



## **NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY PARTNERSHIP**

### **2019 SITE SELECTION PROCESS**

### **QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

**February 2019**

#### **Background**

The National Public Safety Partnership (PSP) is an initiative designed to support local jurisdictions that are experiencing sustained precipitous increases in violent crime and would benefit from the U.S. Department of Justice's (DOJ) support in developing their own capacities to fight violent crime. PSP serves as a DOJ-wide program that enables cities to consult with and receive coordinated training and technical assistance (TTA) and an array of resources from DOJ to enhance local violence reduction strategies. This model enables DOJ to provide communities with data-driven strategies tailored to the unique local needs of participating cities to address serious violent crime challenges.

#### **QUESTION:**

What is the process for inviting new sites to participate in PSP?

#### **ANSWER:**

In February 2019, PSP will open the letter-of-interest submission period. This online form will enable interested sites to provide both quantitative and qualitative measures regarding the crime that is impacting their communities. To be considered for selection, a site must have levels of violence that far exceed the national average and demonstrate the capacity and commitment to work intensely with DOJ and the PSP structure for the three-year duration of PSP. The Bureau of Justice Assistance, along with U.S. Attorneys and DOJ law enforcement partners, will make final selections and notify the sites by May 2019.

#### **QUESTION:**

Who are the existing PSP sites?

#### **ANSWER:**

To date, over 30 cities have participated in PSP. Below is a complete listing of current and previous sites:

**Pilot**

Camden, New Jersey  
Chicago, Illinois  
Compton, California  
Detroit, Michigan  
Flint, Michigan

Jackson, Mississippi  
Little Rock, Arkansas  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin  
Nashville, Tennessee  
Newark, New Jersey

New Orleans, Louisiana  
Oakland/Richmond, California  
St. Louis, Missouri  
West Memphis, Arkansas  
Wilmington, Delaware

**2017**

Baton Rouge, Louisiana  
Birmingham, Alabama  
Buffalo, New York  
Cincinnati, Ohio

Houston, Texas  
Indianapolis, Indiana  
Jackson, Tennessee  
Kansas City, Missouri

Lansing, Michigan  
Memphis, Tennessee  
Springfield, Illinois  
Toledo, Ohio

**2018**

Miami, Florida  
Saginaw, Michigan  
Salisbury, North Carolina  
Tulsa, Oklahoma

More information on PSP can be found at [www.nationalpublicsafetypartnership.org](http://www.nationalpublicsafetypartnership.org).

**QUESTION:**

What types of assistance will be provided to the selected localities?

**ANSWER:**

PSP will provide intensive training, technical assistance, and coaching over a three-year period to help the localities establish a lasting coordination structure among federal, state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies and prosecutors' offices to enhance their capacities to better address violent crime.

**QUESTION:**

Which DOJ components will participate in PSP?

**ANSWER:**

PSP is supported by the law enforcement and grantmaking components of DOJ, working in collaboration with its local partners. Participating DOJ components include the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF); the Executive Office for United States Attorneys; the Federal Bureau of Investigation; the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services; the Office of Justice Programs; the Office on Violence Against Women; the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration; and the U.S. Marshals Service (USMS).

**QUESTION:**

Is PSP a grant program?

**ANSWER:**

No. PSP is a locally directed initiative designed to build capacity for state, local, and tribal crime reduction strategies. Sites do not receive federal grant funds, but TTA providers work with federal officials to develop customized training strategies that may consist of a variety of assessments, peer exchanges, on-site/off-site training, subject-expert consultation, and the development of Communities of Practice. TTA is delivered at no cost to the sites.

**QUESTION:**

What are some of the successes you have seen from other PSP sites?

**ANSWER:**

Including pilot program sites, PSP is currently working with 21 sites across the country on its core focus areas: federal partnerships, gun violence, criminal justice collaboration, crime analysis, technology, and investigations. PSP is seeing success in all of its sites. Below are a few highlights:

- As of December 20, 2018, year-to-date (YTD) 2018 compared to 2017, nonfatal shootings decreased by 37 percent and homicides decreased by 42 percent in the Milwaukee, Wisconsin Center Street Corridor.
- New Orleans, Louisiana has reduced its National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN) turnaround time (time from seizing/recovering evidence from the street to entering the evidence into Brasstrax or the Integrated Ballistics Identification System) from 19 days in 2017, to 2.2 days in August 2018, to 1.1 days in September 2018.
- USMS's Operation Triple Beam in June 2018 with the Jackson, Mississippi, Police Department in the Southern District of Mississippi resulted in more than 270 arrests, 90 of which were gang-related, and the seizure of several guns and pounds of illegal substances.
- Between January and November 2018, the Memphis, Tennessee, Police Department and ATF processed over 1,000 NIBIN submissions, resulting in 50 felony arrests in Memphis.
- USMS and the St. Louis, Missouri, Metropolitan Police Department teamed up in June 2018 to conduct sex offender checks on 540 offenders. As of November 2018, they had identified 85 offenders who were completely noncompliant and 130 who were partially noncompliant and required follow-up by law enforcement.
- As a result of PSP, the Alabama Board of Pardons and Paroles has enhanced its efforts in supervising the most violent offenders. As of October 2018 (YTD), Pardons and Paroles revoked offenders on probation or parole 16 percent more than in 2017. In addition, between July and August 2018, there were 27 new charges/violations of offenders who were on probation or parole for fewer than 2 years.
- In fall 2018, the Memphis Police Department conducted Operation Cool Down across all nine precincts with a focus on violent crime (guns, gangs, and aggravated assaults). The operation resulted in 29 weapons recovered, 134 felony arrests, 79 misdemeanor arrests, and 23 citations issued, including 120 fugitives and 69 drug offenders arrested (reported November 2018).
- Comparing robberies YTD November 2018 to November 2017, Indianapolis, Indiana, experienced a 15 percent decline in robberies.

**QUESTION:**

How is the initiative funded?

**ANSWER:**

The initiative is funded through the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program.

**QUESTION:**

Does participation in PSP guarantee crime reduction?

**ANSWER:**

PSP works with participating sites to build their capacity to better address violent crime. PSP does not guarantee crime will be reduced by participating in the initiative.