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State & Local Law Enforcement Opportunity
Non-Competitive Continuation**

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The Office of Grants and Research (OGR) will make \$1,868,802.77 from the FY22-23 **Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program (Byrne SCIP)** federal grant award available to support continuation funding for state agencies and municipalities funded under FY22-23 Byrne SCIP. This continuation solicitation is intended to sustain and enhance the ongoing efforts to prevent or reduce gun violence.

As authorized by the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act of 2022, Byrne SCIP provides formula funds to implement state crisis intervention proceedings and related programs or initiatives including, but not limited to, extreme risk protection order (ERPO) programs that work to keep guns out of the hands of those who pose a threat to themselves or others, court-based initiatives related to mental health, veterans services, and related gun violence reduction programs/initiatives.

Applicant Eligibility

This AGF is open only to Massachusetts state agencies and local law enforcement agencies who are recipients of a FY22-23 Byrne SCIP grant award for continuation of their funded programs. This is a continuation grant, not a competitive grant opportunity, so no new programming will be considered.

Award Amounts

Subject to the availability of federal funds, applicants may apply for the same award amount as their FY22-23 Byrne SCIP project to expand or continue projects previously funded with FY22-23 SCIP funds. See **Appendix A** (page 13 of this AGF) for eligible applicants, award amounts and continuation projects to be funded.

Duration

Award project periods will be approximately 12 months long.

Key Dates

Key Activity	Key Date
Solicitation Released	Tuesday, April 28, 2026
Applications Due	Friday, May 22, 2026, by 4:00 pm
Anticipated Award Announcements	June 2026
Grant Award Period	July 2026 – June 30, 2027

Purpose

The purpose of this AGF is to provide continuation funding for state agencies and municipalities awarded under the FY22-23 Byrne State Crisis Intervention (SCIP) program to prevent or reduce acts of **gun violence** through the implementation of evidence-based strategies and promising programming. This grant emphasizes addressing individuals currently at risk of gun violence, with a specific focus on prevention and intervention. These funds may not be used for enforcement, responsive, or investigative activities.

Evaluation, Data Collection, and Required Cooperation

The SCIP Statewide Research Partner will continue to work directly with recipients of the Byrne SCIP grant. Grant recipients will be expected to share data by tracking progress and reporting performance and outcomes with the Research Partner throughout the grant period. By entering into an agreement with OGR, successful awardees consent to sharing data with OGR’s Research Partner. The statewide research partner will also provide technical assistance to our local and state subrecipients to ensure the Commonwealth is supporting grant funded projects that will have the greatest impact preventing or reducing gun violence.

Programs should continue to proactively deter gun violence incidents, including those that facilitate intervention coordination and invest in equipment and technology to connect data and support these programs.

Allowable Costs

Allowable Cost Categories	Definitions and Documentation Requirements
Personnel	Costs associated with agency personnel. List position, percentage of time charged to grant, and annual salary. Include a brief description of the duties/activities to be completed supported by grant funding.
Overtime	Overtime is limited to sworn law enforcement personnel only. Indicate overtime rate for each officer charged to the

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	grant and the number of overtime hours. Refer to OGR Overtime Policy below.
Fringe Benefits	<p>Eligible costs include the employer share of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Life insurance • Health insurance • Social security costs • Pension costs • Unemployment insurance costs • Workers compensation insurance <p>Direct fringe benefits can be either actual costs or rate per employee calculated by the fiscal or human resource unit in your organization. Actual known costs must be itemized by type and include rate computation. Upload a copy of approved rate agreement in the application response.</p>
Indirect Costs	<p>Federally negotiated and approved rate for costs that are not readily assignable to a particular project, but are necessary to the operation, maintenance of the organization and performance of the project. Include copy of federally approved rate with the proposal. Applicants must upload a copy of federally approved rate with the proposal.</p>
Consultants/Contract	<p>Consultant or Contractor fees associated with the equipment/technology purchased (e.g., installation; training). Provide a description of the product/services to be procured by contract and an estimate of the cost. Applicants should use a competitive process for procurements compliant with the organization's own procurement policy.</p> <p>The maximum rate for consultants is \$650 for an eight hour day or \$81.25 per hour. Any request for compensation over \$650 per day requires prior written approval by OGR. This rate is the exception not the rule.</p>
Travel	<p>Travel directly related to the purpose of the grant. In-state travel costs associated with the grant shall include mileage rates not to exceed \$0.62 per mile, as well as the actual costs of tolls and parking. Note that no grant funds may be spent</p>

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	for out-of-state conference fees, out-of-state travel or out-of-state lodging without prior written approval from OGR.
Equipment/Technology	Tangible non-expendable personal property having a useful life of more than one year; cost based on classification of equipment.
Supplies	Supplies directly correlated to the equipment purchased/program implementation (e.g., ink or paper for a printer, batteries for communication device, training materials, expendable items, etc.)
Other Costs	List items (e.g., rent, telephone) by major type and the basis of the computation.

Unallowable Costs

For this AGF, funds **cannot** be used directly or indirectly for security enhancements or equipment for nongovernmental municipal entities not engaged in criminal justice or public safety (e.g., nonprofit organizations, community centers, etc.).

The funds allocated are not intended for investigative or responsive purposes and will not support enforcement programs. This grant emphasizes addressing individuals currently at risk of gun violence, with a specific focus on prevention and intervention rather than supporting responsive or investigative programs. All funded programs must have a direct nexus to reducing and/or preventing gun violence.

Based on these parameters, the Byrne SCIP funds may **not** be used for any of the following (this is not an all-inclusive list as other items may be deemed unallowable during the review process):

- Active shooter training;
- Enforcement programs;
- Gun detection technology;
- Gun buy-back programs;
- Metal detectors;
- Riot/ballistic gear;
- NIBRS data collection;
- Prizes, rewards, entertainment, trinkets, or any type of monetary incentive;
- Client stipends;
- Gift cards;
- Food or beverage;
- Standard firearms or ammunition;
- Construction, office furniture, or other like purchases;
- Non-compliant communication devices;
- Vehicles, vessels or aircraft including drones, unmanned aerial vehicle/unmanned aircraft, aircraft system, or aerial vehicles (UA/UAS/UAV);

- Extended warranty above and beyond the cost of the item (after the contract end date);
or
- Luxury items.

Fund Disbursement

This is a cost reimbursement grant. Reimbursement requests will be submitted to OGR on a quarterly basis. Details about the reimbursement process will be addressed in greater detail once award notifications are made.

Subrecipient Requirements

Subrecipients must abide by all federal grant requirements as well as all OGR Subrecipient Grant Conditions to be provided at the time of contracting.

Application Instructions

The [Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program Online Application](#) must be completed as described.

Section I. Applicant/Project Information

Agency's Contact and Fiscal Information

Provide agency name, address, senior official, grant point of contact, fiscal point of contact, UEI number, and SAM registration confirmation.

Funding Request

The funding request for this application will auto-populate for each department to match their award amount from the previous SCIP grant. Please note that the budget submitted must exactly match this award amount.

Project Summary

- Provide the summary of the continuation program to be funded through this application (250 characters). All proposed projects should expand upon or continue with the same Scope of Work as the initial funded project.
- Identify the proposed project's Priority Area(s).

Non-Supplant

Attest to non-supplanting of federal dollars for the proposed project.

Section II. Application Narrative

The application narrative is composed of five sections: Needs Assessment, Project Description, Goals, Objectives, Outcomes and Timeline, Data Collection Plan and Budget Narrative.

Needs Assessment (2-page/4,000-character limit)

The needs assessment should address the following:

- Summarize the current, unmet gun-related **public safety and/or public health needs** and highlight any needs that have changed since your original application.
 - Include relevant statistical and/or anecdotal evidence whenever possible, ensuring local firearm data relevant to your community is provided. Do not use statewide/national information alone to support the development of a local-level project. Include sources or methods used for assessing the gun problem.
- The effect the prior SCIP funding has had on the community's public safety and/or public health needs

Project Description (3-page/6,000-character limit)

Applicants must thoroughly describe the gun crisis intervention project to be funded and how this project continues the initial **gun-violence prevention or gun-violence reduction goals** with a focus on intervention. **General anti-violence programs will not be funded** through this solicitation. The following should be addressed in this section:

- Briefly summarize the programs, services, and/or activities being continued and highlight any proposed changes.
- If purchasing new equipment, technology, or supplies, include how the proposed equipment, technology, or supply purchase(s) directly correlate to the gun-related project scope and how these purchases are essential to the overall goal of the project. If there are no proposed equipment/technology/supply purchase(s), please state "N/A - no proposed equipment/technology/supply purchase(s)."
- Describe the experience and expertise of personnel involved in the project and their responsibilities.
- Describe how the continuation funding for your proposed Byrne SCIP program will continue to serve individuals and/or the community as a whole as a result of expanded funding. Award recipients will be required to submit specific outcomes and details on how proposed outcomes will be met.
- Describe the intervention focus of your proposed continuation program and its alignment with the originally selected priority area(s). Include how the program addressed the individuals at risk of gun violence to date and any proposed modifications, expansions, or enhancements based on prior implementation and findings.

Goals, Objectives, Outcomes & Timeline

Applicants need to clearly state the goals and objectives and the expected benefits (outcomes) for the law enforcement department and community as a result of receiving this continuation SCIP funding. The Online Application will allow for up to two Goals.

Goals: Goals are broad statements that describe the program's intentions and desired outcomes. They identify the desired end to which the program is directed. The goals of your program should be clearly stated, realistic, and must be attainable and measurable. In stating your goals, be careful to describe the desired end and not the means to achieve that end.

Objectives: Objectives describe the program activities that support the goal(s). They describe intermediate results or accomplishments to be achieved by the program in pursuing its goal(s). The event or program activity must answer the questions: Who or what will change? Where will the change occur or the event take place? When (period of time) will the event occur? How will the change happen? Objectives may change due to program progression. The more specific your objectives are, the easier it will be to determine if your program has achieved them. Use numbers wherever possible.

Outcomes: Outcomes are the specific, measurable results or changes that occur as a direct consequence of a funded project or program.

Timeline: Provide the start and end dates for the total project and for each goal and objective to be completed to ensure project completion no later than June 30, 2027.

Person responsible: Identify the person responsible for conducting/overseeing the stated task/activity.

Plan for Collecting Data Required to Submit Performance Measures

The applicant should demonstrate how and by whom appropriate data will be collected to complete and submit OGR quarterly progress reports, as well as quarterly and semi-annual Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) Performance Measures through their online reporting system. Confirm that reports will be submitted prior to or no later than the due dates to ensure compliance.

Budget Narrative

The Budget Narrative should outline the budget requested and itemize the proposed purchases within each budget category. For each cost category that has an associated funding request in the Budget Excel Worksheet, applicants should provide an overall description and justification for that cost category. The cost category narratives should describe what the budget entails, why the items in that category are needed, and how the budgeted amount was determined. Please include any hires under personnel, a particular training, supplies needed, vendor information, or process for selecting a vendor, where applicable. Applicants should submit a budget for **up to** approximately 12 months.

It is extremely important that all proposed costs are clearly defined to ensure the costs are allowable and relevant to the gun violence prevention crisis intervention project. For example, stating that Agency A is requesting \$20,000 in equipment costs to implement their project is not sufficient. Applicants must state the amount that will be spent on each item within each budget category, and justify the cost and need.

Section III. Budget Excel Worksheet

Applicants must also complete a **Budget Excel Worksheet** (refer to Attachment A). Please be sure to complete the Excel Worksheet (Summary Tab will auto-fill from the Details tab) and upload the Excel Worksheet with your application response. The Excel Budget total must match the amount of your continuation award (refer to Appendix A). Applicants must use the template provided and submit the document in Excel format; please do not convert the document to PDF or another format.

OGR Overtime Policy

Where state and local first responders are eligible through their department for overtime and when preapproved by OGR, the department may be reimbursed for overtime costs related to **grant-funded activities only**.

Overtime hours charged against a federal grant award provided by OGR may be reimbursed for actual hours worked only, regardless of union contract rules. For example, an officer working two hours of overtime on a federally funded project awarded by OGR is prohibited from charging the grant award for four hours of overtime due to a union contract agreement for a four-hour minimum. In this example, the department must cover the remaining two hours of overtime from their own state or local budget. Departments found violating this policy will be subject to immediate termination of a grant award and must return all misspent funds to OGR.

Overtime Related Definitions

Definitions for the key terms referenced within this policy are listed below:

- Overtime - Expenses limited to the additional costs that result from state and local first responders, such as sworn law enforcement personnel, working over and above their weekly full-time/part-time schedule as a direct result of their performance of approved activities related to the project receiving federal funding.
- Subrecipient - An entity receiving a grant award from OGR.
- Sworn Uniform Personnel - State or local (uniform) law enforcement and firefighter personnel.

If awarded to utilize grant funding for overtime costs, OGR will provide additional criteria and reporting forms needed at the time an award is made to justify and support such reimbursement costs being charged against the grant.

Application Submission and Award Process

Please review the following instructions carefully to submit the online application.

Please Note: The application and required documents are to be uploaded and submitted via the online application form. Emailed submissions will NOT be accepted. Please notify OGR immediately if applicant is unable to utilize the online application. All questions can be directed to victoria.j.gouveia@mass.gov.

This AGF and all other required documents can also be found on our website:

[Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program for Municipal Law Enforcement and State Agencies | Mass.gov](#)

All eligible applicants are required to submit the Online Application via the link below:

[Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program Online Application](#)

Online applications must be submitted no later than 4:00 p.m. on May 22, 2027.

Upon completion, the Grant Point of Contact will receive an email confirmation with a PDF attachment of the application and supporting application documents for your records.

The online application must be completed and submitted with the following required attachments uploaded:

- Attachment A: Budget Excel Workbook uploaded in Excel format, not PDF
- Approved Fringe Rate Agreement and/or Indirect Cost Rate Agreement, if applicable

Review Process

This is a non-competitive continuation grant. Applications will be reviewed based on the following criteria:

- Clear and adequate responses in the Applicant Information section as well as a clear summary of the proposed project and identification of project priority areas;
- Use of data to demonstrate need and description of how requested equipment/ programming addresses the stated need based on continuation or modification of project scope;
- A narrative that clearly describes the items to be purchased and/or programming to be implemented, and the gun violence prevention benefits to the department and/or community;

- Goals, Objectives, Outcomes, Timeline, and Performance Measures are feasible and ensure all goods and services will be received and paid for within the anticipated grant period; and
- A detailed, reasonable, relevant, and complete budget.

Please note that OGR is required to submit all continuation proposals to BJA for final project approval. Please ensure all projects align with priorities as outlined in this AGF, expand or continue the previous SCIP grant project, and continue to have a gun violence prevention or gun violence reduction nexus with a focus on intervention. BJA has the final authority to determine if the proposed projects meet the intended purpose of these funds.

Notification of Awards

Funding decisions are ultimately at the discretion of the Executive Director of OGR, the Secretary of Public Safety and Security, and the BJA. It is anticipated that the grant awards will be announced in June 2026.

Proposal Checklist

Please Note: The application and attachments are to be submitted electronically via the online application form. Emailed submissions will NOT be accepted.

Applications are due by Friday, May 22, 2026 by 4:00 pm.

This AGF and all other required documents can be found on the [Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program | Mass.gov](#) of OGR's website.

- Submitted, Digitally Signed, Online Application – Please notify OGR immediately if applicant is unable to utilize the online application.
- Budget Excel Worksheet (Attachment A-template provided) - Both the Summary and Detail sheets must be completed and uploaded to the online application.
- Approved Fringe Rate Agreement and/or Indirect Cost Rate Agreement, if applicable

For any questions please contact Program Coordinator Victoria Gouveia at victoria.j.gouveia@mass.gov.

Appendix A

Awardees	Award Amount	Project Description
Abington Police Department	\$87,032.86	Implementation of a virtual reality training program coinciding with the transition from the Taser XP to the Taser 10. These trainings will be geared towards improving officers handling of de-escalation and intervention techniques with people in crisis, cooperative and/or uncooperative subjects, and shoot/don't shoot situations. Funds will also be used to purchase gun locks to be handed out in conjunction with the License To Carry application process.
Braintree Police Department	\$149,795.16	Support for the South Shore CIT TTAC and clinicians in the Family Services unit. CIT TTAC plan to provide in-house training to all officers in the police department. Plan to add a police officer to assist the co-responding clinicians during crisis calls and provide training on best practices implementing the ERPO Law. Funds utilized to have a Firearms Licensing Officer respond when a licensed firearms owner needs to have their license to carry suspended due to an ERPO related issue by the District Court.
Chelsea Police Department	\$150,000.00	The Chelsea Police Department, in collaboration with ROCA, Inc. aims to reduce gun violence by increasing community and government collaboration through the newly created and evidence-based Youth Hub and COR. Additionally, partnering with Roca, Inc. to serve 11 of the young people at highest risk of gun violence with intensive case management, Cognitive Behavioral Theory (CBT) training, stage-based programming, and transitional employment opportunities.
East Brookfield Police Department	\$16,335.00	The East Brookfield Police Department aims to enhance community safety through Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training to equips officers with essential skills to effectively manage crisis situations. In addition, will procure and distribute gun locks to the public, promoting responsible firearm storage to prevent accidents and unauthorized use.
Holyoke Police Department	\$84,458.79	Holyoke PD proposed program allows for a full-time officer to work dedicated overtime to ERPO stakeholder education and outreach to young people affected by gun violence. The second component involves HPD's partnership with Roca, Inc. to serve 7 of the highest risk young people with intensive case management, Cognitive Behavioral Theory (CBT) training, stage-based programming, and transitional employment opportunities to instill in them the life-saving behavioral skills.
Lawrence Police Department	\$150,000.00	Lawrence Police Department implemented the Lawrence Tranquility Project to address persistent issues with crime, particularly gun violence, in Lawrence's Lower Tower Hill neighborhood. Law PD will partner with UTEC to replicate the successes and apply lessons learned from a similar collaboration in the Stadium Projects neighborhood between 2022 and 2024. Funds will be used to increase Lawrence PD's Gang Unit patrols in the high-crime areas of Hancock Projects and Essex Street Projects and increase UTEC's street outreach capacity in the Lower Tower Hill neighborhood.

Leominster Police Department	\$129,849.32	The Leominster Police Department will purchase a VR system in order to provide CIT training for all officers that will equip officers with the necessary skills to effectively manage and de-escalate situations involving individuals experiencing mental health crises or substance abuse issues. The training will focus on key areas such as recognizing the signs of mental health distress, employing de-escalation techniques, and utilizing effective communication strategies.
Littleton Police Department	\$67,629.20	The Littleton Police Department, through CIT and Integrating Communications Assessment and Tactics (ICAT) training will enhance officers' ability to recognize and effectively respond to individuals experiencing mental health crises. This funding aims to strengthen communications, training, and collaboration between law enforcement, mental health professionals, and community stakeholders. They aim to promote empathy, cultural competency, and de-escalation techniques in high-stress situations by implementing sustainable training programs that facilitate ongoing skill development and knowledge sharing among LPD personnel.
Lowell Police Department	\$109,314.02	Lowell PD proposes to lease a virtual reality simulator and use it for de-escalation and use of force training. Officers attending de-escalation training will face various scenarios (e.g. suicidal/homicidal individual in a parking lot or a person experiencing a mental health crisis) and must respond appropriately. Each scenario is different, and each result depends on how an officer reacts to the individual. If an officer does not de-escalate the situation, it may escalate (e.g. suicidal person with a weapon becomes hostile towards the officer).
Randolph Police Department	\$149,943.26	The Randolph Police department will implement Proactive Public Interaction to Minimize Gun Violence. The majority of gun violence within the community is retaliatory, parties that are victims one day, are often perpetrators another. Plan to prevent this by proactively integrating officers with at-risk youth, through home visits with identified suspects, victims of crime, probationers, and their families. In addition to home visits, officers will host an open gym and activities at a local rec facility and positively interact, creating a bond with youths in a friendly social setting.
Salem Police Department	\$87,285.45	The Salem Police Department is requesting funds to purchase a virtual reality training simulator for police officers to train in a controlled environment for an array of difficult scenarios including de-escalation, intervention techniques for individuals experiencing a behavioral health crisis, cooperative/uncooperative subjects and shoot/don't shoot situations.

Sterling Police Department	\$87,091.60	The Sterling Police Department will purchase a virtual reality system to provide officers with immersive, scenario-based training designed to improve their skills in de-escalation, intervention techniques for individuals experiencing a behavioral health crisis, managing cooperative/ uncooperative subjects, and making critical shoot/don't shoot decisions. The product offers 40 pre-scripted scenarios and lesson plans for scenarios like domestic violence, suicidal individuals, individuals experiencing mental health crises, car stops, and basic shoot / no shoot scenarios.
Worcester Police Department	\$144,224.60	Worcester Police Department will train their entire force through the use of VR training utilizing VR enabling all officers to receive four hours of training, outside of their normal tour of duty. The product offers 40 pre-scripted scenarios and lesson plans for scenarios like domestic violence, suicidal individuals, individuals experiencing mental health crises, car stops, and basic shoot / no shoot scenarios. These high-pressure scenarios often involve people struggling with mental illness, and proper de-escalation can prevent gun violence.
Executive Office of Veterans Services	\$149,316.91	The Executive Office of Veteran Services (EOVS) Statewide Advocacy for Veterans Empowerment (SAVE) and Supporting and Empowering Reintegration for Veterans Equality (SERVE) Outreach Teams will provide training programs to reduce and prevent gun violence with a focus on lethal means safety among Massachusetts veterans. Trainings will consist of two parts (1) 12-hour training of trainers (TOT) to equip SAVE/SERVE staff with lethal means training; (2) an in-person 5-hour long training for the 200+ frontline veteran service officers working at the municipal level.
Hampden County District Attorney	\$72,106.60	The Hampden County District Attorney's Office will contract out with The Salvation Army's Bridging the Gap Between Youth and Community Services® Program (Bridging the Gap) which aims to decrease incidents of gang involvement and gun violence by enmeshing youth in alternative pathways and supportive programs proven to deter at-risk youth from engaging in violent behavior. Immediate and ongoing support to individuals and families affected by gun violence will include expanded mental health services, trauma informed care, workshops on conflict resolution and anger management, as well as an emphasis on the consequences of gang involvement and gun violence.
University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth Campus Police	\$105,000.00	UMass Dartmouth Campus Police will increase proficiency in training and response to volatile situations, enhance training capabilities and provide officers with a skillset that will enable less officer injury, less student injury, and enhanced interactions with the community. This will be accomplished through the purchase of a Street Smarts VR system, a software-as-a-service product to bolster officer proficiency in CIT techniques, including de-escalation, managing various subject behaviors, and critical decision-making in shoot/don't shoot situations.

<p>Cape & Islands District Attorney's Office</p>	<p>\$129,420.00</p>	<p>Proposes to hold a Community Awareness Campaign: forums, on Nantucket, Martha's Vineyard, and two or three on Cape Cod, for the community at large, including law enforcement and first responders, to discuss ERPOs and mental health resources as well as distribute gun locks focusing on community engagement, education, and the implementation of effective interventions. Will develop and distribute informational materials on ERPOs and suicide prevention. Additionally, will implement several training Initiatives in partnership with local organizations to provide training for law enforcement and community members on de-escalation techniques and suicide prevention strategies which will include the expansion of the existing Hope Squad program into additional schools and school districts. Crisis Intervention Services will be provided through collaborate with local mental health services to enhance crisis intervention capabilities and look to establish a referral network for individuals at risk of suicide or gun violence.</p>
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