provide a brief description on how the budget line items link to the proposed strategy.
4. For proposals that devote more than 33% of total proposed spending to a single agency or strategy, please provide a detailed explanation as to the decision-making process. EOPSS reserves the right to revise budgets.
5. Preference will be given to applicants that submit a written match commitment of 25%.
6. All sites requesting fringe or a federally approved indirect rate must provide supporting documentation with an approved rate

Budget Spreadsheet and Budget Narrative

Other budgetary notes:

- Travel is allowed in-state only – you must follow your agency's travel policy for mileage reimbursement however it can't exceed the state rate which is currently $0.45/mile.

- No grant funds may be spent for out-of-state conference fees, out-of-state travel, or out-of-state lodging without prior written approval from OGR.

Certification of Compliance with Submission of Crime Reporting Data

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- All partnering police departments receiving Shannon CSI funding must submit NIBRS (or UCR and proxy data) crime data to the Massachusetts State Police Crime Reporting Unit on a monthly basis.

- All partnering police departments receiving Shannon CSI funding (and maintain a juvenile lockup) must submit monthly juvenile lock-up data.

Application Review Criteria

- Saliency of *Gang Violence Problem Statement* as depicted by statistical data.
- Link between the *Gang Violence Problem Statement* and the proposed strategy.
- Justification for participant eligibility.
- Collaboration with other funding sources.
- Consistency between the proposed program narrative and budget.

Application Requirements

Complete applications are due by 4:00 pm, October 20, 2016 to:

Executive Office of Public Safety and Security
Office of Grants & Research
10 Park Plaza, Suite 3720
Boston, MA 02116
Attention: Mike Bishop

Faxed copies will not be accepted

Questions?

- Interested applicants with further inquiries about this grant may email questions to: eopsshannon@state.ma.us . EOPSS will continue to receive written questions through **October 7, 2016.**

- Questions and answers from today's conference and from your emails will be posted to: www.mass.gov/safety/shannon no later than **October 11, 2016.**

Resources

EOPSS

- www.mass.gov/eops
- www.mass.gov/safety/shannon

National Gang Center

- https://www.nationalgangcenter.gov/Comprehensive-Gang-Model

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- www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/ojjdp/222799.pdf
- www.iir.com/nygc/acgp/assessment/assessment.pdf