



Stimulus Funds to Purchase ShotSpotter Gunshot Location System (GLS): Project Safe Neighborhoods

Program Description and Funding Level

Project Safe Neighborhoods aims to prevent gun violence in high crime areas. The program is a nationwide network designed to create safer neighborhoods by reducing gun violence and gun crime, and sustaining that reduction. Its effectiveness is based on the cooperation of local, state, and federal agencies in a unified offensive led by the U.S. Attorney in each of the 94 federal judicial districts. In FY 2009, we expect there to be \$20 million available nationwide for all Weed and Seed sites.

Eligible Use of Funds

The program supports community-based initiatives that use multi-faceted approaches to law enforcement, intervention and prevention strategies. Program funds may be used for a host of activities that are designed to result in reductions in gun violence. Funds may be used for crime fighting activities but also for prevention measures, as long as all activities produce measurable results and make demonstrable progress. That may include the acquisition of a gunshot location system as both a crime fighting measure and as a prevention technique.

How Funds Are Allocated and Distributed

Each of the nation's 94 U.S. Attorneys may designate one or more program sites under his/her jurisdiction. Funds are awarded competitively to sites that are so designated. Emphasis is placed on innovation and results. As with other DOJ programs, competitive applications will balance both crime fighting and prevention.

Match

There is no local matching requirement for Project Safe Neighborhoods grants.

How to Access These Funds for Your Community

1. Contact the area's U.S. Attorney's Office to determine whether your community is an existing Program participant. If it is not, petition that office for designation.
2. While the grantee of record under the program may be a unit of local government, the U.S. Attorney's Office in that area plays a major role in determine how grant awards will be made and which specific projects it will support. Petition the U.S. Attorney's Office for an allocation of grant funds to acquire a gunshot detection system.
3. Work with the relevant local law enforcement agency in charge of program coordination to ensure you have sufficient support for including gunshot location systems support in the annual grant application.
4. Applications are customarily due in the summer, but the specific deadline for the FY 2009 round has not yet been set.