



State of Wisconsin  
Bureau of Justice Programs  
Division of Law Enforcement Services

# Criminal Justice Project Safe Neighborhoods Eastern District 2024 (2026)

## Grant Announcement

**Applications must be submitted through  
Egrants on or before April 17, 2026, by 11:59 p.m.**



**STATE OF WISCONSIN  
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

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The Egrants Application Guide has step-by-step instructions for accessing and using the Egrants online system. The guide is posted [on the Egrants page of our website](#).

Online Help is available throughout the Egrants application process. Once you have started an application, look for the HELP button in the top right corner of the screen. Page-specific instructions can be found there.

## Grant Announcement Summary

**Program Area:** Criminal Justice

**Grant Title:** Project Safe Neighborhoods Eastern District 2024 (2026)

**Description:** Through this grant announcement, DOJ is seeking applications to support specific programs that involve projects to support collaborative community-wide efforts linking gun violence & gang prevention and intervention efforts (in schools and the community) with law enforcement suppression efforts. Projects will receive funding under the 2024 Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) program.

**Opportunity Category:** Non-Competitive

**Important Dates:**

Application Due Date: April 17, 2026

Anticipated Project Start Date: July 1, 2026

Project End Date: September 30, 2027

**Reporting Requirements:** If awarded a grant, your agency will be responsible for completing the following reports in order to receive reimbursement.

- Program Reports must be submitted in Egrants quarterly.
- Financial Reports must be submitted in Egrants quarterly.
- Performance Measurement Tool reports must be submitted quarterly in the PMT system located at <https://ojpssso.ojp.gov/> and uploaded into Egrants Program Reports as required.

**Anticipated Funding Amount:** \$160,922 (30% of funds must be used to support gang task forces)

**Match/Cost Sharing Requirement:** There is no match required under this program.

**Eligibility:** The Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office is the only eligible applicant.

**Eligible Expenses:**

Funds may be used for Personnel, Employee Benefits, Travel/Training, Supplies/Operating expenses, and Consultants/Contractual expenses.

**Requirements for Federally Funded Grants:**

**System for Award Management (SAM) Registration:**

**CAGE Code Number:** All applicants must be registered on the SAM (formerly Central Contractor Registration/CCR) database. This is the repository for standard information about federal financial assistance applicants, recipients, and sub recipients. If you had an active CCR, you have an active record in SAM. Applicants must update or renew their SAM

registration on an annual basis. Information to update your entity records can be accessed at <https://sam.gov/SAM/>.

**Unique Entity Identifier (UEI):** All entities doing business using federal funds will be required to have an active UEI number.

- The Unique Entity ID is a 12-character alphanumeric ID assigned to an entity by SAM.gov.
- As part of this transition, the DUNS Number has been removed from SAM.gov.
- Entity registration, searching, and data entry in SAM.gov now require use of the new Unique Entity ID.
- Existing registered entities can find their Unique Entity ID by following the steps [here](#).
- New entities can get their Unique Entity ID at SAM.gov and, if required, complete an entity registration.

**DOJ cannot award funds until an agency has an active registration in SAM and is eligible to receive federal funds.**

**All expenses must be new and cannot replace existing state or local government funding.** Substitution of existing funds with federal grant funds (supplanting) will be the subject of monitoring and audit. Violations may result in a range of penalties, including suspension of current and future funds under this program, suspension or debarment from federal grants, repayment of monies provided under a grant, and civil and/or criminal penalties.

## **Project Safe Neighborhoods (2024)**

The Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ) through its Bureau of Justice Programs (BJP) provides financial and technical assistance to public safety and criminal justice agencies throughout the state. As the state administering agency (SAA) for state and federal juvenile and criminal justice programs DOJ is responsible for establishing funding priorities, developing application criteria, awarding and disseminating grants, and assessing project achievements. This grant announcement provides information about a specific grant opportunity and instructions to help those eligible apply for a share of the available funds.

### **Program Description and Background**

Through this grant announcement, DOJ is seeking applications for projects geared toward reducing gang and violent crime in the Eastern District of Wisconsin. Projects will receive funding under the 2024 Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) program.

PSN is a nationwide program that is coordinated by the U.S. Attorneys' Offices in the 94 Judicial Districts across the country. The program brings together federal, state, local, and tribal law enforcement officials, community-based partners, prosecutors, and other stakeholders to identify the most pressing violent crime problems in an area and work towards comprehensive solutions. The four key design elements of each PSN program include: community engagement, prevention and intervention, focused and strategic enforcement, and accountability. For more information on the National PSN Program, please visit [www.psn.gov](http://www.psn.gov).

### **Submit Applications Using Egrants**

Applications must be submitted through the Egrants online grants management system. If you have never used Egrants before, the Project Director and Financial Officer listed on the grant application will need to register for their unique login credentials to access the system. To register online, go to <http://register.wisconsin.gov/AccountManagement/> and complete the 'self-registration' process. On the account registration site, you will have a choice between the DOJ Egrants and WEM EGrants. Please take care to select DOJ Egrants during this process.

Authorization to access Egrants can take several days depending on registration activity.

For questions relating to Egrants registration contact the technical assistance contact listed on this announcement, or the DOJ help desk. The helpdesk hours are Monday-Friday 8am-4:30pm if you need assistance. (Please note: If you register outside of these hours, access may not be approved until the next business day.) Once your Egrants access has been approved, you may begin your online grant application.

An [Egrants System User Guide](#) is posted on the [DOJ website](#). If you have any problems using Egrants, please contact our help desk at [Egrants@wisdoj.gov](mailto:Egrants@wisdoj.gov) or call us at (608) 267-9068 or toll free at (888) 894-6607 during business hours.

### **Application Components**

Through Egrants, you will provide DOJ with detailed information about your project that will be used to make a funding decision. Questions on what is expected in each section can be directed to Michael Austin at (608) 957-5219 or at [Michael.Austin@wisdoj.gov](mailto:Michael.Austin@wisdoj.gov).

**Please note: Attachments should only be included in this grant application where specifically requested in section instructions.**

### **1. Main Summary**

This page asks for information about your agency and the individuals responsible for the application and grant award. There are many required fields on this page so if you encounter problems, please check online help by clicking the floating HELP button.

Please note: When identifying individuals involved in this grant, each responsible individual in this grant must be a different person.

- The Signatory is the highest elected official in municipality/government entity/organization. (For example, in a city it is the mayor, for counties it is the county executive or county board chair, and for non-profit agencies it is the executive director.)
- The Financial Officer is the individual at the applicant agency who is responsible for financial activities in your organization.
- The Project Director is an individual at the applicant agency who will oversee project operations.
- An Alternate Contact may be added to the application. This person is one that can and should access the application to complete required tasks such as modifications and reports, in the absence of the Project Director. This person should have knowledge of the project and authority to speak on behalf of the organization in the absence of the Project Director. If possible, we encourage the Project Director to list an alternate on the grant.

In the "Brief Project Description" text box, please describe your project in 150 words or less. A suggested format is included for your convenience:

"Funds will be used by the (your agency name and others involved in the project) to (describe what funds will be used for and who will be involved). The (what - equipment, training, project, pilot, etc.) will (describe the specific goals you hope to achieve – how will the project or equipment improve safety in Wisconsin?) [If appropriate, add which area(s) of the state will benefit.]"

Responses to this section will be used on the DOJ website, cited in DOJ reports and could be mentioned in press releases. Plain language that clearly describes the intent of the project is most effective.

### **2. Approval Checklist**

Answer Yes or No to each question.

### **3. Performance Measures**

Please open this section and change the page status to Complete; then SAVE the page. Performance Measures will be identified and collected during post-award reporting rather than through this funding application process).

### **4. Budget Detail**

Complete a project budget using the following categories. For each category used, enter a justification that describes how the items in that category will be used during

the course of the grant period. **It is important that you include specific details in the justification field for each budget line, including cost computation.**

Personnel: Provide salary information for non-contractual employees that will be funded through this grant, including overtime. List each position by title and name of employee, if available. Show the annual salary rate and the percentage of time/number of hours to be devoted to the project. Compensation paid for employees engaged in grant activities must be consistent with that paid for similar work within the applicant organization. Only personnel costs of the agency applying for the grant funds should be included under “personnel.”

**Example for computation line:**

- $\$25/\text{hr.} \times 2080 \text{ hr.} = \$52,000$ . When entering this into the amount text box please round up to the nearest dollar.

Employee Benefits: Employee benefits for grant-funded personnel include FICA, Unemployment Compensation, Health Insurance, etc. and amounts budgeted should be based on actual known costs or an established formula. Employee benefits are for the personnel listed in the budget and only for the percentage of time/number of hours devoted to the project. Employee benefits on overtime hours are limited to FICA, Workers’ Compensation, and Unemployment Compensation.

**Example for computation line:**

- $\$52,000 \text{ 1.0 FTE salary} \times 43\% \text{ fringe rate} = \$22,360$ . When entering this into the amount text box please round up to the nearest dollar.

Travel/Training:

Guidelines for travel and/or training costs for an individual with the funded project. Only actual expenses will be reimbursed. All reimbursements will be at current state rates that are subject to change.

Current rates for **in-state travel** at the time of this announcement include:

- Mileage: \$0.51/mile
- Lodging: Maximum \$101/night (\$106/night for Milwaukee, Waukesha or Racine County)
- Meals: \$11/breakfast (leaving at or before 6 a.m.); \$13/lunch (leaving at or before 10:30 a.m. and returning at or after 2:30 p.m.); \$24/dinner (returning at or after 7 p.m.).

Current rates for **out-of-state travel** at the time of this announcement include:

- Mileage: \$0.51/mile
- Lodging: The in-state maximum reimbursement rate per night applies to out-of-state travel, except for lodging in certain higher cost cities. For lodging maximums in higher cost cities, refer to the most recent issue of the DPM Bulletin entitled “Maximum Reimbursement for Lodging in High-Cost Out-of-State Cities.” [Effective October 1, 2025.](#)
- Meals: \$12/breakfast (leaving at or before 6 a.m.); \$18/lunch (leaving at or before 10:30 a.m. and returning at or after 2:30 p.m.); \$28/dinner (returning at or after 7 p.m.).

**Example for computation line:** (Note: each travel item should be listed as separate budget line items):

- Mileage: 75 miles x \$0.51 state rate = \$38.25. When entering this into the amount text box please round up to the nearest dollar.
- Lodging: \$101/night x 4 nights x 2 people
- Airfare: \$425 x 2 people

Please note:

Costs will only be reimbursed after submission of an event agenda. Travel and training for contracted employee/contractual services does not go in this section. These expenses should be itemized under “Contractual”.

The following are guidelines for Lodging & Transportation

- AirBnb, VRVO’s and the like are prohibited.
- Lodging 50 Mile Rule: You must travel 50 miles or more from your home or headquarter city whichever is shorter to qualify for lodging.
- Reasonable charges for ridesharing services (e.g., Uber, Lyft) are reimbursable including tips at a maximum rate of 15%. Uber and Lyft costs are allowable similar to taxi’s, shuttles, buses and trains.

The following are guidelines for any travel and/or training costs associated for hosting an event (conference/convention, training, etc.) with the funded project. Only actual expenses will be reimbursed. All reimbursements will be at current state rates that are subject to change. Current rates for in-state travel at the time of this announcement include:

- Meal cost per attendee: \$11/breakfast (start time at or prior to 6 a.m.); \$13/lunch (starting at or before 10:30 a.m. and concluding at or after 2:30 p.m.); \$24/dinner (event ending at or after 7 p.m.).

Please note:

- Costs will only be reimbursed after submission of an event agenda and attendance list. Travel and training for contracted employees/contractual services does not go in this section. These expenses should be itemized under “Contractual”.
- Hosting conferences (defined broadly to include meetings, retreats, seminars, symposiums, events, and group training activity) may require federal approval. If your program includes funding to host or organize a proposed conference, please contact the program manager to discuss necessary steps.
- Paying for food from US Department of Justice funds is no longer allowed or strict limitations apply. Please consult your grant manager prior to submitting an application for clarification and for prior approval if the application includes food other than for travel purposes.

Consultants/Contractual: Provide costs associated with individuals or entities providing services through a contractual arrangement. With the exception of a few justified sole source situations, contracts should be awarded via competitive processes. Attach detailed information to support the total cost of each contract. For each consultant enter the name, if known; service to be provided; hourly or daily fee (8-hour day); and estimated time on the project. Consultant fees in excess of \$650 per 8-hour day or \$81.25 per hour require federal approval and will require additional justification. List all expenses to be paid from the grant to the individual consultant in addition to their fees

(e.g., travel, lodging, meals, etc.). Show the basis of computation for each service requested. Within 30 days of grant award date, a signed contract must be received by DOJ. No fund reimbursements will be made prior to receipt of the contract.

Supplies and Operating Expenses: Supplies includes consumables such as paper, postage, software, computer/laptop, monitor, accessories, license and subscriptions. Operating expenses include items such as rent and utilities. All supply and operating expenses have an acquisition cost of less than \$10,000 per unit.

**Example for computation line:**

- *Rent \$150/mo. x 12 months = \$1,800. When entering this into the amount text box please round up to the nearest dollar.*

(Please note: Costs will only be reimbursed for services occurring within the project period. If the total cost goes beyond the project end date or starts prior to the start date (ex: annual subscription costs), those costs will need to be prorated).

**5. Agency Profile**

Please describe your law enforcement agency or multi-jurisdictional agencies' organizational structure.

**6. Budget Narrative**

Describe how your budget relates to the overall program/project strategy or implementation plan. Please include details of how at least 30% of the funding will support gang task forces. This should include investigation and prosecution of criminal and/or transnational organizations committing offenses that have high levels of violent crime, firearms offenses, human trafficking, and/or drug trafficking.

**7. Problem Description**

Describe the problem or issue this grant will serve to solve or diminish.

Detail the nature and scope of the problem the project will address. Local data should be used to provide evidence the problem exists, demonstrate the size and scope of the problem, and document the effects of the problem on the target population and the community.

**8. Project Narrative**

Describe your program or project in detail, including what objectives would be accomplished. Include appropriate statistics, if applicable. Relate any potential benefits including cost savings, decrease in crime activity, or other relevant details.

**Application Review and Award Criteria**

All applications must be submitted on or before 11:59 pm on the deadline and will be screened for completeness and compliance with the instructions provided in this announcement. DOJ staff will review applications to ensure consistency with the grant announcement goals and objectives.

**Award Information**

Upon application approval, the applicant agency's project director will receive signed grant award documents within approximately 30 days via email. The grant award documents will explain the total funding amount, approved budget by category, performance period, and fiscal and program reporting requirements and deadlines. Grant expenditures will be reimbursed when signed award documents have been received by DOJ, spending and grant activity is documented in proper reports and reimbursement requests are submitted to DOJ. All final grant award decisions will be made by the Attorney General.

### **Post-Award Special Conditions/Reporting Requirements**

If you are awarded funds under this announcement, you will be required to provide regular progress reports. The schedule for your reports will be included in your grant award materials.

Please review all of your grant award special conditions and Egrants reporting requirements when you receive the Grant Award documents. Your grant award will be subject to general terms and conditions as well as the following special conditions (and any others noted on your award documents).

#### Standard Special Conditions

1. Grant recipients are advised that DOJ will monitor grants to ensure that funds are expended for appropriate purposes and that recipients are complying with state and federal requirements as described in the grant award contract. This includes timely completion of progress and financial reports, active efforts to achieve and measure stated goals and objectives, appropriate documentation of activities and outcomes, on-going submission of participant data, and adherence to any conditions included in the grant award.
2. All awards are subject to the availability of appropriated funds and to any modifications or additional requirements that may be imposed by law.
3. The DOJ reserves the right to withhold grant payments if the grant recipient is delinquent paying any obligation to DOJ such as background check fees, etc. Refusal to provide information requested by DOJ may impact the payment of current or approval of future grant funds.
4. Please be advised that a hold may also be placed on any current or future application or grant payment if it is deemed that an agency is not in good standing on any DOJ grants or other reporting requirements, has other grants compliance issues (including being out of compliance with special conditions) that would make the applicant agency ineligible to receive future DOJ funding, failure to make progress in obtaining project goals and objectives, and/or is not cooperating with an ongoing DOJ grant review or audit.
5. A hold may also be placed on any application or grant payment if it is deemed that an agency is not in compliance with federal civil rights laws and/or is not cooperating with an ongoing federal civil rights investigation.

6. Program Income: To maintain consistent practices with other similar programs, and as a proven practice, projects funded under this announcement are subject to program income guidelines detailed in the federal Office of Justice Programs Financial Guide. Grant award funds received are **not** program income. Program income is income earned by the recipient, during the funding period, as a direct result of the award. Any fees charged to the participants of your project are considered program income. The amount earned as program income during the length of the grant period must be expended by the end of the grant period and must be used for the purposes and under the condition applicable to the award.
7. All procurement transactions, whether negotiated or competitively bid and without regard to dollar value, shall be conducted in a manner to provide maximum open and free competition.
8. If the grant award budget contains wages, the grantee's records must be maintained in a form that, at any given time, an auditor or DOJ representative would be able to identify the use of Federal and Matching funds. These records should include information such as employee name, rate of pay, hours worked, and amount of time dedicated to the grant project.
9. Award funds will be used to supplement, not supplant, planned or allocated funds.
10. To be allowable under a grant program, all funds (state, federal, and cash match) must be obligated (purchase order issued) or paid for services provided during the grant period. If obligated by the end of the grant period, payment must be made within 30 days of the grant period ending date.
11. All budget changes require prior approval from DOJ and must be requested in a grant modification via Egrants.
12. Subgrantees acknowledge that failure to submit an acceptable Equal Employment Opportunity Plan (if required to submit one pursuant to 28 CFR 42.302) that is approved by the Federal Office of Civil Rights, is a violation of its Certified Assurances and may result in the suspension of the grant.
13. Grant funds will be paid to the grantee on a reimbursement basis. Expenses must be incurred and paid for by the agency/organization within the reporting period.
14. Any changes in personnel involved with the grant including the Project Director, Financial Officer, and/or Signatory must be reported to DOJ in a grant modification via Egrants.
15. Consultant fees in excess of \$650 per 8-hour day or \$81.25 per hour will require federal approval and additional justification.
16. Reimbursement for travel (i.e. mileage, meals and lodging) is limited to state rates.
17. Recipient fully understands that DOJ has the right to suspend or terminate grant funds to any recipient that fails to conform to the requirements (special/general conditions and general operating policies) or that fails to comply with the terms and conditions of its grant award.

18. All contracts pertaining to this grant must be submitted to DOJ within 30 days of receipt of Grant Award Documents.
19. If the grant award contains equipment, a request for reimbursement should only be submitted once the equipment is installed and testing has been completed.
20. Positions funded by this grant must have a position description. Submit the position description and name of employee in Egrants within the Monitoring Section under Project Document Attachment.
21. The recipient agrees to cooperate with WI DOJ monitoring to ensure compliance of US DOJ Grants guidelines, Financial Guide, and OJP guidelines, protocols and procedures. Recipient agrees to cooperate with WI DOJ (including the Program Contact, Fiscal Contact, Grants Specialist Monitor, Supervisors, and/or Administration) for this award, including requests related to desk reviews and/or onsite/virtual visits. The recipient agrees to provide to WI DOJ all documentation necessary for WI DOJ to complete the monitoring tasks, including documentation related to any subawards made under this award. Further, the recipient agrees to abide by reasonable deadlines set out by WI DOJ for providing the requested documents. Failure to cooperate with WI DOJ monitoring activities may result in actions that affect the recipient's WI DOJ awards, including, but not limited to: withholding and/or other restrictions on the recipient's access to award funds, referral to the WI DOJ designation of High-Risk grantees, or termination of an award(s).

#### Additional Special Conditions

22. Recipients of awards under this funding announcement for which the purpose of some or all the activities is to directly benefit a set of individuals under 18 years of age as determined at time of application, must make determinations of suitability and submit the required form to WI DOJ before certain individuals may interact with participating minors. Determinations must be made for all individuals who may interact with participating minors. This requirement applies regardless of an individual's employment status with the recipient organization and can include (but not limited to) employees of the recipient agency, consultants, contractors, employees of a contractor, trainees, volunteers, teachers, or mentors. For full details of this special conditions visit the OJP web site at <https://www.ojp.gov/funding/explore/interact-minors>.
23. Any written, visual, or audio publications, published utilizing grant funds shall contain the following statements: "This project was supported by Grant No. 15PBJA-24-GG-04036-GUNP awarded by the Bureau of Justice Assistance, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice. Points of view or opinions in this document are those of the author and do not necessarily represent the official position or policies of the U.S. Department of Justice."

Additional guidance relating to publication and printing costs is set out in DOJ Grants Financial Guide under section III, 3.9 Allowable Costs, and in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 2 C.F.R. § 200.461, 2 C.F.R. § 200.315 and Chapter 3.7.

### **Additional Resources**

Additional information about the Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Programs and resources to assist with Egrants is available as follows:

- Department of Justice Egrants webpage: <https://egrants.wisdoj.gov>
- A helpful [Egrants System User Guide](#) is posted on the Egrants page of the [DOJ website](#). It includes registration through grant award instructions.
- The [Grants Administrative Guide](#) provides assistance with grants management and fiscal management rules, such as allowable costs and procurement.
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