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**FY22-23 Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program  
SFY26 Availability of Grant Funds  
Statewide Research Partner Opportunity  
**Non-Competitive Continuation****

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**Applications Due: Friday, May 22, 2026**

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The Office of Grants and Research (OGR) will make \$150,000 from the **Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program (Byrne SCIP)** federal grant award available to support continuation funding for the Statewide Research Partner (SRP) funded under FY22-23 Byrne SCIP to assist OGR and all funded Byrne SCIP sites, including local law enforcement and state agencies, by providing strategic, analytic, and research support.

As authorized by the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act of 2022, Byrne SCIP provides formula funds to implement state crisis intervention court 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, mental health courts, drug courts, veterans treatment courts, and related gun violence reduction programs/initiatives.

**Applicant Eligibility**

This AGF is open only to the recipient of the FY22-23 Byrne SCIP Statewide Research Partner initiative. This is a continuation grant, not a competitive grant opportunity, so no new programming will be considered.

**Funding**

Subject to the availability of federal funds, an applicant may apply for the same award amount (\$150,000) as their FY22-23 Byrne SCIP research partner award.

**Duration**

Awards will be approximately 12 months long.

**Key Dates**

<b>Key Activity</b>	<b>Key Date</b>
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 the awarded FY22-23 SRP to continue to assist OGR with required data collection and reporting efforts as required by the

federal government. The SRP will continue to 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.

The SRP will need to work with other subrecipients in meeting specific gun-related research and programmatic requirements to determine:

1. The effectiveness of the crisis intervention program or ERPO initiative in preventing gun violence and gun-related suicide, and
2. Measures that have been taken to safeguard the constitutional rights of an individual subject to a crisis intervention program or ERPO initiative.

Recipients must abide by the grant requirements below and the OGR Sub-recipient Grant Conditions, which will be provided at the time of contracting.

### **SRP Requirements**

- The SRP will continue to assist the funded community SCIP programs by providing strategic support, critical analysis, and continuous feedback to improve or maintain program operations and ensure that the goals of the funded SCIP programs are within scope, on schedule, and within budget.
- The SRP will inform the site program director and other program stakeholders of emerging and relevant evidence-based and best practices research specific to comprehensive, multi-disciplinary approaches as defined by the criteria in the **Definitions for Evidence-Based or Promising Programs and Practices** section below.
- The SRP is required to present recommendations and propose suggestions for their funded community SCIP program colleagues (via technical assistance meetings, webinars, and email communications) based on:
  - Outcomes and performance of the funded community SCIP programs and
  - Knowledge gained from research and evaluation literature.
  - Minimal recommendations should:
    - Suggest improvements to services;
    - Advise on changes to program strategy;
    - Improve communication and collaboration within the community;
    - Identify gaps in community programming;
    - Determine emerging trends in the community; and
    - Advance means of data collection.
- The SRP will provide and/or facilitate technical assistance for the community SCIP program directors and program partners on relevant topics such as, but not limited to, use and implementation of risk/needs assessment tools for planning, program strategies, measuring and monitoring program fidelity, quarterly reporting, etc., on an as needed basis.
- The SRP must attend all scheduled technical assistance meetings or other trainings

deemed mandatory by OGR.

### **Definition for Evidence-Based or Promising Programs and Practices**

A program or practice with levels of effectiveness determined as a result of rigorous evaluation, such as randomized controlled trials, statistically controlled evaluations that incorporate strong control or comparison group designs, or a single large multi-site randomized study. Typically, these programs have specified procedures that allow for successful replication.

### **Related SRP Requirements**

#### **1. Program Fidelity**

Ensure funded community SCIP programs demonstrate efforts to safeguard program fidelity. Program fidelity is defined as staying true to the original program design, and not changing or adapting evidence-based programs or practices during implementation.

#### **2. Implementation Oversight and Fidelity Monitoring**

Ensure proper implementation by helping funded community SCIP programs establish strong monitoring systems for all funded programs, including those administered by vendors. This monitoring should ensure that evidence-based programs or practices

- Are carried out with fidelity to their design;
- Incorporate the elements that are critical to their effectiveness; and
- Use information gathered through monitoring to make any necessary adjustments.

### **Allowable Cost Categories**

<b>Allowable Costs Categories</b>	<b>Definitions and Documentation Requirements</b>
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.

Fringe Benefits	<p>Eligible costs include the employer share of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Life insurance</li> <li>• Health insurance</li> <li>• Social security costs</li> <li>• Pension costs</li> <li>• Unemployment insurance costs</li> <li>• Workers compensation insurance</li> </ul> <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. <b>Applicant must upload a copy of federally approved rate with the proposal.</b></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. Applicant 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 EOPSS. 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 for out-of-state conference fees, out-of-state travel or out-of-state lodging without prior written approval from OGR.</p>
Equipment/Technology	<p>Tangible non-expendable personal property having a useful life of more than one year; cost based on classification of equipment.</p>
Supplies	<p>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.)</p>

Other Costs	List items (e.g., rent, telephone) by major type and the basis of the computation.
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**Unallowable Costs**

For this AGF, Byrne SCIP funds may **not** be used for any of the following:

- 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);
- 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.

**Application Instructions**

The [Online Application](#) must be completed as outlined in this section.

**Section I. Applicant Information**

**Contact and Fiscal Information**

- Provide Applicant name, address, authorized signatory, grant point of contact, finance officer contact information, UEI number, and SAM registration confirmation.
- The funding request for this application will auto-populate to match the 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).

## Non-Supplant

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

## **Section II. Program Narrative**

### Applicant Qualifications

- Provide resumes of any new individual(s) who will fill any key role(s) or have key responsibilities on this project. Resumes can be included with the application as attachments.

### Program Strategy

Explain the methods the applicant will continue to use to provide strategic, analytic, technical, and research support when assisting the funded community SCIP programs and partners in improving or maintaining the SCIP strategy and outcomes.

- Reflect on how the applicant supported the SCIP programs and partners in assessing the effectiveness of the implemented SCIP strategy and how the SRP plans to assist in continuation implementation of the subawardee implemented SCIP strategies.
- How frequently will the applicant present recommendations and proposed suggestions to the funded community SCIP programs and partners? How will the applicant inform the funded community SCIP programs of emerging and relevant evidence-based research and best practices specific to comprehensive, multi-disciplinary approaches?

### Programmatic Reporting and Partnerships

Explain how the applicant will continue to assist the funded community SCIP program sites and community SCIP program directors to ensure timely and accurate programmatic reporting.

Explanations should include:

- How the applicant will assist with data entry and processing, reviewing, and validating the data.
- How the applicant will provide technical assistance related to data collection, reporting, and evaluation.

### Past Experience

- Describe experience performing the role of the Byrne SCIP SRP. Include successes and challenges and how these will continue to be addressed going forward.
- Identify and explain any meaningful changes or innovation to the applicant's approach to Program Strategy. If there are no major changes to the approach, explain why continuation of existing approaches is appropriate.

## 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, applicant 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. Applicant should submit a budget for up to approximately 12 months.

### **Section III. Budget Excel Worksheet**

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

### **Submission Process and Deadline**

Submit the online application form including all required attachments no later than **May 22, 2026 by 4:00pm.**

Emailed submissions will not be accepted. Please let OGR know if you have any difficulties or questions regarding the online application. All questions can be directed to [victoria.j.gouveia@mass.gov](mailto:victoria.j.gouveia@mass.gov)

This AGF and all other required documents can also be found on our website: [Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program - Statewide Research Partner | Mass.gov](#)

### **Online Submission**

Applicants are required to submit the Online Application using the form found here:

[FFY2022-2023 Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program Continuation Grant Application Statewide Research Partner](#)

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

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

- Attachment A: Budget Excel Workbook uploaded in Excel format, not PDF
- Resumes of any individuals who are new to the grant and who will fill any key role or have key responsibilities on this project.
- Approved Fringe Rate Agreement and/or Indirect Cost Rate Agreement, if applicable.

## **Review Process**

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

- Clear description of the methods the applicant will continue to use to provide strategic, analytic, technical, and research support when assisting the funded community SCIP programs and partners in improving or maintaining the SCIP strategy and outcomes.
- The applicant's demonstrated ability to collect, analyze, and communicate information about qualitative and quantitative data will be used to determine the applicant's ability to inform the SCIP stakeholders of the emerging trends and program effectiveness.
- The applicant's ability to assist the funded community SCIP program sites and community SCIP program directors to ensure timely and accurate programmatic reporting, including ability to adequately allocate resources for reporting assistance.
- The applicant's ability to assess past success and challenges of the FY22-23 Byrne SCIP awards and its capacity to identify areas of meaningful changes or innovation.
- Consistency between the proposed budget and strategy.

Please note that OGR is required to submit all continuation proposals to BJA for final project approval. BJA has the final authority to approve or deny funding.

## **Notification of Awards**

Funding decisions are ultimately at the discretion of the Executive Director of OGR and 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.

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This AGF and all other required documents can be found on the [Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program Statewide Research Partner | 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)
- Partner Letters of Collaboration/Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) to be uploaded to the online application (if applicable);
- Approved Fringe Rate Agreement and/or Indirect Cost Rate Agreement, if applicable.

For any questions, please contact Program Coordinator Victoria Gouveia  
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