

PSN TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Monthly Newsletter



Thank you for following our monthly Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) Training and Technical Assistance (TTA) bulletin. The monthly bulletin highlights TTA and resources provided to PSN teams and local law enforcement agencies. TTA requests can be made online [here](#). If you have questions regarding TTA, please contact your regional TTA liaison or the PSN TTA team at psntta@cna.org.

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PSN SPOTLIGHT: EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

In November 2023, the Eastern District of California released a statement on a recent case that was the product of a joint investigation between the Fresno Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

Fresno Police Department Chief Paco Balderrama said about the operation, “The results of Operation Last Member are not only impressive, but they highlight the profound impact of combating illegal and indiscriminate sales of firearms to criminals...I commend the Central Valley Crime Gun Task Force, a collaboration between the Fresno Police Department and the ATF, for successfully conducting this large-scale and complex investigation. I am also very appreciative of the work by our US Attorney’s Office for taking this case on and prosecuting it at the federal level.”

Read more about their efforts [here](#).



GRANTS SPOTLIGHT BY JOAN BRODY: FY 2024 FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Dear fellow grant seekers,

Last month, I talked about how the [Fiscal Year 2024 Program Plan](#) is an excellent tool for quickly learning about forthcoming federal grant solicitations. This month, I wanted to highlight other FY 2024 funding opportunities that I hope you will also explore.

1. American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding—I've previously mentioned this stimulus funding that can include money for law enforcement. All ARPA funding has to be obligated by December 31, 2024 or it must be returned to the federal government. However, it can be spent through December 31, 2026.

More specifics can be found on page 15 of the \$350 billion [State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund \(SLFRF\) Overview](#) published by the Treasury Department:

Preventing and responding to violence. Recognizing that violence, especially gun violence, has increased in some communities due to the pandemic, recipients may use funds to respond in these communities through:

- Referrals to trauma recovery services for victims of crime
- Community violence intervention programs, including:
 - Evidence-based practices like focused deterrence, with wraparound services such as behavioral therapy, trauma recovery, job training, education, housing and relocation services, and financial assistance
- In communities experiencing increased gun violence due to the pandemic:
 - Law enforcement officers focused on advancing community policing
 - Enforcement efforts to reduce gun violence, including prosecution
 - Technology & equipment to support law enforcement



GRANTS SPOTLIGHT, CONTINUED

2. Opioid Settlement Funding—Almost \$55 billion in pharmaceutical settlement funding is being disbursed via state Attorneys General (AG) Offices. [This link](#) provides an easy way to find your state’s allocation and includes direct links to state AG Offices to learn their plans for distribution.

3. Community Project Funding or Earmarks—Look up who already received an earmark in your jurisdiction and ask them for advice and guidance. Here is a year-by-year timeline of earmark information:

- FY22: The first time earmarks were allowed in 11 years!
- FY23: These earmarks are being administered now.
- FY24 Appropriations: FY 2024 earmark recipients are in the process of accessing their funding. Here is where you can read more about the FY 2024 appropriations:
 - [Fiscal Year 2024 Community Project Funding | House Committee on Appropriations – Republicans](#)
 - [United States Senate Committee on Appropriations](#)
- FY25: Earmark applications
 - Applications are anticipated to open for a very short time in early 2024.
 - House representatives can ask for up to 15 earmarks; senators do not have a limit.
 - Reach out to your congressional delegation now to receive more information.

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WEBINARS

Getting to the Heart of Youth Transformation—Creating Pathways for Youth Involvement in Violence Reduction Efforts

Date:

December 5, 2023
3:00–4:30 p.m. ET
[Registration link](#)

Alternatives to Arrest: Improving School Safety Through Diversion Programming Knowledge College

Date:

December 7, 2023
1:00–2:30 p.m. ET
[Registration link](#)

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