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Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy (GOCPP)

State Fiscal Year 2027

Gun Violence Reduction Grant Program (GVRG)

Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA)

Applicant Technical Assistance Call
Tuesday, February 17, 2026 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM

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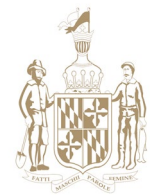
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Technical Assistance Objectives

Understand key concepts related to submission of an application under the SFY2027 GVRG, including:

- Goals and priorities of this program
- Eligibility
- Award information
- Application requirements
- Application review process
- New Organizational Capacity Questionnaire (OCQ)



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Grants Management System (GMS): Access

For new GMS users, please follow the instructions under
Request GMS Access webpage:

- <https://gocpp.maryland.gov/grants/requesting-access/>

For GMS technical support (system support such as GMS
access/login), please contact our GMS Help Desk via the
following email:

- support@gocpp.freshdesk.com

For GMS resources, please use the following link:

- <https://gocpp.maryland.gov/grants/gms-help-videos/>



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Gun Violence Reduction Grant (GVRG)

NOFA Link: <https://gocpp.maryland.gov/wp-content/uploads/FY2027-GVRG-NOFA.pdf>

Purpose:

- To support local law enforcement agencies and/or prosecutors in developing and implementing strategies specifically intended to reduce gun-related crime in the State of Maryland.
- GOCPP collaborates with the [Maryland CeaseFire Council](#) to evaluate grant applications and administer the funds.



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Funding Eligibility

Eligible Entities: Local Law Enforcement, State Law Enforcement, and State's Attorney's Offices

- **Law Enforcement Funding Limitations:**

- Low-Impact Jurisdictions – Jurisdictions with up to 100 firearm-related crimes annually can request up to \$25,000
- Moderate-Impact Jurisdictions:
 - Jurisdictions with 101-300 firearm-related crimes annually can request up to \$50,000
 - Jurisdictions with 301-500 firearm-related crimes annually can request up to \$75,000
- High-Impact Jurisdictions – Jurisdictions with more than 500 firearm-related crimes annually can request up to \$100,000

- **State's Attorney's Offices (SAO's) Funding Limitation:**

- SAO's can request up to \$100,000

- *Ineligible Applicants:*

- MCIN lead sites

Note: Allied MCIN partners are encouraged to submit applications.



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Funding Priorities

Priority will be given to:

- Law enforcement agencies and state's attorney's offices that do not currently receive Maryland Criminal Intelligence Network (MCIN) funds.
- Programs that supports one or more of the following efforts:
 - Comprehensive and coordinated law enforcement and prosecution programs that target criminals and juveniles who use or illegally possess firearms.
 - Law enforcement and prosecution salaries and overtime in support of firearms reduction programs.
 - Covert firearms-related investigations and debriefing of criminal and juvenile arrestees and offenders for information related to illegal firearms manufacturing/trafficking.
 - The identification of illegal firearms manufacturing/traffickers and the tracing of firearms used to commit crimes or delinquent acts.
 - The purchase of technology and information systems to support firearms violence reduction initiatives.
 - Other efforts that aid in the apprehension and prosecution of criminals and juveniles who use or illegally possess firearms.

Award Details



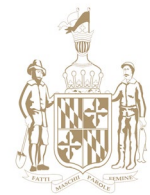
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Due Date for Applications: Friday, March 13, 2026 by 11:59 PM

Period of Award: July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027

- Number of Awards: Up to 25
- Funding Range: \$15,000 to \$100,000
- Maximum Award Amount: \$100,000



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Budget - Allowable Costs

All budget line items must be reasonable, allowable, and allocable to the project proposed for funding.

Allowable Costs:

- **Personnel**
 - Salaries and overtime for law enforcement officers dedicated to gun violence reduction initiatives, such as focused deterrence programs, targeted enforcement, and analysis
 - Salaries and overtime for prosecutors and legal staff assigned to gun violence prosecutions
 - Salaries for crime analysts dedicated to tracking, analyzing, and identifying trends related to gun violence
- **Travel**
 - Expenses for conferences, workshops, regional task force meetings, and training focused on gun violence prevention, law enforcement, prosecution strategies, and firearm-related programs
- **Contractual Services**
 - Fees for expert consultants (e.g., ballistic identification technology, gunshot detection systems).
 - Contracts with universities or research organizations to evaluate gun violence trends and program effectiveness

Budget - Allowable Costs



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- **Equipment** (Over \$10,000 per unit)
 - Firearm detection and tracing technology (e.g., ballistic identification technology, gunshot detection systems).
 - Safety equipment (e.g., handcuffs, ballistic shields) for law enforcement executing high-risk firearm-related operations
 - Forensic testing services, including DNA and fingerprint analysis for firearm cases
 - Gunshot Residue (GSR) analysis and equipment for the collection of evidence in firearm investigations
 - Case management and data sharing systems designed for analyzing firearm related investigations and prosecutions
 - Equipment with a unit cost less than \$10,000 should be reported in the “Other” category
- **Other**
 - Educational materials for community engagement on firearm violence prevention
 - Public awareness campaigns targeting illegal firearm possession, usage, and manufacturing/trafficking
 - Equipment with unit cost less than \$10,000

Note: There is **no cost-share required for this funding source**. Do NOT enter a cost-share amount in your budget. If you wish to show other financial or in-kind contributions to your program, it may be written into your narrative.

Budget – Requirements for Purchasing Drones

The following documentation is required for the purchase of drones:

- Agency Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) governing drone use
- Proof of current drone operator certification for all proposed operators
- A letter of support from the County Executive
- Certification that the proposed drone equipment is manufactured in the United States (“Made in the USA” certification)

Budget - Unallowable Costs



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- Operating Expenses
- Alcoholic beverages
- Bad debt
- Bonuses or commissions
- Corporate formation
- Honorarium
- Lobbying costs (including membership fees to organizations whose primary activity is lobbying)
- Rental Fees
- Printing Costs
- Telephone/Fax
- Food/Beverages
- Fundraising
- Trinkets (items such as hats, mugs, portfolios, t-shirts, coins, and gift bags)
- Construction/Capital Expenses/Land Acquisition

Program Narrative

All applicants are **required** to adhere to the word limits applied to each section of their narrative:



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- Overall Organization Information (Word Limit: 500)
- Problem Statement/Needs Justification (Word Limit: 500)
- Program Purpose Area (Word Limit: 150)
- Project Design (Word Limit: 750)
- Goals & Objectives (Word Limit: 1,500)
- Data Collection Plan (Word Limit: 250)
- Grant Personnel (Word Limit: 500)
- Sustainability (Word Limit: 200)
- Applicant Disclosure of Pending Applications Statement (Word Limit: 150)
- Budget Details and Spending Plan (Word Limit: 750)



Project Summary Instructions

- A concise summary of the project limited to **100 words or less**.
- Use the following project summary template:

The _____(Implementing Agency's Name) 1 _____(Project Title) 1
_____ program helps to _____ 2 in _____ 3 . The
program _____.4 Program funds will support _____.5

****Reference:** Pages 6-7 of the [GMS Application Instructions](#)

Overall Organization Information



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Word Limit: 500

- Brief overview and key organizational information.
- Include in bullet format:
 - Mission statement
 - Key milestones and achievements
 - Total number of full-time equivalent (FTE) employees.
 - Total current organizational budget.
 - Percentage of organizational budget the application is requesting.
 - Primary jurisdictions your organization serves.

****Reference:** Pages 7-8 of the [GMS Application Instructions](#) and Page 7 of the [GVRG NOFA](#)



Problem Statement/Needs Justification

Word Limit: 500

- Describe the proposed strategies for reducing firearm- related crimes.
- Describe your organization’s experience implementing the proposed gun violence reduction strategies.
- Define the target area to be served.
- Describe the impact of firearm-related crime in the target area supported by local statistics for the past three years:
 - Number of firearm-related crimes committed
 - Number of firearm seizures
 - Number of firearm-related cases adjudicated
- Summarize anticipated barriers and how the project will address the barriers.
- If applicable, summarize your collaboration with the [ENOUGH Initiative](#) and upload a letter of support from at least one project partner (ENOUGH Quarterbacks) in the designated community.
- Include if your organization received GVRG funding in SFY 2026.

****Reference:** Page 8 of the [GMS Application Instructions](#) and Page 7 of the [GVRG NOFA](#)

Project Design



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Word Limit: 750

- Describe in detail how your organization will implement the proposed strategies.
- Summarize the outreach plan to the target area, if applicable.
- Describe how the proposed strategies align with best practices, industry standards, and/or evidence-based approaches.
- Identify organizational partnerships and explain the roles of each partner.

****Reference:** Page 9 of the [GMS Application Instructions](#) and Pages 7-8 of the [GVRG NOFA](#)



Goals and Objectives

Word Limit: 1,500

- Describe the project's overarching goals, the corresponding objectives, and the related gun violence reduction activities. intended short and long-term goals. **Note:** Goals are broad, overarching, and often qualitative targets/statements that describe changes in the target population's knowledge, behavior, or disposition. Objectives are specific, measurable tasks and activities that help to achieve each goal.
- Identify the resources needed to conduct the activities.
- Identify the measurable outcomes for each objectives. **Note:** An outcome is a measurable change or impact as a result of the project.
- Provide a timeline for completing the activities.

****Reference:** Pages 9-10 of the [GMS Application Instructions](#) and Page 8 of the [GVRG NOFA](#)



Data Collection Plan

Word Limit: 250

- Describe how the data collection methods, systems, and tools that will be used to track and measure the project's effectiveness.
- Successful applicants will be required to report on the performance measurements in quarterly progress reports.
- State's Attorney's Offices will be required to report as part of the quarterly progress report submission individual case information that is supported using GVRG funds.

****Reference:** Page 10 of the [GMS Application Instructions](#) and Page 8 of the [GVRG NOFA](#)



Required Documents

The following documents are **required** to be submitted with your application:

- Certified Assurances (GMS Generated)
- Certification Regarding Lobbying (GMS Generated)
- Current W-9 Form
- Screenshot of SAM.gov/Unique Entity Identifier Registration
- Certificate of Applicable Financial Reporting Requirements and Required Financial Report Uploading
- Organizational Capacity Questionnaire (Qualtrics)
- Most Recent Organizational Chart

NEW Requirement: Organizational Capacity Questionnaire (OCQ)



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What is the OCQ?

- A monitoring tool used by GOCPP to assess:
 - Organizational stability
 - Financial management practices
 - Program operations

Why it Matters:

- Determines applicant **Risk Status**
- Informs GOCPP's monitoring approach throughout the grant lifecycle

SFY 2027 Requirement:

- Submission through **Qualtrics is REQUIRED**
- Must be submitted **by the NOFA due date in GMS**
- Applications are **incomplete without a submitted OCQ**

NEW Requirement: Organizational Capacity Questionnaire (OCQ)



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Important Reminders:

- A new OCQ must be submitted annually
- Must include reliable information from the **CEO or CFO**
- GMS attestation must include:
 - Name
 - Title
 - Date of certifying official

OCQ Link:

https://gocpp.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_2mY8YNPFAAzOqmq

Technical Assistance:

dlmsac.gocpyvs@maryland.gov or NOFA points of contact



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Application Technical Review

- An internal reviewer will assess the following components of the application:
 - Applicant eligibility
 - Submission of all required documents (**points will be deducted from the final score for each missing required document**)
 - Budget compliance
 - If the applicant requests more than the maximum allowable, **points will be deducted from the final score**
 - Unallowable costs will be identified and deducted from the final award if the application is approved for funding
 - Compliance with new word limits applied to each section of the application
 - Text that exceeds the word limit will be redacted prior to the scoring review.
 - Application addresses a priority funding area and bonus points will be assigned



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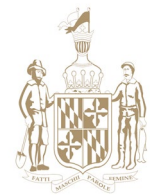
Application Scoring Review

1. Each eligible application will be assigned to a three-person team that will review and score the application based on compliance with the criteria outlined in the NOFA
2. Each reviewer will score each section of the application, calculate a final score, and make a funding recommendation
3. The three scores will be used to calculate a preliminary score
4. **Bonus and deduction points will be applied to the preliminary score to calculate the final score**
5. Applications will be ranked based on final scores and funding amounts will be assigned
6. Those applications recommended for funding will then be submitted for review and approval by the GOCPP Executive Director
7. Once the recommendations have been approved, applicants will be notified and applications will be processed for award

Any Feedback?

Please use the below link to complete our FY27 NOFA TA Survey so that we can improve our calls in the future.

Link: <https://forms.gle/1VsrUarByPyYYnSq5>



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ANY QUESTIONS?

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