

## **FY 2009 National Initiatives: Preventing Crime Competitive Grant Program Funding Results**

### Scope of Program:

The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) is pleased to announce the release of funding results for the FY2009 National Initiatives: Preventing Crime Competitive Grant Program solicitation. This solicitation was one of several issued under the National Byrne Program. The purpose of this program was to improve the functioning of the criminal justice system, specifically through crime prevention initiatives.

Applicants were limited to national, regional, state, or local public and private entities, including for-profit (commercial) and nonprofit organizations, faith-based and community organizations, institutions of higher education, tribal jurisdictions, and units of local government that support national initiatives to improve the functioning of the criminal justice system. Applications that were not national in scope or did not respond to the identified categories were not considered for funding under this solicitation. The solicitation for funding was released on May 27, 2009 and closed on June 22, 2009.

### Review Process:

BJA is committed to ensuring a fair and consistent process for awarding grants. BJA reviews applications to make sure that the information presented is reasonable, understandable, measurable, and achievable, as well as consistent with program and legislative requirements as stated in the solicitation. Applications are initially screened to determine whether the applicants meet all eligibility requirements. Only applications submitted by eligible applicants that meet all other requirements (such as timeliness, proper format, and responsiveness to the scope of the solicitation) will be evaluated, scored, and rated by a peer review panel. A peer reviewer is an expert in the field of the subject matter of a given solicitation. Peer reviewers' ratings and any resulting recommendations are advisory only. In addition to peer review ratings, considerations may include, but are not limited to, underserved populations, geographic and topical diversity, strategic priorities, past performance, fiscal integrity and financial capability of applicants, and available funding. Absent explicit statutory authorization or written delegation of authority to the contrary, all final grant award decisions will be made by the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Justice Programs.

### Funding Sought and Awarded:

BJA received 37 applications for this solicitation. BJA made five Training and Technical Assistance awards totaling \$2,249,950 to the following organizations.

**International Association of Chiefs of Police** to provide training and technical assistance to assist newly hired executives of small law enforcement agencies.

**National Crime Prevention Council** to provide a national scope crime prevention and awareness campaign aimed at raising awareness among the general population on crime-related topics. In addition, the grantee will develop a campaign designed to reach specific populations that historically experience higher victimization rates for specific types of crime.

**William Geller d/b/a Geller & Associates** to provide a training and technical assistance program that will assist crime-plagued communities in building and maintaining high-impact public safety community development partnerships through intensive on-site assistance; and assist local communities in devising and adhering to new standard procedures that are aimed at reducing crime, increasing quality of life, and attracting private investment through partnerships with community developers.

**National Crime Prevention Council** to implement the [Celebrate Safe Communities](#) initiative nationwide by working closely with local crime prevention practitioners.

**National Sherriff's Association** to provide training and technical assistance to local Neighborhood Watch programs, to develop new programs, and to facilitate the exchange of information among these programs.

Based upon the level of funding available, BJA made awards to approximately 14 percent of the applications.

Feedback and Technical Assistance for Unfunded Applicants:

Applicants who did not get funding under the solicitation will receive written notification. The email will include written comments from the peer reviewers about the applicant's submission, if the applicant was eligible and submitted a responsive application. These comments will be sent to the Authorized Representative on the application. If your organization does not receive the comments, contact BJA at [AskBJA@usdoj.gov](mailto:AskBJA@usdoj.gov).

Solicitation	Grantee	State	Award Amount
<a href="#">National Initiatives: Preventing Crime</a> (Category I: Small Law Enforcement Departments)	International Association of Chiefs of Police	VA	\$650,000.00
<a href="#">National Initiatives: Preventing Crime</a> (Category II: Crime Prevention Awareness and Education)	National Crime Prevention Council	VA	\$500,000.00
<a href="#">National Initiatives: Preventing Crime</a> (Category III: Public Safety-Community Development Strategy)	Geller & Associates	IL	\$299,950.00
<a href="#">National Initiatives: Preventing Crime</a> (Category IV: Neighborhood Watch and Celebrate Safe Communities)	National Crime Prevention Council	VA	\$400,000.00
	National Sheriffs' Association	VA	\$400,000.00
<b>Awards: 5</b>	<b>Total Funding:</b>		<b>\$2,249,950.00</b>