



Division of Criminal Justice Services

SNUG Neighborhood Violence Prevention Project Request for Proposals (RFP) Buffalo

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Question:

Is there a percentage of the budget amount proposed by an applicant in response to this RFP that should be designated to M/WBE vendors?

Answer:

Yes. If an award is given, 30% of the discretionary portion of the budget needs to be spent with a NYS Certified M/WBE vendor.

Question:

Are collaborative projects acceptable?

Answer:

A not-for-profit organization may partner with other community based organizations in order to carry out the program model. Collaboration with local governments is also allowed. Collaboration with law enforcement is required. Memoranda of Understanding (MOU's) will be required with any partner named in the grant award.

Question:

Are project activities such as mentoring partnerships with a street outreach team; job training and referral activities; Aggression Replacement Treatment workshops; and behavioral health sessions to address issues of PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Syndrome) allowed as part of the project?

Answer:

Mentoring, training projects and other activities will be considered during the course of contract development if an award is made. All training, programs and activities must adhere to the Cure Violence Model.

Question:

Can violence debriefing take place at a church - not for the purposes of proselytizing but as a safety zone?

Answer:

The recipient of the award must maintain an office in the target area. If a church in the target area is willing to provide space for program activities, that would be allowed.



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Does SNUG have a specific age criteria which should be targeted?

Answer:

The Cure Model focuses on ages 14 through 24 but it is possible that the age of participants will vary. This funding is intended to serve high-risk youth and young adults.

Question:

The RFP requests information on applicant's prior experience with a Records Management System (RMS), as well as prior experience with data collection, management, and reporting. It also requests a summary of the applicant's prior experience working with researchers and/or evaluators.

Does this mean that an applicant, if they so choose, is allowed to fund an evaluator as a consultant to provide support for using an RMS, and provide guidance in data collection, management, and reporting?

Answer:

No. Grantees are required to enter data into a DCJS specified database to collect program data if using the Cure Violence Model or; based on the evidence model, the grantee may have their own database for collecting data. Evaluation projects of any kind will be funded separately by DCJS.

Question:

Is it an allowable use of funding to hire a program evaluation consultant to analyze gathered data and also assist in completing the required reports?

Answer:

No. DCJS will handle any sort of program evaluation project or data gathering effort.

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