

FY 09 Promoting Child and Youth Safety Solicitation

Frequently Asked Questions

The following responses are intended to provide clarity on issues related to the FY 09 Promoting Child and Youth Safety solicitation announced by the Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention in May 2009. While the responses do not include an exhaustive list of the questions posed, the information presented offers responses to the most asked questions. For specific questions or concerns regarding this solicitation, please contact Will D. Bronson, Jr., Program Manager at 202-305-2427 or via email at willie.bronson@usdoj.gov or Lou Ann Holland, Program Manager, at 202-305-2742 or via email at lou.ann.holland@usdoj.gov. **Please be advised, applicants must register and submit an application by 2:00 p.m. on June 15, 2009 to be considered for this funding opportunity.** Thank you for your interest in this solicitation.

1) *Who is eligible to apply for this solicitation?*

Applications from public agencies (including state agencies, units of local government, public universities and colleges, and federally funded tribal governments) and private organizations (to include faith-based, tribal, and community organizations) will be accepted under this announcement.

2) *What is the difference between part A and part B of the solicitation?*

The initial part of the grant (part A) is intended for agencies/organizations to develop or expand an intervention aimed at improving youth safety within a respective community. The intervention may be a new program or it may be an expansion of an existing program into an un-served area of the community. Part B of the solicitation is intended to provide for the development of a public awareness campaign for each of the part A grantees. The part B awardee should have the capacity to work with agencies across the United States and will work with each of the part A awardees in the development of the respective public awareness campaigns.

3) *How many grants will be awarded?*

OJJDP anticipates making up to 6 awards of up to \$350,000 per award under part A. OJJDP anticipates making one award of up to \$1.65 million under part B.

4) *How long will the grant award last?*

OJJDP anticipates that the project period will be 2 years under both part A and B of the solicitation.

5) *Can we apply for both part A and part B of the solicitation?*

Yes, however, no single organization will be selected for funding under both parts.

6) *Is there a particular type of child safety issue that OJJDP is looking to have addressed?*

OJJDP welcomes proposals to address **ANY type of youth/child victimization issue** with the goal of making children and youth safer in their communities. We reasonably expect the localities to identify the issue of most concern in that community and then to identify their targeted population and intervention strategy.

7) Can the funds be used to pay for staff time and for materials?

Yes, funds may be used in all of the federally approved cost categories. **However**, the spirit of this solicitation is intended for the creation or expansion of an intervention aimed at addressing child/youth safety. Applications solely to pay for additional staff in an already existing program or materials in an already existing program do not meet the spirit of this solicitation. Again, funds may be used to pay for staff time and for materials as long as the program is newly created or expanding into an un-served area of the community and the funds are used for the new/expanded project implementation.

8) Does the funding need to be used only for new programming?

No, these funds may be used to expand an existing program into an area where the program is not currently in operation. For example, if there is a program operating in 3 of 10 schools, you may use this funding opportunity to expand the program into the schools not currently served. Another example would be using the funds to implement an evidenced based/best practice program operating in another community in the applicant's community.

9) When will the funding be available for a project start date?

OJJDP anticipates awards will be made by September 30, 2009. This timeframe includes notification to successful applicants, whose projects may begin October 1, 2009 or later for a two year period.

10) Is there a particular format to use for submitting key personnel resumes?

No, there is no standard or required format for key personnel resumes.

11) Can the "community" be more than one geographical location?

Yes, applicants are responsible for clearly articulating in the grant application what the "community" they are looking to serve consists of to include population and geographical region(s).

12) Can my agency apply if we have applied for another funding opportunity from OJJDP?

Yes, the agency may still apply for this funding opportunity.

13) The solicitation talks about expenses related to travel, how much should I budget in the application?

Applicants should designate \$1800.00 per traveler (as an example \$3600.00 for two travelers) for both meetings convened by OJJDP.

14) I am interested in conducting research studies around issues related to child/youth safety, is that feasible under this announcement?

No, this would not be in keeping with the spirit of the solicitation. Part A grantees should focus on an intervention that positively affects child/youth safety and the part B grantee is focused on the development of a public awareness campaign for each of the part A grantees.

15) Are there specific populations that OJJDP is targeting with this solicitation?

While there are no specific age requirements for part A of this solicitation, the applicant should clearly describe the issues with the populations that the applicant's community intends on serving and clearly articulate how the proposed intervention strategy will positively affect that population of children or youth.

16) Does the project have to be an evidenced-based program?

Although the project does not specifically have to be an evidenced-based program, OJJDP greatly supports evidenced-based and best practice programming. Incorporating evidenced-based practices and/or theories supported by data make for the strongest applications.