

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 task forces 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

PSN aims to bring together all levels of law enforcement and the communities they serve to reduce violent crime and gun violence. This year, the Eastern District of California has led several successful cases, supported in part by PSN.

This MS-13 case showcases excellent coordination and collaboration on a RICO conspiracy and murder in aid of racketeering case. Read more about the case [here](#).

Multiple law enforcement agencies in Fresno County conducted an investigation focused on crimes of violence, drug, sales, and illegal firearms possession that resulted in the execution of 54 search warrants and the arrest of 25 criminal street gang members and associates. Read more about the case [here](#).

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



GRANTS SPOTLIGHT BY JOAN BRODY: FILLING IN YOUR GRANT STRATEGY

This month, I am showing you how to fill in your Grants Matrix, which is just another name for your Grant Strategy. As a quick refresher, after you hand out your Grant Idea Sheets and you review the returned forms, you will be able to start populating your Grants Matrix.

Sample of a filled in Grants Matrix with made-up examples:

Program Name	Concept	Subject Matter Expert	Estimated Cost	Potential Funding Sources
Detective Division Technology Upgrade Project	Upgrade detective division cameras & recording devices to assist in more efficient and effective evidence collection and analysis.	<i>Detective XYZ</i>	\$10,000 for 50 digital cameras and audio recorders	Smart Policing (BJA), TVIP (DHS), Rural Violent Crime Initiative (BJA), OVW/OVC funding, ARPA funding
Better Data, Safer City Program	Purchase business-related software programs and licenses to connect and integrate agency and community data to be used from dispatch and patrol through making connections to community mental health services.	<i>IT Staff</i>	\$100,000 for year one and \$50,000 per year after.	Incorporated into Smart Policing grant proposal, Mental Health Collaboration Grant Program (BJA), APRA funding, private funding



GRANTS SPOTLIGHT, CONTINUED

The examples above came from Grant Idea Sheets of a detective and a member of the IT team who are part of the internal grants working group. They asked their colleagues and supervisors about priority needs. Their answers were then transferred from their returned Grant Idea Sheets to this chart.

The last column was filled in by the lead of the grants working group by searching the USDOJ Program Plan, federal and state websites, Google, and Grants.gov. If your agency has developed public-private partnerships via a foundation or corporate giving program, you can also search private funding databases.

Please note that the grants listed in the potential funding column will be edited as additional grant intel is released by grantors. I will provide additional tips in the coming months for how to search for information about future grant solicitations.

But first, next month, I want to show you how to use your Grants Matrix to write short “concept papers” that you can then send up your chain of command to receive early project approval and share proactively with potential funders.

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WEBINARS

**Diversion
Programs Panel
Discussion**

Date:

September 12,
2023

3:00 p.m.–

4:00 p.m. ET

[Registration link](#)

**Falling Behind:
The Digital
Evidence Surge**

Date:

September 21,
2023

1:00 p.m. –

2:15 p.m. ET

[Registration link](#)

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