

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: NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA

The Northern District of Georgia will be distributing PSN microgrants to local agencies to aid in their efforts to combat violent crime and maintain public safety.

US Attorney Ryan K. Buchanan said about the microgrants, “These grants empower law enforcement agencies to implement strategies such as youth programs, community engagement activities, and intervention efforts to address the root causes of crime. By supporting these localized initiatives, microgrants can help build stronger, safer neighborhoods by fostering law enforcement and community partnerships to strengthen violent-crime prevention efforts.”

Read more about the district’s subawards [here](#).

If you would like your district's efforts to be highlighted in an upcoming newsletter, reach out to us at psntta@cna.org!



NEW RESOURCE FROM THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF JUSTICE AND RAND: MASS ATTACKS DEFENSE TOOLKIT

A recent research project funded by the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) analyzed more than 600 mass attack plots, hundreds of articles and resources, and dozens of expert interviews to develop the Mass Attacks Defense Toolkit, an online educational toolkit with strategies, guidance, and links to additional resources. The toolkit is available [here](#).

According to an article released by the NIJ, here are the five critical takeaways from this research project:

1. We can proactively prevent many mass attacks. Public reporting prevented almost two-thirds of the foiled plots highlighted in the toolkit.
2. Communities need multidisciplinary, multi-partner teams to follow up and assess warning signs and determine what to do next.
3. Adequate preparation reduces casualties in the critical beginning stages of an attack before responders arrive to the scene.
4. An effective joint response to a mass attack requires planning and training that includes everyone who will be involved in a response.
5. The recovery plan must include planning and training for the aftermath.

Read the full article [here](#).

Explore these additional resources on mass attacks:

- [US Secret Service National Threat Assessment Center](#)
- [Texas Department of Public Safety, FBI, and Local Agencies Partner for Mass Casualty Training Exercise](#)
- [Las Vegas Route 91 Concert Mass Shooting | What's New in BLUE](#)

WEBINARS

The Importance of Having Specialized Juvenile Prosecutors

Date:

January 11, 2024

3:00 p.m. –

4:15 p.m. ET

[Registration link](#)

Building Your Program: Empowering Grassroots Mentoring

Date:

January 18, 2024

1:00 p.m. –

2:30 p.m. ET

[Registration link](#)

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GRANTS SPOTLIGHT BY JOAN BRODY: PRIVATE GRANT FUNDING

Dear Grant Seekers,

As we await public grant solicitations to be released, I would like to revisit private funding. Did you know that more than 118,000 foundations and corporate giving programs provide over \$82 billion in giving each year?

You probably already know that private philanthropy and corporate giving support programs that address community safety. And even a small award can have a large effect, especially in public safety, where many agencies spend 90 percent or more of their budget on personnel.

Powerful search tools such as [Candid](#) can help you identify private funding. Candid is an online database formed by the merger of the Foundation Center and GuideStar in 2019. If your agency does not have a subscription to Candid, you can usually access it for free at your local public library. However, before you begin, here are a few suggestions to make your search more effective and efficient.

- Explore and research local businesses and your chamber of commerce to develop a list of corporations that may have community giving programs.
- Conduct a reverse search by entering your jurisdiction's name to see who has already donated in your community and ask these funders to support your agency too.



GRANTS SPOTLIGHT, CONTINUED

- Identify a local non-profit partner organization. Most private grantors are required to give to nonprofit organizations under 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, which means that often, government agencies, are ineligible to receive direct funding.

Many jurisdictions have a non-profit police or public safety foundation or other community foundation that can apply for, accept, and manage private grant funding for you. For example, more than 250 police and sheriff's foundations across the country raise private funding for items that are not included in their departments' regular budget.

If you are interested in learning more about police foundations because you want to launch one or already have a police foundation that you would like to expand and enhance, a new national collaborative was just formed that can help. The Public Safety Foundation Network is a national non-profit collaborative of public safety foundations that was recently created to help police foundations across the country network and grow. For more information, please visit their website and learn about their national conference in Las Vegas on April 3-4, 2024.

As always, please reach out with any questions. Happy grant seeking!

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