

Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program (SCIP) Notice of Funding Opportunity—2026 State Share

Background

The Office of Policy and Management Criminal Justice Policy and Planning Division (OPM CJPPD) serves as the State Administering Agency (SAA) for Connecticut's Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program (Byrne SCIP) grant program. Byrne SCIP is authorized by the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act of 2022, with formula funding made available by Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) at the U.S. Department of Justice. The federal grant program includes a focus on gun violence reduction and the programs and initiatives that target the risk factors that are likely to lead to this kind of violence.

OPM CJPPD developed a program and budget plan to administer subaward funding in coordination with members of Connecticut's active, statutorily established [Criminal Justice Policy Advisory Commission](#) (CJPAC). The BJA-approved program plan and budget can be reviewed here: [Byrne SCIP Program Plan](#). Additional information from BJA on the federal Byrne SCIP grant program and examples of programs can be found at [Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program Frequently Asked Questions](#).

OPM CJPPD is currently accepting grant applications for **Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program** from the state share of its formula funds to implement state crisis intervention programs or initiatives. A **total of \$1,629,750** is currently available for subawards. Applicants may apply for one or more of the Funding Categories 1-4 as described below. If applying for more than one category, applicants must clearly distinguish between the grant-funded activities for each Funding Category proposed and the budget must clearly identify costs associated with each Funding Category.

Completed application packages must be submitted electronically to ryan.fleischman@ct.gov by **Friday, February 13, 2026**. Details on the application are described in sections 1-8 below.

1. Eligibility Information

Eligible entities include, but are not limited to, state agencies, non-profit organizations, federally recognized tribal nations, coalitions, inter-municipal groups and taskforces, and private entities. Please note, similar to Byrne JAG, CJPPD anticipates a separate funding opportunity to be made available for units of local government.

Applicants must have an active Unique Entity Number registered in SAM.GOV, a FEIN number, written accounting policies and procedures, a financial management system that

is able to track actual expenditures and outlays, in addition to other requirements described in the federal, interagency/general, and special conditions.

Applicants must demonstrate a history of financial and programmatic capacity similar to what is proposed in their Byrne SCIP project application. To be considered for the maximum amount available, applicants must demonstrate a track record of implementing projects of an equal scale and budget. Applicants that do not meet the stated guidelines can seek to partner with other entities who qualify for Byrne-SCIP to have project/program funds passed through.

Non-Supplanting: Grants funds shall be used to supplement and increase, but not supplant, the level of state, local, private and federal funds that would, otherwise, be made available for this project and to serve this target population and will in no event replace such state, local, private and federal funds. The Grantee shall not use state funds conveyed by the Agreement to supplant any local funds, if a municipality, or other state funds, if a state agency, which were budgeted for purposes analogous to that of the state grant funds. OPM may waive this provision upon request and for good cause shown, when it is satisfied that the reduction in local funds or other state funds, as the case may be, is due to circumstances not related to the Agreement.

Behavioral health crisis care programs: Programs under Byrne SCIP must be operated in accordance with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration National Guidelines for Behavioral Health Crisis Care.

Extreme Risk Protection Order programs: Programs that support risk protection orders or risk protection order investigations are currently not eligible for Byrne SCIP funding.

Questions on eligibility or this application may be submitted to ryan.fleischman@ct.gov.

2. Award Period

Applicants should develop their Project Narratives and Budget Detail Worksheets with a period of performance **of up to 12 months**. If the applicant is awarded funds, the actual start date and end date shall be identified in an approved award package.

3. Available Funds

A **total of \$1,629,750** is currently available through the state share of the Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program.

4. Funding Categories & Objectives

Applicants may apply for one or more of the Funding Categories 1 through 4 as described below. If applying for more than one category, applicants must clearly distinguish between the grant-funded activities for each Funding Category proposed and the budget must clearly distinguish costs associated with each Funding Category.

Funding Category 1.

A total of \$484,632 is available in Funding Category 1. CJPPD anticipates making up to three awards in this category, averaging \$160,000 in funds per entity.

Category 1 Purpose Area: Deliver training to criminal justice agencies, organizations, and other related entities to enhance existing crisis intervention programming or to pilot new crisis intervention initiatives.

Category 1 projects must address at least one of the following objectives:

- Delivering training to professionals responding to crisis intervention programming;
- Obtaining curriculum and other content for professionals implementing crisis intervention programming;
- Increasing threat assessment training for criminal justice professionals, behavioral health treatment providers, or mobile crisis units;
- Implementing train-the-trainer models to embed expertise on crisis interventions within an agency, organization, or other entity; and
- Recording training videos for distribution among professionals involved in crisis intervention.

Funding Category 2.

A total of \$484,633 is available in Funding Category 2. CJPPD anticipates making up to three awards in this category, averaging \$160,000 in funds per entity.

Category 2 Purpose Area: Provide public education, outreach, and awareness regarding crisis interventions.

Category 2 projects must address at least one of the following objectives:

- Executing a communication, education, and public awareness strategy by developing fact sheets, brochures, webinars, television or radio engagement (including advertisements and spotlights), and social media outreach (to YouTube, Facebook, Twitter, and other platforms);
- Publishing best practices on crisis interventions; and
- Generating content for crisis hotlines — such as 9-1-1, 9-8-8, and 2-1-1 — to provide information to callers regarding available crisis intervention resources.

Funding Category 3.

A total of \$484,633 is available in Funding Category 3. CJPPD anticipates making up to three awards in this category, averaging \$160,000 in funds per entity.

Category 3 Purpose Area: Provide technology, programs, safety planning, and other strategies complementing crisis interventions to lower the risk of fatal or non-fatal firearm injury.

Category 3 projects must address at least one of the following objectives:

- Connecting people with services or treatment addressing assessed crisis needs as well as peer support specialists and peer navigators;
- Providing trauma supports or delivering safety planning to intimate partners, family members, or other impacted people connected to people going through a crisis intervention;
- Providing firearm surrender compliance support under an order of protection or restraining order;
- Expanding current protection order and restraining order infrastructure to include additional firearm surrender initiatives;
- Supporting IT system upgrades to improve data entry for crisis intervention programming; and
- Improving technology, analysis, or information-sharing solutions for ensuring law enforcement, the courts, and other criminal justice agencies are informed when a prohibited person attempts to purchase a firearm.

Funding Category 4.

A total of \$175,852 is available in Funding Category 4.

Category 4 Purpose Area: Promote the safe storage of firearms inside the home or motor vehicle and prevent fatal or nonfatal firearm injury.

Category 4 projects must address at least one of the following objectives:

- Distributing safes, lock boxes, and other storage supplies to safeguard firearms inside the home, motor vehicle, or both;
- Increasing public awareness — such as radio, television, social media, websites, and recorded videos —including tailored messages to constituencies promoting the safe storage of firearms; and
- Developing print materials — such as fact sheets, brochures, and flyers — with tailored messages to constituencies or groups promoting the safe storage of firearms.

5. Application Process

Completed application packages must be submitted electronically to ryan.fleischman@ct.gov by **Friday, February 13, 2026**. Email the following completed documents with “Byrne SCIP Application” in the subject line:

- [Coversheet](#)
- [Project Abstract](#)
- **Project Narrative** (see below Project Narrative Instructions)
- [Budget Detail Worksheet](#)

6. Project Narrative Instructions

The Project Narrative will be submitted as an attachment. The document must be double-spaced, using a standard 12-point size font; have no less than 1-inch margins; have numbered pages; and should not exceed 15 pages. Tables, charts, and graphics that are single-spaced or smaller than 12-point size font are permissible but should be legible.

The Project Narrative must include Sections A-D listed below. If applying for more than one Funding Category, applicants must clearly distinguish between the grant-funded activities for each Funding Category proposed.

A. Description of the Need. What critical issue or problem is the applicant proposing to address with this project? Please include:

- A brief explanation of the need, gap, or issue to be addressed by the proposed project.
- Supporting information, data, or evidence to demonstrate the needs' existence, size, and impact on the target population and community.
- How the need relates to the objectives to be addressed.
- Whether the proposed project will establish new programming, expand existing programming, or both.

B. Project Goals and Activities. How will the proposed project address the need identified and address the purpose area of the Funding Category(ies)? Please include:

- What are specific outcomes the applicant plans to achieve through the Funding Category(ies). Outcomes should be: Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, and Time-bound (SMART).
- What activities will the applicant conduct to achieve the proposed objectives with the Funding Category(ies).
- How the applicant will deliver or complete those activities.
- When activities will take place.
- Who in the applicant's organization will staff the activities, including key staff.
- What deliverables, reports, and other items will be produced as part of the project.
- Will the program support **behavioral health crisis care**? If so, describe how the program is operated in accordance with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration National Guidelines for Behavioral Health Crisis Care.
- Summarize major activities into a timeline.
 - Indicate in which quarter activities will be developed and implemented.
 - Identify both a planning phase (if necessary) and an implementation phase. Applicants should indicate if a project is new or continued, and if continued, indicate that a planning phase is not needed.

C. Data Collection and Reporting

- How will the applicant measure its progress in achieving the specific outcomes?
- Who will be responsible for these tasks, and how will the applicant collect the data? Describe the tools the applicant will use and its process to track those outcomes and report them to OPM-CJPPD.
- Demonstrate the applicant's understanding of the [Byrne SCIP post-award reporting requirements](#), and the staff that will collect and report the data included in quarterly and semi-annual reports.

D. Capabilities and Competencies. What administrative and technical capacity and expertise does the applicant bring to successfully complete this project? Please include:

- Describe the project management structure to implement the project, including staffing and key partners. Describe how the partners, if any, will work together to implement the key project elements. Provide information, if any, on past efforts and/or outcomes as a result of this partnership, and why it will enhance efforts in this area.
- A summary of relevant experience of team members with key responsibilities for implementing the project. A description of projects or activities the applicant organization has conducted, or is currently conducting, that demonstrates the applicant's ability to undertake the proposed project activities.
- A short description of the applicant's capacity to deliver the proposed project and meet the requirements of the award, including collecting and reporting the required performance measure data.
- A description of the applicant's capacity to manage the federal financial requirements of the award, including the experience of the financial manager managing federal awards or subawards.

7. Funding Restrictions

In addition to the unallowable costs identified in the [DOJ Grants Financial Guide](#), award funds may not be used for the following:

- Prizes, rewards, entertainment, trinkets (or any type of monetary incentive)
- Client stipends
- Gift cards
- Food and beverage
- Unmanned aircraft systems (UAS), including unmanned aircraft vehicles (UAV), and all accompanying accessories to support UAS or UAV
- In general, as a matter of federal law, funds may not be used, either directly or indirectly, to support the enactment, repeal, modification, or adoption of any law, regulation, or policy, at any level of government. See 18 U.S.C. 1913. Recipients and subrecipients must comply with the provisions in 2 C.F.R. § 200.450 (Lobbying) and 18 U.S.C. 1913, as appropriate. Also, see Chapter 2.1 of the DOJ Grants Financial Guide for specifics about restrictions on lobbying.
- **Non-Supplanting:** Grants funds shall be used to supplement and increase, but not supplant, the level of state, local, private and federal funds that would, otherwise, be made available for this project and to serve this target population and will in no event replace such state, local, private and federal funds. The Grantee shall not use state funds conveyed by the Agreement to supplant any local funds, if a municipality, or other state funds, if a state agency, which were budgeted for purposes analogous to that of the state grant funds. OPM may waive this provision

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8. Reporting Requirements

Subrecipients will submit a quarterly progress report and semi-annual narrative report as described in the [Byrne SCIP post-award reporting requirements](#). Reports will be submitted according to the reporting schedule below.

Financial reports explain the expenditures of the subrecipient and unless otherwise indicated, are submitted via OPM's online Grant Management System. In addition to financial reports, the OPM program manager may request supplemental documentation, such as timesheets, receipts, invoices, and contracts to confirm that the expenditures are being spent according to how they are reported.

Quarterly Financial Reporting schedule:

Period of Performance	Report due dates
July 1 – September 30	October 15
October 1 – December 31	January 15
January 1 – March 31	April 15
April 1 – June 30	July 15

Quarterly Progress Reporting schedule:

Period of Performance	Report due dates
July 1 – September 30	October 15
October 1 – December 31	January 15
January 1 – March 31	April 15
April 1 – June 30	July 15

Semi-Annual Progress Reporting schedule:

Period of Performance	Report due dates
July 1 – December 31	January 15
January 1 – June 30	July 15