

Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program

- ▶ Formula Grant

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Overview

- ▶ This program furthers DOJ's mission by assisting state, 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.
- ▶ Only states may apply under this solicitation, and states must designate a single State Administering Agency that has authority to apply on their behalf.
- ▶ This solicitation combines the funds available for FY 2022 and FY 2023.
- ▶ Subrecipients may include but are not limited to courts (state, county, local, and tribal), institutes of higher learning, law enforcement, supervision agencies, prosecutors, public defenders, behavioral health, emergency communications, etc.
- ▶ The Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program (Byrne SCIP) 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.

Background

- ▶ On June 25, 2022, President Biden signed the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act of 2022 into law to reduce gun violence and save lives, and to make progress toward keeping guns out of dangerous hands.
- ▶ Provides formula funds to implement state crisis intervention court proceedings and related programs or initiatives, including, but not limited to, extreme risk protection order programs that work to keep guns out of the hands of those who pose a threat to themselves or others, mental health courts, drug courts, and veterans treatment court.
- ▶ **Statutory Authority** - Bipartisan Safer Communities Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2022 (Pub. L. No. 117-159, 136 Stat. 1313, 1339); 28 U.S.C. 530C.

Maine's FY 22-23 Byrne SCIP Five Priority Areas

1. Develop and Finalize a Crisis Intervention Strategic Plan by engaging with a research partner.
2. Enhance Communication, Education, and Public Awareness for current gun violence reduction activities.
3. Enhance law enforcement efforts to effectively and efficiently store weapons that are relinquished to law enforcement and provide gun locks and gun storage for individuals and businesses by distributing Byrne SCIP funding using competitive grant process.
4. Enhance local law enforcement efforts by distributing Byrne SCIP funding to Ineligible Units of Local Governments using non-competitive grant funding based on the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) allocations.
5. Grant Administration.