

ARIZONA CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION



FY 2026

COMPETITIVE GRANT ANNOUNCEMENT

DRUG, GANG, AND VIOLENT CRIME CONTROL PROGRAM

Eligibility

State, county, local, and tribal criminal justice agencies in Arizona that meet the qualifications are eligible to apply.

Open Date:

Applications may be started in the new ACJC Grants Portal on Monday, February 3, 2025.

Deadline

All applications are due by 3:00 p.m. on Friday, February 28, 2025.

For Assistance

If you have any questions about this grant solicitation or are having difficulties with ACJC's Grants Portal, contact Ashley Mully at (602) 364-1169 or by e-mail at amully@azcjc.gov or email dcadmin@azcjc.gov.

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ABOUT THE DRUG, GANG, AND VIOLENT CRIME CONTROL PROGRAM

The Drug, Gang, and Violent Crime Control (DGVCC) program allows state, county, local, and tribal governments to support activities that combat drugs, gangs, and violent crime. The DGVCC program provides funding to support the components of a statewide, system-wide enhanced drug, gang, and violent crime control program as outlined in the [Arizona 2020-2025 Drug, Gang, and Violent Crime Control State Strategy](#).

The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (Byrne JAG) funds awarded to Arizona by the United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance (DOJ/BJA) continue to support program activities along with state Drug and Gang Enforcement Account (DEA) funds established under A.R.S. §41-2402. The Byrne JAG program provides states, tribes, and local governments with the critical funding necessary to support a range of program areas, including law enforcement, prosecution, and courts, prevention and education, corrections and community corrections, drug treatment, and enforcement, planning, evaluation, and technology improvement, and crime victim and witness initiatives.

INTRODUCTION

The Arizona Criminal Justice Commission (ACJC) is publishing this notice to announce the availability of funds for the DGVCC program to be distributed during FY 2025. Arizona prioritizes using these funds to support apprehension efforts, prosecution projects, and projects that reinforce these activities, such as drug adjudication and sentencing, drug forensic analysis activities, and corrections and community corrections projects. In addition, funds may support substance abuse treatment for corrections-involved individuals and prevention and education efforts.

Drug, gang, and violent crime enforcement efforts must frequently cross jurisdictional boundaries to arrest, prosecute, and sentence criminals. ACJC supports improving the effectiveness of collaborative law enforcement by leveraging state and federal funds to reduce drug trafficking, drug-related violent crime, and criminal street gang activities throughout Arizona.

Furthermore, ACJC strongly encourages agencies to coordinate efforts with other projects or initiatives, such as the direct local agency Byrne JAG funds, methamphetamine interdiction, Homeland Security programs, prescription drug abuse initiatives, and High-Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) activities.

All agencies with a need that falls under the DGVCC statewide strategy are encouraged to apply. Agencies within jurisdictions that receive a direct Byrne JAG award from DOJ/BJA remain eligible to apply for DGVCC program funds.

PROGRAM STRATEGY

The DGVCC program is designed to implement projects aligned with ACJC's approved [Arizona 2020-2025 Drug, Gang, and Violent Crime Control State Strategy](#). The strategy identifies purpose areas for funding projects to address the state's drug, gang, and violent crime problems. These purpose areas and definitions are as follows:

Apprehension: The apprehension purpose area may include, but is not limited to, efforts to enhance information sharing and intelligence exchange; approaches to address locally specific drug, gang, and

violent crime-related challenges; and proactive policing strategies to address drug, gang, and violent crime such as multi-agency, multi-jurisdictional task forces.

Prosecution: The prosecution purpose area may include, but is not limited to, prosecutorial efforts in tandem with multi-agency, multi-jurisdictional drug, gang, and violent crime task forces; efforts to deny criminals currency, property, and drugs such as statewide civil forfeiture efforts; and other effective prosecution strategies to address drug, gang, and violent crime.

Forensic Support Services: The forensic support services' purpose area includes activities such as evidence examination and analysis, development of investigative leads, training, providing expert courtroom testimony, and other forensic support services as they pertain to drug, gang, and violent crime-related cases.

Adjudication and Sentencing: The adjudication and sentencing purpose area may encompass a range of activities associated with court processes. Such activities include but are not limited to, pretrial services, improved criminal court case processing, supporting specialty courts, and public defender services.

Corrections and Community Corrections: This purpose area includes projects responding to the needs of prison and jail facilities and corrections practitioners for providing secure care to offenders of drug, gang, and violent crime. Projects may include but are not limited to safety and security improvements, inmate programming, corrections equipment and technology, and contraband control and detection. Community corrections projects may include but are not limited to pre-release planning, coordinating reentry services, and supporting probation and parole services for drug, gang, and violent offenders.

Substance Abuse Treatment for Corrections-Involved Individuals: This purpose area includes, but is not limited to, providing residential substance abuse treatment for inmates, preparing offenders for re-entry into the community, and supporting community-based treatment and other broad-based aftercare services upon release.

Prevention and Education: This purpose area covers evidence-based interventions and environmental prevention strategies. Efforts should involve multiple community sectors and focus on reducing access and opportunity, enforcing consequences, and decreasing the likelihood of engaging in drug, gang, and violent crime by addressing risk and protective factors.

FUNDING PRIORITIES

For purposes of outlining funding priorities for the FY 2026 Drug, Gang, and Violent Crime Control Program, the Commission has developed a tier system. Each purpose area has been categorized into Tier I, II, or III (see below). Tier I projects will receive the primary focus on allocating funds. Although Tier I projects will receive priority consideration, the funding recommendation will recognize, to the extent possible, the workload impact one part of the criminal justice system has on other parts of the system.

TIER I:

- Apprehension
- Prosecution

TIER II:

- Forensic Support Services
- Adjudication and Sentencing
- Corrections and Community Corrections

TIER III:

- Substance Abuse Treatment for Corrections-Involved Individuals (*Eligible under the RSAT grant program*)
- Prevention and Education

Strategic Principles

In addition to identifying purpose areas, the Commission will utilize strategic principles described in the [Arizona 2020-2025 Drug, Gang, and Violent Crime Control State Strategy](#) to guide funding decisions. In preparing applications, applicants may find it helpful to consider the strategic principles listed below. Projects do not need to include all these strategic principles, but strong projects will reflect as many qualities as possible.

- Include proactive strategies to address the drug, gang, and violent crime problem
- Include a collaborative strategy
- Use specialized personnel or specialized processes to address the drug, gang, and violent crime problem
- Consider gaps in services
- Place a focus on intelligence and information sharing
- Include resource or cost-sharing
- Build and maintain partnerships at the federal, state, and local levels
- Support evidence-based or innovative approaches
- Include evaluation processes that assess the effectiveness and utilize sound and reliable data.

EVIDENCE-BASED

Applicants proposing projects that include evidence-based programs, practices, or policies will be given additional points during the scoring process. Programs, practices, and policies are considered evidence-based when their effectiveness has been demonstrated by causal evidence, generally obtained through one or more outcome evaluations. Causal evidence documents a relationship between an activity or intervention (including technology) and its intended outcome, including measuring the direction and size of a change and the extent to which a change may be attributed to the activity or intervention. Causal evidence depends on using scientific methods to rule out, to the extent possible, alternative explanations for the documented change.

OJP's [CrimeSolutions.gov](#) website is one resource that applicants may use to find information about evidence-based programs in criminal justice, juvenile justice, and crime victim services. Additionally,

when considering evidence-based programs and practices specific to reentry, it is recommended that applicants review the [What Works in Reentry Clearinghouse](#) for critical research on the effectiveness of a wide variety of reentry programs and practices. The Clearinghouse provides a one-stop shop for practitioners and service providers seeking guidance on evidence-based reentry interventions.

FUNDING

The Commission will make funds available for multiple grants to be allocated directly to the state, county, local, and tribal criminal justice agencies for projects that will achieve the goals of the DGVCC program. As noted above, priority consideration will be given to projects based on the tier system and their alignment with strategic principles. *The estimated amount of federal and state grant funds available is \$6,552,043.*

The projects funded under this program will be for twelve (12) consecutive months starting July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.

Match Funds

Hard cash matching funds of 25 percent of the total grant award are required.

Note: In submitting funding requests, applicants should include the amount of requested grant funds ***plus a 25 percent match***. Grant funds and match funds make up the total grant project costs. For example, if the applicant intends to request a total project cost of \$100,000 to carry out the proposed project, then ACJC would contribute \$75,000, and your agency would contribute \$25,000. The method to calculate the Match is the following:

Total Project Cost * Match percentage = Agency Contribution
 $\$100,000 * .25 = \$25,000$

Total Project Cost – Agency Contribution = ACJC Contribution
 $\$100,000 - \$25,000 = \$75,000$

Method of Payment

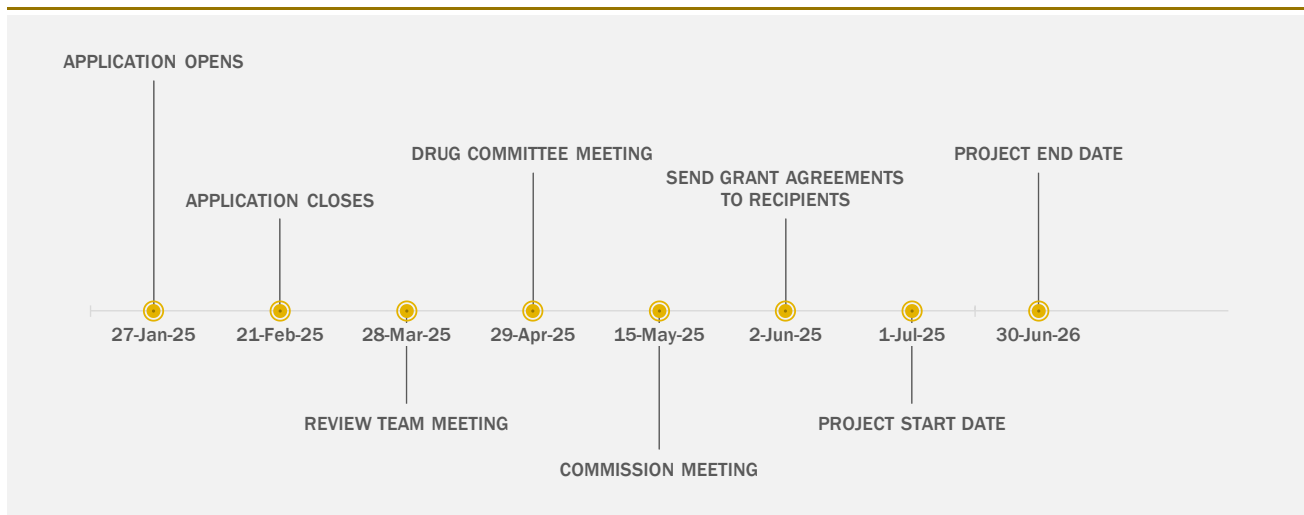
The primary payment method is by reimbursement. Funds will not be paid in advance but rather disbursed over time as project costs are incurred or anticipated. Reimbursement requests are made through monthly finance reports submitted in the ACJC grants portal.

Advance payment allocations can be made with Commission approval. The grantee must submit a request to the Commission for advance payment allocations and justify this payment method.

Both reimbursement requests and advance payment allocations require supporting documentation for all expenditures charged to the grant. Sufficient backup documentation includes:

- a. Copies of canceled warrants or Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) documentation
- b. Documentation from an official accounting system which includes the payee, date, amount paid, and warrant, EFT, or payment
- c. Copies of invoices
- d. Payroll records of personnel expenditures, including overtime and Employee Related Expenditures (ERE)
- e. Packing or receiving slip showing the date equipment was received.

GRANT AWARD TIMELINE



ALLOWABLE COSTS

Funds may not be available in future years; therefore, when requests are made to fund personnel or other ongoing activities or costs, applicants are strongly encouraged to identify future potential funding sources in the Project Summary section of the application. Also, applicants should have a sustainability plan to ensure the program is ongoing beyond the funding availability.

Eligible expenses include personnel, employee-related expenses (ERE), overtime, travel, operating costs, and costs related to contractual or consulting services. Equipment associated with project activities may be awarded limitedly if funding is available.

Priority funding will be given to budget categories for personnel salaries, employee-related expenses (ERE) or fringe benefits, and overtime to support further activities to reduce drug crimes throughout Arizona.

RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF FUNDS

DGVCC program funds cannot be used for the following:

- Directly or indirectly for security enhancements or equipment to non-governmental criminal justice/public safety entities.
- Indirect costs, not limited to expenses such as accounting, payroll, data processing, purchasing, personnel, and building use, may not be requested through this grant program.
- As a match to other federal awards.
- To cover the costs of positions for participating Federal agencies.
- Prizes, rewards, entertainment, trinkets (or any type of monetary incentive)
- Client stipends
- Gift cards
- Food and beverage

In addition, the following items are restricted:

- Vehicles, vessels, or aircraft
- Unmanned aircraft systems (UAS), including unmanned aircraft vehicles (UAV), and all accompanying accessories to support UAS or UAV.
- Luxury items
- Real estate
- Construction projects
- Any similar matters.

Non-Supplanting:

Federal funds must be used to supplement existing state and local funds for program activities and must not replace those funds that have been appropriated for the same purpose. See the [OJP Financial Guide](#) (Part II, Section 2.3).

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

Uniform Administrative Requirements and Cost Principles:

If the applicant's jurisdiction is awarded funds, it must comply with the Uniform Administrative Requirements and Cost Principles, 2 C.F.R. 200, indicated on the following link: [Code of Federal Regulations 2 CFR part 200](#).

A-133 Audit or Single Audit:

To meet federal audit requirements, one copy of the most recently completed financial audit must be attached (*uploaded*) at the time of the application. If your agency still needs to complete a current audit for the period ending June 30, 2024, a written explanation as to why and a timeframe for completion is required.

Sustainability Plan:

Within the Project Summary section, applicants should identify future potential funding sources to ensure the program is ongoing beyond the funding availability.

U.S. General Service Administration (GSA) Excluded Parties Listing Service:

Suppose the applicant's jurisdiction is awarded funds. In that case, it must agree not to do business with any individual, agency, company, or corporation listed in the U.S. General Service Administration (GSA) Excluded Parties Listing Service (EPLS) found at www.sam.gov.

Participation/Collaboration Letters (Apprehension Purpose Area, task force specific applicants only):

Participation/collaboration letters or documents signed by the Authorized Official(s) of the participating agencies indicating their intent to **participate fully** (staff assignment, office space, etc.) in the project are required to be uploaded with the application.

Financial Capacity

An applicant must complete a series of financial capacity questionnaires as part of the application process.

If the applicant is awarded funds, it agrees to complete the following items (#1-#3) within **45 days** of the grant:

1. DTVCC Budget Worksheet: Grantee agrees to disclose all other funding sources used to enhance the project. The DTVCC Budget worksheet can be found on the main ACJC website at the following link: Drug, Gang, and Violent Crime Control Program Forms. Once complete, Grantees must upload and submit documents under the “Attachment” section of their grant record.
2. Program Income Worksheet: Grantee agrees that if their agency is eligible to receive income from grant-funded activities, it will complete the ACJC Program Income Worksheet. The Program Income Worksheet can be accessed and completed in the ACJC Grants Portal under the “Manage Personnel” section.
3. Benchmark Worksheet: . The Benchmark worksheet must be completed and submitted through the ACJC Online Reporting tool; the website can be found at the following link: <http://acjcreporting.azcjc.gov/>.
4. Task Force Training (Apprehension Purpose Area, task force specific applicants only): If the applicant is awarded funds to support a task force project, it must agree that within 120 days of award acceptance, each member of the task force who is a task force commander, agency executive, task force officer, or other task force member of equivalent rank, will complete a required online (internet-based) task force training. The training is free of charge through BJA’s Center for Task Force Integrity and Leadership (<https://www.centf.org/Home>). All current and new task force members are required to complete this training once during the life of the award or once every four years if multiple awards include this requirement.
5. Civil rights training: If the applicant is awarded funds, it must agree that within 90 calendar days of award acceptance, the agency will participate in any required civil rights-related training to ensure compliance with all federal and state civil rights laws.

Byrne JAG Formula Local Application:

If applicable, a copy of the local Byrne JAG application submitted by your unit of local government to the DOJ/BJA under the 40 percent direct local funding solicitation **must** be uploaded as an attachment to the ACJC Grants Portal at the time of application or, if after the close of the Drug Program grant, submitted by e-mail to dcadmin@azcjc.gov within seven (7) calendar days of the local jurisdiction’s online application date to the DOJ/BJA.

Confidential Funds Certification:

If utilizing Confidential Funds, the applicant must submit a certification of knowledge and adherence to the *Office of Justice Programs (OJP) Financial Guide* Part 3, Section 12.3: Confidential Funds signed by the Project Official, as an attachment at the time of application. The **Confidential Funds Certification** form is available here:

[Confidential Funds Certification Form](#)

CIVIL RIGHTS

All recipients of federal funds, regardless of the type of entity or the amount of money awarded, must assure that they will not discriminate against any person on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, or disability, in any program or activity funded in whole or in part by federal financial assistance. The recipient must certify that it will comply with all applicable non-discrimination laws and

regulations and submit this assurance with the online application as a condition of receiving federal funds (See 28 CFR 42.204).

Specifically, the statute that governs OJP-funded programs or activities (Section 809 C), Omnibus Crime Control & Safe Streets Act of 1968, as amended 42 U.S.C. 3789d (the OJP program statute), prohibits such discrimination, as follows:

No person in any State shall, on the ground of race, color, religion, national origin, sex (or disability)* be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under or denied employment in connection with any program or activity funded in whole or in part with funds made available under this title.

*Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 prohibits identical discrimination based on disability.

The Assistant Attorney General of OJP has delegated the enforcement of civil rights compliance of all OJP grantees to the Director, the Office for Civil Rights (OCR). The director has civil rights enforcement responsibilities and determines through established policies and procedures whether any person is being excluded from participating in, denied the benefits of, subjected to discrimination under, or denied employment in connection with the program or activity receiving OJP funds on these grounds. Where such discriminatory actions are found through compliance reviews or complaint processing, the recipient agency may be deemed non-compliant for violating the law and its signed assurances. If attempts to secure voluntary compliance through negotiations are unsuccessful, the sanction of suspension or termination of funding is required by statute. Some specific prohibited forms of discrimination are set out in the OJP program statute's implementing regulations 28 CFR 42.203. For more information, consult the Office for Civil Rights (OCR) website at www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ocr.

"Applicants must certify that Limited English Proficiency persons have meaningful access to the services under this program(s). National origin discrimination includes discrimination based on limited English proficiency (LEP). To ensure compliance with Title VI and the Safe Street Act, the applicant must take reasonable steps to ensure that LEP persons have meaningful access to programs. Meaningful access may entail providing language assistance services, including oral and written translation when necessary." *Limited English Proficiency, A Federal Interagency Website* <http://www.LEP.gov>

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY PLAN (EEOP)

Declaration Claiming Exemption from the EEOP Submission Requirement and Certifying That an EEOP Is on File for Review: An EEOP must be developed by each DOJ grant recipient with 50 or more employees that receive an award of \$25,000 or more under the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 either directly from the Office of Justice Programs (OJP) or as a sub-grant from a state planning agency such as the Commission.

Declaration Claiming Complete Exemption: Regardless of the amount of funding or the number of employees, if the recipient agency is an educational institution, a non-profit organization, an Indian tribe, or a medical institution, the agency is eligible to file a certification form claiming complete exemption from the EEOP requirement.

Submissions of the EEOP vary depending on the entity type, number of employees, and funding level of a grantee agency.

An acceptable Equal Employment Opportunity Plan or Certification Form Claiming Complete Exemption or Claiming Exemption from the EEOP Submission Requirement must be submitted to the Office of Justice Programs (OJP), U.S. Department of Justice, Office for Civil Rights, 810 7th Street N.W., Washington D.C. 20531. An EEOP is a comprehensive document that analyzes a recipient's relevant labor market data and employment practices to identify possible barriers to the participation of women and minorities in all levels of a recipient's workforce. Its purpose is to ensure the opportunity for full and equal participation of men and women in the workplace, regardless of race, color, or national origin. The Department of Justice (DOJ) comprehensive guidelines for developing an Equal Employment Opportunity Plan can be found at 28 CFR § 42.301 et seq.

The following guidelines should be used to determine what information, if any, must be submitted to the Office for Civil Rights (OCR):

An agency **must submit** a Certification Form claiming complete exemption from the EEOP submission requirement if it is a non-profit organization, educational institution, Indian tribe, or medical institution, has less than 50 employees, or is receiving a single grant or sub-grant award of less than \$25,000. Section A of the certification form must be completed and filed with the OCR, and a copy must be sent to the Commission. The form can be downloaded from the ACJC website at [EEOP Certification Form](#).

An agency **must submit** a Certification Form claiming limited exemption from the EEOP submission requirement if it has 50 or more employees and receives a single grant or sub-grant award of at least \$25,000 but less than \$500,000, and has formulated an EEOP following 28 CFR part 42, subpart E, within the last 24 months. Section B of the certification form must be completed and filed with the OCR, and a copy must be sent to the Commission. The form can be downloaded from the ACJC website at [EEOP Certification Form](#).

An agency **must submit** a copy of its EEOP or EEOP Short Form to OCR and send a copy to the Commission if it has 50 or more employees and receives a single grant award of \$500,000. The form can be downloaded from the ACJC website at [EEOP Certification Form](#).

All grantees must forward to OCR a copy of any finding for discrimination made against their agency after a due process hearing (within the past three years) within 30 days of such determination.

For more information, consult the Office for Civil Rights (OCR) website at www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ocr.

EQUAL TREATMENT FOR FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS (Equal Treatment)

The Department of Justice (DOJ) promulgated a regulation that ensures a level playing field for the participation of faith-based organizations as well as other community organizations in receiving grant funds by:

- Prohibiting discrimination for or against an organization based on religion, religious belief, or religious character in the administration or distribution of federal funds;
- Allowing a religious organization that participates in grant-funded programs to retain its independence and continue to carry out its mission, provided that grant funds do not support any

inherently religious activities. While inherently religious activities are permissible, they must be separate in time and place from the funded program, and participation in such activities by individuals receiving services must be voluntary;

- Clarifying that faith-based organizations can use space in their facilities to provide grant-funded services without removing religious art, icons, scriptures, or other religious symbols; and
- Ensuring that no organization receiving direct financial assistance can discriminate against a program beneficiary or prospective beneficiary based on religion or religious belief. The regulation applies to DOJ grantees and sub-grantees (see 28 C.F.R. 38). For additional information, please visit http://www.ojp.gov/about/ocr/equal_fbo.htm.

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Monthly financial reports: Grantees are required to submit monthly financial reports and supporting documentation for expenditure reimbursement through the ACJC grant portal.

Quarterly activity reports: Grantees are required to report on data variables established by the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission and accountability measurement data mandated by the Bureau of Justice Assistance.

ACJC Data

Data variables will be based on specific project goals, objectives, and performance measures submitted in the application and data variables developed by the ACJC's Statistical Analysis Center. These data variables will be submitted in the ACJC Reporting Tool. Access to the ACJC Reporting Tool will be granted once the grant agreement has been signed and executed by the ACJC. Appendix A provides a list of goals, objectives, performance measures, and data sources that could be used in a grant proposal for each of the program goals.

BJA Data

Accountability measurement data must be submitted through BJA's Performance Measurement Tool (PMT), available at <https://bjapmt.ojp.gov>.

In addition to other reporting requirements, grantees are expected to cooperate fully in any national evaluation efforts required by the federal government.

SCORING PROCESS

A team of qualified individuals will score each grant application based on the scorecard on pages 13 and 14. The [Arizona 2020-2025 Drug, Gang, and Violent Crime Control State Strategy](#) will provide further guidance to application reviewers.

Arizona Criminal Justice Commission staff will prepare a proposed allocation plan based on the results of the scored grant applications and present the proposed allocation plan to the Commission's Drug, Gang, and Violent Crime Committee for review. The Committee will recommend the allocation plan to the full Commission for review and final action. The proposed allocation plan will be made available to applicants five (5) days before the funding meeting. Funds will be disbursed to agencies in accordance with the Commission's final approved allocation plan for the grant period of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026.

Staff may provide additional information to assist the Commission in making funding decisions. This information may include but is not limited to past performance, including achievement of past goals and objectives or outcomes and financial or programmatic monitoring deficiencies. Applications will be scored using the scorecard included in this announcement.

New applicants are those who do not have a documented award history with ACJC and may provide at least one year of prior grant performance history. Previous grant performance history documentation should be uploaded for review along with the application.

Acceptable prior grant performance history can be one or all of the following:

- a letter of past performance signed by an agency head
- programmatic monitoring summary or corrective action report
- financial monitoring summary or corrective action report
- other documentation supporting the achievement/success of a project

Please note: a scored application does not guarantee an award.

Use of DocuSign

ACJC uses DocuSign to sign all grant agreements if you are awarded a grant. ACJC utilizes an electronic signature process for grant agreements through DocuSign to reduce paper use and save processing time. Using an electronic signature process allows for faster execution of grant agreements and, ultimately, getting funding to grant recipients earlier. Grantees are not required to sign up for the DocuSign service, only to utilize it in executing ACJC grant agreement documents.

Appendix A – Mandatory Goals, Objectives, and Performance Measures

Purpose Area: APPREHENSION

APPREHENSION Goal 1: To reduce or disrupt the flow of illicit drugs imported, transported, and sold in the community.	
Objective 1.1 Increase arrests for importing/transporting of illicit drugs	Performance Measure: 1. Number of arrests for transport/import of drug.
Objective 1.2 Increase arrests for the distribution of illicit drugs	Performance Measures: 1. Number of arrests for distribution/sale of drugs 2. Number of arrests for buying/receiving drugs
Objective 1.3 Disrupt methamphetamine labs	Performance Measures: 1. Number of methamphetamine-related investigations 2. Number of clandestine labs seized. 3. Number of methamphetamine dump sites discovered 4. Number of methamphetamine sites referred for mitigation/cleanup
Objective 1.4 Eradicate marijuana cultivation grows	Performance Measures: 1. Number of indoor marijuana grows seized 2. Number of outdoor marijuana grows seized
Objective 1.5 Disrupt or dismantle Drug Trafficking Organizations	Performance Measures: 1. Number of DTOs disrupted 2. Number of DTOs dismantled
Objective 1.6 Arrest members of criminal street gangs	Performance Measures: 1. Number of arrests of the criminal street gang members

APPREHENSION Goal 2: Strengthen collaborative partnerships between federal, state, and local law enforcement and prosecutorial agencies.

Objective 2.1 Conduct coordination or collaboration activities with other agencies	Performance Measures: 1. Number of deconfliction events 2. Number of tips/leads referred to other task forces 3. Number of counterterrorism referrals 4. Number of drug-endangered child referrals or calls to the Arizona Department of Child Safety (DCS) 5. The number of drug interdiction activities assists
Objective 2.2 Conduct intelligence-driven, collaborative investigations	Performance Measures: 1. Number of intelligence-driven, collaborative investigations 2. Number of intelligence-driven investigations resulting in arrest 3. Number of intelligence-driven investigations resulting in drug seizures

Purpose Area: PROSECUTION

PROSECUTION Goal 1: To enhance the pursuit of justice for drug and drug-related gang and violent crimes in an equitable, unprejudiced, and expeditious manner.

Objective 1.1 Prosecute drug-related cases	Performance Measures: 1. Number of drug-related case referrals received 2. Number of drug-related cases declined for prosecution 3. Number of drug-related cases deferred to a diversion program 4. Number of drug-related cases dismissed 5. Number of drug-related cases resulting in conviction 6. Number of drug-related cases resulting in acquittal
Objective 1.2 Prosecute members of criminal street gangs involved in drug crime	Performance Measures: 1. Number of criminal street gang members prosecuted for drug crimes

PROSECUTION Goal 2: Strengthen collaborative partnership between federal, state, and local law enforcement and prosecutorial agencies.

Objective 2.1

Conduct coordination or collaboration activities with other agencies

Performance Measures:

1. Number of drug-related law enforcement investigation assists
2. Number of meeting(s) with law enforcement related to case preparation, case processing and/or hearings
3. Number of trainings/briefings offered to law enforcement from prosecutors
4. Number of trainings/briefings offered by law enforcement and attended by prosecutors

PROSECUTION Goal 3: Reducing the likelihood of future arrests through appropriate diversion interventions based on thorough assessments and intervention plans tailored to an individual participant's risks and needs.

Objective 3.1

Achieve reduction in future arrests through successful and effective diversion outcomes

Performance Measures:

1. Success Rate - Number of diversion participants successfully completing program requirements/Total number of diversion program participants
2. Safety Rate - Number of participants not charged with a new offense during the diversion period/Total number of diversion program participants
3. Post-Program Success Rate - Number of participant completions with no new arrests or citations/Total number of diversion participants completing diversion

Objective 3.2

Conserve/redirect criminal justice resources to more appropriate cases

Performance Measures:

1. Screening - Number of diversion-eligible individuals screened/Total number of diversion-eligible individuals
2. Placement - Total number of diversion-eligible individuals placed into diversion programs/Total number of diversion-eligible individuals
3. Satisfaction - Total number of diversion-eligible individuals rating the program as satisfactory/Total number of diversion-eligible individuals

Objective 3.3 Enhance personal accountability and responsibility	Performance Measures: 1. Compliance - Number of compliant diversion placements/Total number of diversion placements 2. Response - Number of technical violations with an appropriate staff response/Total number of technical violations
Objective 3.4 Reduce arrests by modifying behaviors linked to further criminal activity	Performance Measures: 1. Provision - Number of assessed participants placed into services/Total number of assessed participants

PROSECUTION Goal 4: (Statewide Civil Forfeiture Efforts Only): Deprive Arizona drug money laundering criminals of their profits.

Objective 4.1 Achieve successful outcomes in high-impact cases	Performance Measure: 1. Number of successful outcomes 2. Total number of high-impact cases
Objective 4.2 Disrupt criminal enterprises with the consequence of limiting subsequent criminal conduct	Performance Measure: 1. Number of criminal enterprises disrupted 2. Number of cases involving criminal enterprises
Objective 4.3 Partner with task forces to prepare and execute seizure warrants in cases where money laundering is a principal allegation	Performance Measure: 1. Number of seizure warrants issued on behalf of task forces in money laundering cases 2. Total number of seizure warrants issued in money laundering cases

PROSECUTION Goal 5: (Statewide Civil Forfeiture Efforts Only): Improve coordination of Arizona forfeiture/money laundering efforts.

Objective 5.1 Provide forfeiture/money laundering training programs for attorneys and investigators statewide	Performance Measure: 1. Number of prosecutors and/or investigators that are provided training on forfeiture/money laundering 2. Number of training participants demonstrating increased knowledge
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Objective 5.2 Provide analytical/investigative law enforcement assists	Performance Measure: 1. Number of requests for assistance received 2. Number of assists provided
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Purpose Area: FORENSIC SUPPORT SERVICES

FORENSIC SUPPORT SERVICES Goal 1: To enhance forensic analysis processing to aid in the apprehension and prosecution of drug offenders.	
Objective 1.1 Conduct forensic drug analysis	Performance Measures: 1. Number of requests for analysis awaiting analysis (in queue or backlogged) 2. Number of analysis reports completed 3. Average number of days from receipt of sample to analysis report
Objective 1.2 Provide expert witness testimony	Performance Measure: 1. Number of times staff testified in court 2. Number of times staff testified in court on cases brought forward by the task force
Objective 1.3 Efficiently process forensic cases	Performance Measures: 1. Number of cases handled per FTE 2. Average number of working days to complete analysis 3. Average processing cost per analysis

FORENSIC SUPPORT SERVICES Goal 2: To collaborate with apprehension and prosecution agencies in the investigation and examination of drug-related evidence.	
Objective 2.1 Assist law enforcement in the examination of drug evidence	Performance Measure: 1. Number of investigation assists 2. Number of task force-specific investigation assists

Objective 2.2 Conduct drug field testing training	Performance Measures: 1. Number of field test training classes completed 2. Number of officers trained in drug field testing 3. Number of agencies participating in field testing sessions 4. Number of training participants demonstrating increased knowledge
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Purpose Area: ADJUDICATION AND SENTENCING

ADJUDICATION AND SENTENCING Goal 1: To enhance court adjudication services for drug offenders.	
Objective 1.1 Provide enhanced court service activities for drug offenders	Performance Measures: 1. Number of drug court participants 2. Number of drug court graduates 3. Number of drug court participants that did not recidivate during participation 4. Average processing time of drug-related cases funded by the grant 5. Number of indigent defendants requesting services 6. Number of indigent defendants served
Objective 1.2 Provide probation services	Performance Measures: 1. Number of drug offenders that received surveillance 2. Average number of days to prepare cases for drug offenders 3. Total number of drug probationers screened for services 4. Total number of drug probationers receiving drug treatment 5. Total number of drug probation absconders apprehended
Objective 1.3 Conduct presentence investigations	Performance Measures: 1. Number of presentence investigation reports prepared 2. Number of presentence investigation reports submitted on time without a continuance

ADJUDICATION AND SENTENCING Goal 2: Reducing the likelihood of future arrests through appropriate diversion interventions based on thorough assessments and intervention plans tailored to an individual participant's risks and needs.

Objective 2.1

Achieve reduction in future arrests through successful and effective diversion outcomes

Performance Measures:

1. Success Rate - Number of diversion participants successfully completing program requirements/Total number of diversion program participants
2. Safety Rate - Number of participants not charged with a new offense during the diversion period/Total number of diversion program participants
3. Post-Program Success Rate - Number of participant completions with no new arrests or citations/Total number of diversion participants completing diversion

Objective 2.2

Conserve/redirect criminal justice resources to more appropriate cases

Performance Measures:

1. Screening - Number of diversion-eligible individuals screened/Total number of diversion-eligible individuals
2. Placement - Total number of diversion-eligible individuals placed into diversion programs/Total number of diversion-eligible individuals
3. Satisfaction - Total number of diversion-eligible individuals rating the program as satisfactory/Total number of diversion-eligible individuals

Objective 2.3

Enhance personal accountability and responsibility

Performance Measures:

1. Compliance - Number of compliant diversion placements/Total number of diversion placements
2. Response - Number of technical violations with an appropriate staff response/Total number of technical violations

Objective 2.4

Reduce arrests by modifying behaviors linked to further criminal activity

Performance Measures:

1. Provision - Number of assessed participants placed into services/Total number of assessed participants

Purpose Area: CORRECTIONS AND COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

CORRECTIONS AND COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS Goal 1: Provide a safer and more effective environment for inmates and staff at correctional and detention facilities.	
Objective 1.1 Identify and disrupt criminal support systems of inmates	Performance Measures: 1. Number of successful criminal syndicate investigations involving civilian suspects 2. Number of successful prosecutions involving inmates and civilians for prison contraband
Objective 1.2 Identify Security Threat Group (STG) members, associates, and prospective members	Performance Measures: 1. Number of validation packets and gang member identification cards used to document prison gangs 2. Number of inmates participating in debriefings to cooperate with investigators 3. Number of inmates entering into the Step Down program, in which STG members formally denounce their membership and agree to stop associating with their gang
Objective 1.3 Enhance security measures within correctional facilities	Performance Measures: 1. Number of seizures of contraband located, entering facilities and within facilities 2. Number of successful prosecutions for prison contraband

CORRECTIONS AND COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS Goal 2: To maintain effective community supervision of drug offenders, facilitate their successful transition from prison to the community, and return offenders to prison when necessary to protect the public.	
Objective 2.1 To effectively release, supervise, and monitor drug offenders under active Department community supervision.	Performance Measures: 1. Percentage of drug offenders on community supervision 2. Percentage of drug offenders on community supervision returned to prison for technical violations

	3. Percentage of drug offenders on community supervision returned to prison for a new crime 4. Number of drug offenders returned to prison for absconding
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Purpose Area: SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT FOR CORRECTIONS-INVOLVED INDIVIDUALS

SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT FOR CORRECTIONS-INVOLVED INDIVIDUALS Goal 1:	
Prepare offenders for reintegration into the communities by incorporating reentry planning activities into treatment programs. Reduce recidivism rates.	
Objective 1.1 Increase the number of offenders that have remained arrest-free for one year following release from aftercare.	Performance Measures: 1. Number of participants tracked 1 year following release from an aftercare program. 2. Of the number that were tracked, the number that remained arrest-free.
Objective 1.2 Increase the number of participants who completed the residential program and have passed drug testing.	Performance Measures: 1. Total number of participants that have completed the BJA-funded program and have passed the drug test during this reporting period. 2. Total number of offenders that have completed the BJA-funded program and have been drug-tested (that passed and failed)

SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT FOR CORRECTIONS-INVOLVED INDIVIDUALS Goal 2:

Enhance the capability of states and local governments to provide residential substance abuse treatment to incarcerated inmates.

Objective 2.1

Increase the number of RSAT participants.

Performance Measures:

1. Number of participants entering residential treatment
2. Number of days of residential treatment provided.
3. New treatment beds added with RSAT funds.
4. Treatment beds funded through other sources, but enhanced with RSAT-funded services.
5. Average length of stay (in days) in the residential program for those completing the program.
6. Average treatment cost per participant for the residential program

SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT FOR CORRECTIONS-INVOLVED INDIVIDUALS Goal 3:

Prepare participants for reintegration into the community by incorporating reentry planning activities into treatment programs.

Objective 3.1

Increase the number of participants who successfully complete the program.

Performance Measures:

1. Number of participants who successfully completed the program.
2. Number of participants who dropped out of the residential program.
3. Number of participants who were terminated from the residential program.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT FOR CORRECTIONS-INVOLVED INDIVIDUALS Goal 4:

Assist both the participants and their communities through the reentry process through the delivery of both community-based treatment and other broad-based post-release services.

Objective 4.1

Increase the percentage of participants successfully completing the post-release program.

Performance Measures:

1. Total number of participants entering an RSAT-funded post-release program.
2. Average length of stay in the post-release program, in days, for those completing the program.
3. Total number of participants successfully completing the post-release program.
4. Total number of participants who dropped out of the post-release program.
5. Total number of participants who were terminated from the post-release program.
6. Average treatment cost per participant for the post-release program.

Purpose Area: PREVENTION AND EDUCATION**PREVENTION AND EDUCATION Goal 1:** Decrease the likelihood of engagement in drug, gang and/or violent crime**Objective 1.1**

Conduct effective education and awareness events on the risks associated with drug and gang involvement

Performance Measures:

1. Number of individuals receiving drug and/or gang prevention and education programming
2. Number of individuals demonstrating an increased knowledge that received programming

Objective 1.2

Improve pro-social behaviors

Performance Measures:

1. Number of individuals served
2. Number of individuals completing program requirements
3. Of individuals completing program requirements, number of individuals exhibiting desired change in targeted behaviors

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

___ Application submitted via ACJC's Grants Portal <https://grantsportal.azcjc.gov/>

___ Single Audit (submit as an attachment)

___ Sustainability Plan (included in the Project Summary section)

___ Financial Capacity Questionnaire

___ [Confidential Funds Certification](#) (if applicable, submit as an attachment)

___ Participation/Collaboration Letters (Task Force specific applicants only, submit as an attachment)

___ Byrne JAG Formula Local Application (if applicable, submit as an attachment or e-mail to dcadmin@azcjc.gov)

Scorecard - Drug, Gang, and Violent Crime Control Grant Application

Is the project eligible under the *Arizona Drug, Gang, and Violent Crime Control State Strategy*? **Yes/No**

1. Was the application received on time? **Yes/No**

If the answer to either question is “No,” the application is disqualified and should not be scored.

Scorecard			
Category	Description	Valuation	Maximum Possible Score
Submission	All application information is complete and accurate. • Application is complete and accurate • Single Audit or Audit Extension Letter • Sustainability Plan • Confidential Funds Certification (if applicable) • Participation/Collaboration Letters (task force only)	Factual	40
Problem Statement	The problem statement identifies the need for services in the community and is supported by statistical data. • Problems are clearly stated • Problems are evidenced by statistics • Problems align with the strategy • Problem causes are identified	Judgment	200
Project Summary	The project summary describes a project to be supported. • Summary addresses the problems stated • Summary describes the agency’s activities • Summary includes networking with agencies • Summary is realistic and achievable • Includes sustainability plan • Resembles proactive strategies to address the drug, gang, and violent crime problem • Uses specialized personnel or specialized processes to address the drug, gang, and violent crime problem • Considers gaps in services • If applicable, place a focus on intelligence and information sharing	Judgment	200
Evidence-Based or Best Practice	The applicant demonstrates that the proposed project is considered to be evidence-based.	Factual	40
Collaboration Efforts	The project collaborates with other criminal justice agencies and community organizations. • Public and community agencies are listed • Detailed collaboration described • Includes a collaborative strategy	Judgment	100

	Builds and maintains partnerships at federal, state, or local levels		
Goals And Objectives	Goals and objectives identify intended project accomplishments. - Goals are overarching and reasonable - Goals relate to the problems identified - Objectives are reasonable and achievable - Objectives are a logical connection to goals - Measures are appropriate and collectible	Judgment	140
Evaluation Plan	Performance Measures are identified and are appropriate. - Data collection methodologies clearly defined - Measures are appropriate and collectible - Process to incorporate evaluation findings for purposes of project improvement is identified - Includes evaluation processes that assess the effectiveness and include sound and reliable data.	Factual	120
Budget	- Budget costs are reasonable and allowable - Narrative description is complete - Matching funds are included (if applicable) - Includes resource or cost-sharing	Factual and Judgment	80
Performance	Applicant is meeting the benchmarks established in previous grant years (EDGE report) *New applicants may submit proof of prior performance	Judgment	40
Administrative History	Projects previously funded have met the grant's requirements, including timely, accurate submission of reports and no reportable deficiencies during monitoring reviews. - Activity Reporting - Financial Reporting - Programmatic reportable deficiencies - Financial reportable deficiencies *New applicants may submit proof of prior performance	Factual	40
Total:			1,000

REQUEST FOR MODIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ALLOCATION PLAN

Under R10-4-405, Drug and Gang Enforcement Account Grants Request for Modification of Recommended Allocation Plan: if an applicant disagrees with the recommended funding allocation, the applicant may verbally appeal to the Committee. The Committee shall consider the request for modification before forwarding the recommended allocation plan to the Commission for action.

If the applicant disagrees with the decision of the Committee, the applicant may verbally request that the Commission modify the recommended allocation plan. The Commission shall consider the request for modification when awarding or denying a grant. The Commission's decision is final.

APPLICATION PROCESS

The grant application for FY 2026 must be completed and submitted using the new ACJC Grants Portal. Detailed application instructions, including information on accessing the ACJC Grants Portal, are available at this link <https://grantsportal.azcjc.gov/>.

If the applicant needs help accessing, completing, or submitting a grant application in the ACJC Grants Portal, contact Matt Bileski at mbileski@azcjc.gov, 602-364-1374, before the due date.

Once submitted, the grant applicant should receive an email notification that the submission was successful. If no email is received, please get in touch with Matt Bileski, mbileski@azcjc.gov, 602-364-1374, to confirm a successful application. Application status can also be checked by logging into the ACJC Grant Portal, clicking on "Main Page," and then choosing the "Access Applications" button.

Paper or emailed applications will not be accepted. All applications and attachments must be submitted through the ACJC Grants Portal.

The application must be successfully submitted to the ACJC Grants Portal by 3:00 p.m. on Friday, February 28th, 2025. Only on-time applications will be accepted by the ACJC Grants Portal or be considered by ACJC.

Funding recommendations will be presented for the Commission's approval at the meeting scheduled on Thursday, May 15, 2025 (tentative). If approved, a list of funded programs will be posted on the ACJC website on the first Friday of June.