

PSN TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Monthly Newsletter



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PSN SPOTLIGHT: EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

The US Attorney’s Office of the Eastern District of California shared several recent case successes related to PSN and the Organized Drug Enforcement Task Forces. Read more about their recent efforts below:

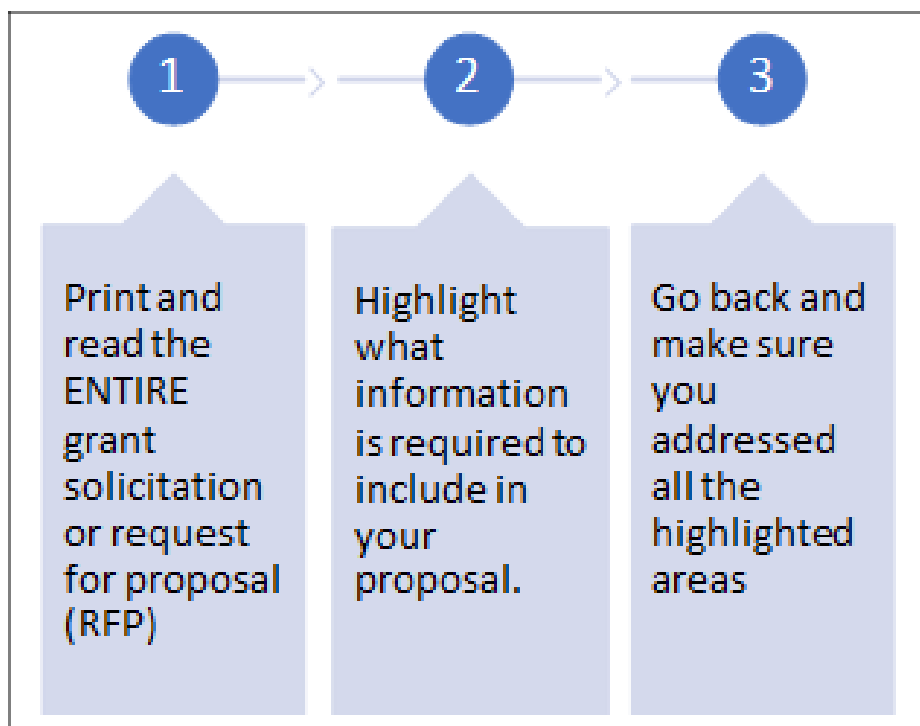
- [“Operation SLO Ride” Dismantles Major Drug Trafficking Organization in Tulare County](#)
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GRANTS SPOTLIGHT BY JOAN BRODY: LAST-MINUTE GRANT WRITING TIPS

Dear Grant Seekers,

As you read this newsletter, I'm guessing your agency is in the middle of completing a grant application. Here are some helpful last-minute grant writing tips that I hope will help you quickly finish your proposal and successfully win a grant award.



- Organize your proposal narrative by using headings, which also help guide the reviewers.
- Include placeholder pages for missing information and go back and fill these in later with help from internal subject matter experts.
- Always add an introduction so the reader knows what you are proposing from the first paragraph.
- Write the abstract last because it will often mirror your introduction.



GRANTS SPOTLIGHT, CONTINUED

Know the difference between goals and objectives:

- A **goal** is a description of a destination, and an objective is a measure of the progress that is needed to reach the destination.
- A **goal** is an overarching principle that guides decision-making.
- **Objectives** are specific, measurable steps that can be taken to meet a goal.

Understand the peer review process:

- Find someone not directly involved in writing your grant application who can read through your proposal as a “mock reviewer.”
- Look at the language in the solicitation, especially for **performance metrics**; use the solicitation’s language in your proposal.

Remember that repetition is common in a grant application!

If you’re struggling with how to structure your proposal, check out last year’s awardees; reach out for advice and to ask for copies of their winning proposal.

Finally, make sure “track changes” is fully turned off.

Good luck and be sure to reach out with any questions. You’ve got this!!

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WEBINARS

Stop School
Violence Program
FY 2024
Solicitation
Date: May 9, 3:00–
4:00 p.m. ET
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Digital Crimes: An
Update on
Technology
Trends and
Dangers for Youth
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3:00–3:30 p.m. ET
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