

**U.S. Department of Justice
National Public Safety Partnership (PSP)
Training and Technical Assistance Request Form
and Statement of Interest**

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The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) established the National Public Safety Partnership (PSP) to provide an innovative framework to enhance federal support of state, local, and tribal law enforcement and prosecution authorities in aggressively investigating and prosecuting violent criminals in jurisdictions experiencing precipitous increases in violent crime.

PSP is designed to promote interagency coordination by leveraging specialized law enforcement expertise with dedicated prosecutorial resources to promote public and community safety—with the ultimate goal of reducing violent crime.

PSP's strategic focus is to support communities that struggle with sustained levels of violent crime far in excess of the national average and would benefit from DOJ's support in developing their own capacities. In response to the impact that the COVID-19 pandemic has had on crime in cities across the country, PSP will give consideration to cities that have experienced a spike in violent crime over this past year.

PSP is a three-year commitment from DOJ to deliver no-cost, customized, site-specific training and technical assistance (TTA). PSP is not a grant program. **Participating law enforcement agencies do not receive direct funding through this initiative. However, an intensive multiyear investment of expert assistance, training, and capacity development is made in each site, which leaves the jurisdiction with improved long-term skills and abilities to combat violent crime.** Please visit the PSP website at <https://www.nationalpublicsafetypartnership.org> to learn more about the initiative.

In 2021, DOJ will review potential candidates to join the Partnership. Interested jurisdictions should complete the Training and Technical Assistance Request Form and Statement of Interest below by 11:59 p.m., ET, on Monday, June 7, 2021. Sites will be selected through a quantitative and qualitative evaluation process, in consultation with U.S. Attorneys and DOJ law enforcement partners. This process will consider, at a minimum, whether a jurisdiction:

- Has violent crime rates well above the national average;
- Is presently under-resourced in its capacity to drive down violent crime (special consideration may be given to rural jurisdictions); and
- Has demonstrated readiness to participate in this collaborative initiative.

DOJ is committed to advancing work that promotes civil rights, increases access to justice, supports crime victims, protects the public from crime and evolving threats, and builds trust between law enforcement and the community. Jurisdictions requesting assistance via PSP should articulate their commitment to advancing the promotion of civil rights, increasing access to justice, supporting crime victims, protecting the public from crime and evolving threats, and building trust between law enforcement and the community.

The Office of Justice Programs (OJP) prioritizes work in high-poverty areas or persistent-poverty counties. If the request for assistance will impact one of these areas or counties, this should be noted in the request for assistance. For purposes of this priority consideration, the term “high-poverty area” means any census tract with a poverty rate of at least 20 percent as measured by the 2013–2017 five-year data series available from the American Community Survey of the Census Bureau (applicants may search by census tract at <https://www.census.gov/acs/www/data/data-tables-and-tools/narrative-profiles/2017/>), and the term “persistent-poverty county” means any county that has had 20 percent or more of its population living in poverty over the past 30 years, as measured by the 1990 and 2000 decennial censuses and the most recent Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates (applicants may search by county at <https://www.census.gov/data/tables/time-series/dec/census-poverty.html> and at <https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/saipe.html>).

In addition, in making final selections, DOJ will consider geographic diversity (to ensure representation from jurisdictions in different geographic regions with distinct characteristics; although any size jurisdiction may apply and be considered) and the availability of Department resources to support the location. Please note that eligible applicants are limited to units of local government and federally recognized Indian tribal governments that perform law enforcement functions (as determined by the Secretary of the Interior). Please complete and sign the Training and Technical Assistance Request Form and Statement of Interest below and submit via email to BJANTTAC@ojp.usdoj.gov no later than 11:59 p.m., ET, on Monday, June 7, 2021. Selected sites will be notified by June 30, 2021.

If you have any questions, please email BJANTTAC@ojp.usdoj.gov.

PSP Training and Technical Assistance Request Form

Local Law Enforcement Agency Requestor Name:	
Phone:	
Email:	
Agency Address:	
Describe the nature and extent of your violent crime problem over the past three years, including current and/or past violent crime-reduction strategies. (1000-word limit)	

PSP Statement of Interest

By submitting this interest form to the U.S. Department of Justice's (DOJ) National Public Safety Partnership (PSP), I understand that it serves to express our interest in participating in PSP. I understand that PSP is a DOJ-wide program that enables sites to consult with DOJ and receive coordinated training and technical assistance (TTA) and an array of resources from DOJ to enhance local violence-reduction strategies. I understand that the chief of police/senior executive leadership must serve as an active participant in the program. I understand that selected sites will be asked to participate in Communities of Practice with surrounding smaller and/or rural jurisdictions to share lessons learned and offer TTA to those sites. If selected, we are willing and able to collaborate with DOJ, our community, our prosecutor(s), and state and local leadership to combat violent crime, especially in the areas of felonious possession and use of firearms, criminal gang violence, drug trafficking, and community engagement.

e-Signature of Law Enforcement Executive

Date

Printed Name

Title