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**PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS GRANT ANNOUNCEMENT
VIOLENT GANG & GUN CRIME REDUCTION PROGRAM**

Deadline for grant proposals set for June 28, 2011

The United States Attorney for the Western District of Louisiana, Stephanie A. Finley, and the Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) Task Force announce the **availability of approximately \$84,595 for grants**. Of that amount, approximately \$76,135 will be designated for grants under the **Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) Violent Gang and Gun Crime Reduction Program** to fund new and/or current comprehensive gun crime reduction strategies and/or gang violence reduction strategies.

PSN is designed to create safer neighborhoods through a sustained reduction in crime associated with gun and gang violence by establishing partnerships among local, state and federal entities. It is a nationwide commitment to reduce violent crime by networking local programs that target gun and gang crime and providing those programs with the tools and resources they need to succeed.

Single or multi-grantee grants will be considered within the total authorized funds of approximately **\$84,595** and will be awarded to community programs within the Western District of Louisiana that address the following:

- (1) Gang prevention and enforcement;
- (2) Gun violence prevention, community outreach, and education;
- (3) Enforcement, adjudication, and supervision programs; or
- (4) Other innovative, related projects.

The goal of this grant program is to create a comprehensive, strategic approach to effectively reduce local gun and gang violence.

The following types of organizations are eligible to submit a proposal applying for grants for 2011 funding:

- (1) Non-profit organizations;
- (2) Units of state and local government. Units of state and local government are considered to be:
 - (a) Parishes; and
 - (b) Special units designated by law to exercise governmental functions, excluding school boards. This includes tribal governments that exercise law enforcement functions.

Please note that grants cannot be made for gun-lock distributions, gun buy-back programs, air-time to run certain national public service announcements, or for payments to cooperating witnesses and informants.

Grant proposals must be submitted to the U. S. Attorney's Office, ATTN: PSN Grant Competition, 800 Lafayette Street, Suite 2200, Lafayette, Louisiana 70501, no later than 5:00 p.m. (CDT) on Tuesday, June 28, 2011.

Interested applicants may also contact Lisa Alwert, PSN Paralegal Specialist with the United States Attorney's Office, at (337) 262-6618 or 1-800-676-6992 for additional information. Please also visit the Western District of Louisiana U.S. Attorney's Office website at: <http://www.usdoj.gov/usao/law/programs/projectsafe.html> as well as www.psn.gov and <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/psn.html> for more particulars on these grants.

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