

1. Where can we access what other programs have done?

Per Appendix A of the solicitation, which describes OJJDP's three youth violence prevention initiatives, you will find information at the following links:

- The Forum's [webpage](#).
- The Defending Childhood [website](#).
- The Community-based Violence Prevention [program solicitation](#).

A wide range of resources, toolkits, newsletters, and assessment and evaluation reports are available through the Forum and Defending Childhood websites.

2. Does a school system qualify?

Public school systems or individual public or private schools are NOT eligible applicants but could partner with a unit of local government. From page 1 of the solicitation, note:

To be eligible for consideration for funding under this solicitation, applicants must provide letters of commitment/memoranda of understanding that the chief executive officer (e.g., mayor, county executive, tribal chair), chief of police, superintendent of schools within the locality, and directors of public health, housing, workforce development, economic development, and child welfare (or the equivalent positions) have signed. Letters of commitment/memoranda must indicate an understanding of the goals of the proposal, describe the roles and responsibilities of the signer and/or represented agency, and specify the fiscal and staffing resource commitments made to the collaboration.

Also note that the Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Act defines a unit of government as:

- (A) any city, county, township, town, borough, parish, village, or other general purpose political subdivision of a State;**
- (B) any law enforcement district or judicial enforcement district that—**
 - (i) is established under applicable State law; and**
 - (ii) has the authority to, in a manner independent of other State entities, establish a budget and raise revenues;**
- (C) an Indian Tribe that performs law enforcement functions, as determined by the Secretary of the Interior; or**
- (D) for the purposes of assistance eligibility, any agency of the government of the District of Columbia or the Federal Government that performs law enforcement functions in and for—**
 - (i) the District of Columbia; or**
 - (ii) any Trust Territory of the United States.**

3. Could you clarify the definition of state agency?

State agency means a unit of state government, e.g., the state public safety, public health, or education department or agency.

4. Would these programs be under violence prevention? Be more specific about where to find the programs since it is three programs.

OJJDP invites localities to apply for funding to integrate the strategies and approaches of three of its youth violence prevention initiatives to achieve shared well-being and violence prevention objectives through a single, comprehensive strategic plan. Appendix A of the solicitation describes the three OJJDP youth violence prevention initiatives. The [Shared Framework for Reducing Youth Violence and Promoting Well Being](#) describes a blueprint to stop violence and victimization; address the individual, peer, family, community, and societal level factors; adopt developmentally appropriate, trauma-informed, and healing-based approaches; and build the social capital and community efficacy that characterize safe and thriving communities. See also the answer to question #1.

5. Just to clarify—if our city already has National Forum and Community-based Violence Prevention funding, can we apply for Defending Childhood funding?

Existing grantee jurisdictions are eligible to apply under Category 2 only if they did **not** receive OJJDP enhancement funding in FY 2015. See page 51 of the solicitation.

6. Can a registered 501(c) (3) collaborate with a local unit of government?

Yes.

7. Is there a written version of the Shared Framework, a version other than the Prezi presentation?

Yes, we have posted the written version of the Shared Framework on this [Funding Details](#) page along with the solicitation and most current Frequently Asked Questions.

8. Is the \$150,000 in addition to or inclusive of the total award?

The \$150,000 is part of the total award. OJJDP will make available as much as \$150,000 in planning funds to selected applicants immediately after award to support planning, culminating in development or revision of a strategic plan. OJJDP will determine the amount of planning funds to be available individually, based on each selected applicant's budget request. **OJJDP will make the remainder of the award funds available for implementation activities after conclusion of the planning phase**, contingent upon OJJDP acceptance of the strategic plan.

9. What should updates to existing strategic plans include?

Updates or revisions to existing strategic plans are to include all information to align the applicant's proposed activities and new element(s) with the existing plan and to respond to the direction given in the solicitation.

10. Is the definition of child synonymous with youth?

Children and youth are used synonymously in the solicitation and to signal that the overall age range is birth to 24. Applicants may wish to propose strategies directed toward specific ages within that range as part of a comprehensive plan.

11. Does the full \$150,000 need to be used for plan update, or if a reduced amount is used for planning update, can the remainder be used for implementation?

OJJDP will make total awards of as much as \$1 million to selected applicants. Of that amount, OJJDP will make available as much as \$150,000 to support planning. If a site proposes and/or requests less than the full \$150,000, OJJDP will make available the remainder of the award for implementation activities after conclusion of the planning phase, contingent upon OJJDP's acceptance of the strategic plan.

12. Will this PowerPoint be made available to webinar attendees?

Yes, OJJDP has posted a [recording of the webinar](#) and the [PowerPoint](#).

13. OJJDP research has shown connections between strong positive parent/child relationships (particularly with the mother) and reduction of later violence. Would interventions for families with younger children be appropriate for this initiative?

It is up to the applicant to propose activities as part of a comprehensive effort or enhancement of existing work. See the answer to question #10.

14. Do we prepare the proposal based on one or all three of the initiatives?

Category 1 applicant localities are invited to apply for funding to integrate the strategies and approaches of all three OJJDP youth violence prevention initiatives to achieve shared well-being and violence prevention objectives.

Category 2 applicants, OJJDP's current eligible youth violence prevention grantee sites, are invited to apply for funding to implement new activities to enhance present efforts and build a fully comprehensive approach to address children's exposure to violence, prevent violence, and promote the well-being of youth. OJJDP will award funding to successful applicants to incorporate strategies or approaches from one or two of the three OJJDP youth violence prevention initiatives that the applicant is **not** presently implementing, consistent with a data-driven strategic plan.

15. If our current funding period (Category 2) ends prior to 2018, can we fund infrastructure from these funds during year two of this grant?

If by infrastructure, the questioner is asking whether capacity development or implementation activities can be funded in year two, the answer is yes. Category 2 applicants are not required to allocate funding solely for planning at any time during the project period.

16. Are there any guidelines for geographic scope of implemented strategies?

The applicant defines the geographic scope of the proposed work within the designated locality. This can range from the entire local or tribal jurisdiction to specific neighborhoods, wards, precincts, or other local political or natural jurisdictional subdivisions.

17. If you are already a youth violence prevention or Defending Childhood community, does the applicant have to be one of those existing grantee agencies? Can it be another state government or local government entity within the community?

Certain existing OJJDP youth violence prevention grantees/grantee sites are eligible to apply for funding to enhance existing efforts under Category 2 only. Eligible existing grantee sites are listed in the chart on page 51 of the solicitation. A nongrant agency in an otherwise eligible jurisdiction may submit the application for FY 2016 Category 2 funding only where there is an agreement with the existing grantee entity to do so. Applicants must explain the decision to designate a different agency as the applicant for the Safe and Thriving funds in their submission and provide documentation of the agreement with the existing grantee agency.

Note: Any existing grantee site (or agency or entity from that site) that was awarded funding under the FY 2015 Youth Violence Prevention Enhancement grant program is not eligible for either Category 1 or 2 funds. The ineligible jurisdictions are listed in the footnote on page 51 of the solicitation.

18. Where can we find case studies of what other current sites have been doing and best practices?

See the answer to question #1.

19. Can you expand on the type of involvement you are looking for from the schools?

It is up to each applicant to propose the level and scope of involvement of each youth-serving system.

20. Are there any particular cities with preference? Certain sizes?

No.

21. Are 501(c) (4) organizations considered to be community based? How do you define community-based organizations?

501(c) (4) organizations could be community based. A community-based organization refers to a public or private nonprofit (including a church or religious entity) that is representative of a community or a significant segment of a community and is engaged in meeting human, educational, environmental, or public safety community needs with the support and engagement of the represented community.

22. Would you consider a Category 1 application from a jurisdiction nearby/within the same county as an existing applicant?

If the existing OJJDP grantee jurisdiction is a city or other locality within a county, a different locality within that county may apply for Category 1 funding. If the existing OJJDP grantee is a county agency or a state agency that defines its jurisdiction by county, then the existing OJJDP applicant is NOT eligible for Category 1 funding but may be eligible for Category 2 funding. See page 51 of the solicitation.

23. Where can we find the list of organizations that fit under Category 2?

Page 51 of the solicitation lists the eligible grantee sites and those that are not eligible for funding. A list of grantee organizations can be found at the end of this document.

24. Appendix B: The explanation just said if you're on this list you're not eligible, but at the bottom it calls out specific cities that are ineligible. Is this saying all cities listed on here as previous recipients are ineligible?

The answer given during the webinar was not clear. The statement was intended to refer to the footnote at the bottom of the chart on page 51, which lists those grantee sites that are ineligible because they received funding in FY 15. All the grantee sites listed on the chart on page 51 are eligible to apply for funds under Category 2, per the title of the chart: "Appendix B: Matrix of Sites Eligible for Category 2 Funding."

25. I somehow missed the response to the question about age range and whether interventions with families with younger children would be appropriate in terms of longer term prevention. Could you clarify again?

See the answer to question # 10.

26. Yes, repeat the answer on age range, especially for programs who target youth ages 14 to 25.

See the answer to question # 10.

27. Are all 31 of the performance measures to be reported on post-award?

No, OJJDP will require funded applicants to report on mandatory measures and they may select from among optional measures when reporting progress.

28. Please clarify the response to the question on considering a Category 1 application from a jurisdiction within the same county as an existing applicant.

See the answers to #17 and #22.

29. For existing grantees that apply, are the Category 2 funds used for enhancement or continuation?

Funds may be used as described in the solicitation on pages 6 and 7:

OJJDP invites its current eligible youth violence prevention sites to implement new activities to enhance present efforts and build a fully comprehensive approach to address children's exposure to violence, prevent violence, and promote the well-being of youth. OJJDP will award funding to successful applicants to incorporate strategies or approaches from those of the three OJJDP youth violence prevention initiatives that the applicant is **not** presently implementing, consistent with a data-driven Strategic Plan.

30. Can funding be used to hire/contract with a researcher?

That is a permissible use of award funds.

31. My agency is applying for the Category 1 funding. In the request for proposals on page 6, it details that applicants must convene a collaborative body. Is this once planning starts or is this something we should be doing prior to? We plan to meet with certain stakeholders to gain their support, but I want to make sure I understand the requirements?

Pages 5 and 6 describe the collaborative body and governance structure requirements for applicants and note the following on page 1 of the solicitation:

All Applicants: To be eligible for consideration for funding under this solicitation, applicants must provide letters of commitment/memoranda of understanding that the chief executive officer (e.g., mayor, county executive, tribal chair), chief of police, superintendent of schools within the locality, and directors of public health, housing, workforce development, economic development, and child welfare (or the equivalent positions) have signed. Letters of commitment/memoranda must indicate an understanding of the goals of the proposal, describe the roles and responsibilities of the signer and/or represented agency, and specify the fiscal and staffing resource commitments made to the collaboration.

Also, page 8 of the solicitation indicates:

NOTE: All applicants must document the history and impact of relevant past collaborations, as described in Section D. Application and Submission Information, to demonstrate their readiness to engage in collaborative work and collective action.

OJJDP encourages applicants to be both strategic and realistic in their proposals, recognizing that a thoughtful planning process that involves all key stakeholders is fundamental to ensuring lasting support for and sustaining over time work to reduce violence; transform community norms, culture, and behaviors; and achieve well-being in children, youth, and families.

OJJDP's Youth Violence Prevention Grantees

National Forum on Youth Violence Prevention

Baltimore, MD

Baltimore City Health Department

Boston, MA

Boston Police Department

Camden, NJ

City of Camden

Office of the Mayor

Chicago, IL

Mayor's Office

Cleveland, OH

City of Cleveland Department of Public Safety

Detroit, MI

Office of the Mayor

Long Beach, CA

Long Beach Development Services

Neighborhood Services Bureau

Louisville, KY

Office of the Mayor

Office for Safe and Healthy Neighborhoods

Memphis, TN

Memphis Shelby Crime Commission

Minneapolis, MN

City of Minneapolis

Health and Family Support Department

New Orleans, LA

New Orleans Health Department

Philadelphia, PA

City of Philadelphia

Office of the Mayor

Salinas, CA

City of Salinas

Community Safety Division

San Jose, CA

City of San Jose

Seattle, WA

Seattle Human Services Department

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Defending Childhood

Boston, MA

Boston City Public Health Commission

Chippewa Cree Tribe, Rocky Boy, MT

Human Services

Cuyahoga County, OH

Department of Public Health

Grand Forks, ND

City of Grand Forks Police Department

Shelby County, TN

Office of the Mayor

Multnomah County, OR

Department of Human Services

Portland, ME

City of Portland

Rosebud Sioux Tribe, Rosebud, SD

Office of the President

Community Based Violence Prevention

Baltimore, MD

Safe Streets Baltimore

Baltimore City Health Department

Baton Rouge, LA

City of Baton Rouge/Parish of East Baton Rouge

Office of the Mayor-President

Boston, MA

Boston Police Department

Office of Research and Development

Brooklyn, NY

Fund for the City of New York/

Center for Court Innovation

Camden, NJ

Office of the Mayor

Denver, CO

City and County of Denver

Denver Department of Safety

Detroit, MI

City of Detroit

Detroit Police Department

Kansas City, MO

City of Kansas City

Missouri Health Department

Los Angeles, CA

Mayor's Office of Public Safety

Gang Reduction and Youth Development

Newark, NJ

City of Newark

Police Department Office of Reentry

Newport News, VA

Newport News Department of Human Services

Oakland, CA

City of Oakland

Health and Human Services Department

Prince George's County, MD

Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention

Philadelphia, PA

Office of the Mayor

Managing Director's Office

Syracuse, NY

City of Syracuse

Bureau of Research

Washington, DC

Collaborative Solutions for Communities

(Formerly Columbia Heights Shaw Family Support

Collaborative)