

ANALYSIS

Item 26: Criminal Justice Commission Crisis Intervention Program

Analyst: John Terpening

Request: Approve the submission of a federal grant application to the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance in the amount of \$3,127,544 for a State Crisis Intervention Program grant.

Analysis: As part of the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act, the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) has posted a funding opportunity for the State Crisis Intervention Program (SCIP). This program is designed to support states, local governments, and tribal efforts to prevent or reduce crime and violence with a particular focus on gun violence and the programs and initiatives that target the risk factors that lead to gun violence. The available grant funding can be used for the creation or implementation of Extreme Risk Protection Order (ERPO) programs; ERPO training, communication, education, and public awareness initiatives; state crisis intervention specialized court-based programs; behavioral health deflection for at risk individuals; and law enforcement for safe security, storage, tracking and returning of relinquished firearms.

This is a formula grant, with Oregon set to receive \$3,127,544 out of the \$257.8 million available nationwide for federal fiscal years 2022 and 2023. The grant posting outlines how the funding that is received can be utilized, with 60% maximum allowable for state share, including 10% maximum for grant administration, and 40% required to be passed through to local governments, including 10% for local governments that are too small to receive direct Byrne JAG awards.

Part of the grant requirements are for states to establish a Crisis Intervention Advisory Board as the approving body for distribution of SCIP grants. The Advisory Board must include representatives from law enforcement, courts, prosecution, behavioral health providers, victims' services, legal counsel, and the community. Additionally, the BJA retains final authority over all grant approvals made by the Advisory Board. This process is unique to this grant and may cause the grant distribution process to be significantly slower than other Byrne JAG awards.

There are no match requirements for this grant. The grant was announced October 19th and the application deadline is December 19, 2022. CJC provided timely notice to the Legislature on October 27th. The grant is estimated to have a 4-year project period, and CJC would utilize the funding available for a limited duration full-time Program Analyst 3 position to administer the SCIP program. If awarded, CJC will return to the Legislature for additional Federal Funds expenditure limitation and position authority.

Recommendation: The Legislative Fiscal Office recommends that the Emergency Board approve the request.

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Request: Authorization to apply for a grant of \$3,127,544 for the Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program (SCIP) from the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance.

Recommendation: Approve the request.

Discussion: The Criminal Justice Commission requests authorization to apply for the SCIP grant. Solicitations for this formula-based grant have been released and the deadline to apply is December 19, 2022. This grant program is intended to support state-level programs, which aim to reduce or prevent crime or violence through such interventions as: crisis intervention court proceedings, extreme risk protection order programs, and gun violence reduction programs and initiatives. This program has a 48-month period of performance, which will begin upon receipt of funds, expected in the first quarter of 2023. No state matching funds are required.



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Re: 2022-2023 Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program Request to Apply

Dear Senator Courtney and Representative Rayfield:

The Oregon Criminal Justice Commission (CJC) requests approval to apply for Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program (SCIP) Grant from the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs (OJP), and Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA).

The purpose of this grant is to support states, local, and tribal efforts to prevent or reduce crime and violence, with a particular focus on gun violence and the programs and initiatives that target the risk factors that are likely to lead to this kind of violence. Specifically, the SCIP grant provides funding for the creation and/or implementation of extreme risk protection order (ERPO) programs, state crisis intervention court proceedings, and related gun violence reduction programs/initiatives.

CJC will be convening an advisory board of relevant Oregon stakeholders to prioritize the delivery of these funds. Through a grant process, CJC with recommendations from the Crisis Intervention Advisory Board, plan to fund the following activities, but not limited to:

- ERPO training, proceedings, and best practices;
- Communication, Education, and Public Awareness;
- Law enforcement agencies to safely secure, store, track, and return relinquished guns; and
- Any other crisis intervention program allowable through this program.

With the goal of the grant being to reduce gun violence and save lives, and to make progress toward keeping guns out of dangerous hands.

This is a formula grant with a submission deadline of December 19, 2022 through the DOJ's JustGrants portal. CJC will be applying for \$3,127,544 set aside for Oregon over an estimated 48 Month project period. This will have an impact on CJC's

budgeted services and will need additional federal limitation when the grant is awarded. These funds will be used by CJC to fund a limited duration Program Analyst 3 at 1.0 FTE to administer the SCIP grant. Remaining grant funds will be passed through CJC as sub-awards to subrecipients selected through a Request for Grant Proposal process. No in-kind or cash match is required for this grant.

Thank you for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ken Sanchagrin", with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Ken Sanchagrin,
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