



Rural Violent Crime Reduction Initiative for Law Enforcement Application Scoring Rubric

Peer reviewers will assess applications that meet basic minimum requirements. Applications are then evaluated on how the proposed project/program addresses the following criteria:

DESCRIPTION OF THE ISSUE (25%)

Clearly articulate the rural violent crime problem(s) your application seeks to address. When possible, include supporting violent crime data. The proposed project and the services, equipment, and personnel you include in your budget request must have a clear and compelling nexus to the violent crime problem(s) identified in your application.

PROJECT DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION PLAN (35%)

Describe any existing or planned interventions or programmatic enhancements that are intended to address your jurisdiction's violent crime issues. Multiple approaches or problem-solving analysis processes may be used to identify and select alternative solutions. Discuss your agency's organizational capabilities or competencies to address this problem and how your agency would work with the training and technical assistance (TTA) provider to refine approaches and monitor progress. List project partners (including criminal justice partners, community organizations, and service providers) involved in program implementation. Clearly identify the individual(s) within your agency who will be responsible for implementing the grant and the individual(s) administrating the grant (i.e., financial responsibility).

PLAN FOR MEASURING SUCCESS AND OUTCOMES AND PROGRAM SUSTAINABILITY (25%)

Describe your agency's willingness to work with the TTA provider on implementation, outcome tracking, and final report production. Outline a proposed plan on how your agency will measure success and outcomes that demonstrate the results of the work performed under the award connected to a problem-solving framework, such as the [SARA Model](#). The TTA provider will support success and outcome measurement collection. Discuss how your agency will sustain the project beyond the grant period.



Note: Applicants are not required to submit metrics with the application. Rather, outcome measure information is included as an indication of the data that successful applicants will be required to submit as part of the reporting requirements under an award.

BUDGET (15%)

Clearly outline the items outlined in the Project Design and Implementation Plan for which funding is requested. Each expense should be listed as a separate entry in the appropriate sections. Items do not have to be requested in all budget categories to be eligible. The budget will be evaluated for completeness, including a description/narrative, cost-effectiveness, allowability, and sustainability.