

# FY26 Project Safe Neighborhood (PSN) RFA

## Questions & Answers

### **Q1: How much funding is available? What is the expected grant award size?**

A: OVSJG does not currently announce the total amount of available funds on any of its requests for applications. Funds are awarded based on availability and eligibility.

### **Q2: Have you gotten this funding in the past or is this new funding? The RFA title says “Supplemental” — are these dollars left over from another year or is this new special funding?**

A: It is not special funding. It is supplemental because it is outside of our regular RFA cycle.

### **Q3: How many awards do you anticipate making?**

A: The number of awards depends on how many applicants apply and meet eligibility requirements.

### **Q4: Is OVSJG most interested in funding re-entry programming through this RFA or are broader violence prevention programs also given equal consideration?**

A: Funding is for Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) activities, including implementing effective programs and strategies that enable PSN task forces to prevent, respond to, and reduce violent crimes; identifying high crime areas; and fostering effective collaboration with affected communities.

### **Q5: Are there specific programmatic outputs or outcomes you’re interested in seeing grantees address (i.e., reduced recidivism)?**

A: Please refer to Section 2. Funding Opportunity Descriptions (Page 6) and Section 3.5 Data Collection Requirements and Information (Page 8) of the RFA.

### **Q6: Are District of Columbia Courts eligible to apply, or is it only open to community-based non-profit agencies?**

A: Yes, District Courts can apply for the grant.

### **Q7: For the financial audit requirement, what is considered the “most recent fiscal year”?**

A: If your organization operates on a calendar year (Jan 1–Dec 31), you may submit your 2024 audit as the most recent fiscal year audit for this application.

### **Q8: What is the amount that can be requested for this grant?**

A: OVSJG does not announce a specific funding amount per grantee. Funds are awarded based on availability and eligibility.

### **Q9: If we do not have an audited financial statement, can we submit a profit and loss statement?**

A: Please refer to Page 13 of the RFA for guidance on financial documentation requirements.

### **Q10: Is any pre-approval required prior to submission, or is submission through GovGrants sufficient?**

A: Submission through GovGrants is sufficient. No pre-approval is required.

**Q11: Are applicants required to serve all geographic areas identified in the RFA, or can they select a subset?**

A: Applicants may select to serve one or more of the neighborhoods listed in the RFA.

**Q12: The funding title includes “Reentry.” Does this mean project activities may include reentry services, or is funding limited to violence prevention efforts?**

A: Funding is for Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) activities, which include strategies to prevent, respond to, and reduce violent crimes, and fostering collaboration with affected communities.

**Q13: Can you clarify the source of the funds? Is it federal or local? Part of a formula grant or another program?**

A: Please refer to Section 2. Funding Opportunity Descriptions 2.1 Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) on Page 6 of the RFA.

**Q14: Can you confirm whether OVSJG/PSN will provide participant referrals (justice-involved individuals) to awarded providers, or whether participant recruitment/referral sourcing is the responsibility of the applicant? And, if referrals are available, please clarify the typical referral sources/process (e.g., CSOSA, DOC, MPD, or other partners) and whether MOUs are required at submission.**

A: OVSJG/PSN will not be providing participants referrals. The responsibility is on the applicant to identify participants. Please refer to the RFA page 12 Letters of Support and Memoranda of Understanding. All applicants must include at least two (2) letters of support. These letters should be current and representative of a multi-disciplinary support base, demonstrate the need, the intended use and expected results from the use of grant funds.

**Q15: Does OVSJG have an anticipated or preferred service scale (e.g., approximate number of participants) for PSN awards that include comprehensive case management services?**

A: Each proposal submitted should indicate the purpose area the applicant seeks to be funded under in accordance with the purpose areas defined in Section 2 of the RFA. Applicants may submit more than one application. A complete application should be submitted for each initiative or project for which funds are being requested

**Q16: For proposals offering comprehensive case management, does OVSJG have guidance or expectations regarding acceptable maximum caseloads per case manager?**

A: 4.2 Description of Proposal Sections The purpose and content of each section are described below. Applicants should include all information needed to adequately describe plans for services. It is important that proposals reflect continuity among the program design, work plan of activities, and that the budget demonstrates the level of effort required for the proposed services

**Q17: Are formal Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) with referral or justice system partners required at the time of application, or may partnerships be described narratively with agreements finalized post-award?**

A: All applicants must include at least two (2) letters of support. These letters should be current and representative of a multi-disciplinary support base, demonstrate the need, the intended use and

expected results from the use of grant funds. 13 If the application proposes partnership(s) with other providers to meet the goals and objectives of the proposal, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is required outlining the relationship between the applicant and the identified partners, including the roles and responsibilities of each. This may be submitted as a single MOU between all partners or individual MOUs with each partner. Letters of Support and Memoranda of Understanding must be submitted in "Forms and Files" tab in the Supporting Documents Checklist.

**Q18: For community-based, non-law-enforcement applicants, how does OVSJG recommend demonstrating alignment with the PSN “focused and strategic enforcement” element?**

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**Q19: The PSN RFA does not appear to specify a maximum award amount. Is there a recommended funding range or informal ceiling that applicants should consider when requesting funds commensurate with staffing and program scale?**

A: OVSJG does not currently announce the total amount of available funds on any of its requests for applications. Funds are awarded based on availability and eligibility.

**Q20: Based on our review of the FY 2026 Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) RFA and the application prompts within GovGrants, it is our understanding that applicants proposing comprehensive case management services are expected to serve approximately 100 justice-involved individuals during the grant period.**

A: The approximately 100 justice-involved individuals during the grant period is an example for how the goals, objectives, and activities should be formatted.

**Q21: Given this anticipated service scale and the staffing required to responsibly deliver comprehensive case management (e.g., industry-standard caseload limits per case manager), the PSN RFA does not appear to specify a maximum award amount.**

A: OVSJG does not currently announce the total amount of available funds on any of its requests for applications. Funds are awarded based on availability and eligibility.

**Q22: Can you please confirm whether there is a recommended funding range or informal award ceiling that applicants should consider when requesting funds commensurate with serving approximately 100 participants and meeting PSN program requirements?**

A: OVSJG does not currently announce the total amount of available funds on any of its requests for applications. Funds are awarded based on availability and eligibility. Also, the approximately 100 justice-involved individuals during the grant period are an example for how the goals, objectives, and activities should be formatted.

**Q23: Is it possible to jointly submit an application with another organization? If no, must both organizations submit separately, or might one be able to act as a prime for the project with the other as a type of subgrantee?**

A: No joint application each organization should submit an application. However, if an applicant submits an application and has another organization as a sub-contractor/sub-grantee the application should show the work with them.

**Q24: Page 8 References Appendix C required data measures but appendix C does not have any information about required data measures. Where can required data measures be found?**

A: The Justice Grants data metrics can be found on our website:

[https://ovsjg.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/ovsjg/page\\_content/attachments/FY26%20JG%20and%20OVS%20Joint%20PMIs%20%28website%29.pdf](https://ovsjg.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/ovsjg/page_content/attachments/FY26%20JG%20and%20OVS%20Joint%20PMIs%20%28website%29.pdf). Also there will be data from Bureau of Justice Assistance that will be provided to the grantee(s) awarded.