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

State Fiscal Year 2027

**Maryland Criminal Intelligence Network/Overdose
and Drug Awareness Coordinator Grant Program
(MCIN-ODAC)**

Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA)

Applicant Technical Assistance Call
Tuesday, April 21, 2026 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

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GOCPP- MCIN/ODAC Team: Introductions



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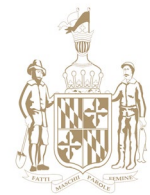
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Technical Assistance Objectives

Understand key concepts related to submission of an application under the SFY2027 MCIN/ODAC, 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/>

Maryland Criminal Intelligence Network/Overdose and Drug Awareness Grant (MCIN-ODAC)



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

Purpose:

- To develop robust information-sharing infrastructures that will enable cross-jurisdictional sharing of accurate and actionable intelligence for the purpose of dismantling criminal networks.
- To decrease the number of fatal/non-fatal overdoses stemming from substance use.

Funding Eligibility

Eligible Entities: Local Law Enforcement, State Law Enforcement, State's Attorney's Offices, and Washington/Baltimore High-Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (W/B HIDTA)

- For the MCIN initiative, only **one** application should be submitted by the lead applicant.
- Allied coalition partners should request funding through the lead applicant's application.
- Allied partnerships include the Overdose and Drug Awareness Coordinator program.

Funding Eligibility – MCIN Initiative



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The following counties and regions are eligible to apply for SFY 2027 MCIN funding:

- Allegany
- Anne Arundel
- Baltimore City
- Baltimore County
- Carroll
- Cecil
- Frederick
- Harford
- Howard
- Lower Eastern Shore Region
- Montgomery
- Prince George's
- Washington
- Wicomico

Funding Eligibility – ODAC Initiative



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The following counties and region are eligible to apply for SFY 2027 ODAC funding.

NOTE: Jurisdictions with ODAC positions should combine their funding requests with their MCIN initiative application.

- Anne Arundel
- Baltimore City
- Baltimore County
- Calvert
- Cecil
- Charles
- Dorchester
- Frederick
- Howard
- Montgomery
- St. Mary's
- Talbot
- Washington/Baltimore HIDTA
- Wicomico
- Worcester

Program Requirements - Operational and Organizational

- MCIN is a key element of Maryland's public safety strategy and will provide the basis for improved data-driven decision making. Each MCIN site must:
 - Establish and maintain partnerships with key criminal justice agencies to support coordinated investigations and enforcement actions targeting violent criminal networks.
 - Specify partnerships in a Memorandum of Understanding/Agreement or a Letter of Commitment (***see pages 7-8 of the NOFA for a list of potential partners***).
 - Partner with the local State's Attorney's Office.
 - Develop a set of Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) that govern the coalition (***see page 8 of the NOFA for the policies and processes to include***).
 - Develop an organizational structure with specific program attributes (***see pages 8-9 of the NOFA for the required program attributes***).

Note: Upload copies of the MOU/MOA and/or Letters of Commitment with coalition partners, MCIN SOP, and the Organizational Structure Chart into the Documents Section of the application in GMS.

Program Requirements - Technical

- Each MCIN site must:
 - Have or acquire the information technology (IT) capability to support the program's objectives and use appropriate information sharing across jurisdictions (***see pages 9-10 of the NOFA for factors to consider***).
 - The purpose of the technology is to:
 - Provide a full set of data and information for both policymakers and operators to accomplish their unique goals and responsibilities.
 - Increase the efficiency by which data can be collected and analyzed to help identify, investigate and prosecute violent criminal organizations and develop policy.



Program Requirements - Key Personnel

- GOCCP recommends all MCIN sites have the following positions:
 - MCIN Coordinator
 - MCIN Intelligence/Crime Analyst
 - MCIN Designated Prosecutor
 - Overdose and Drug Awareness Coordinator (ODAC)
- The Overdose and Drug Awareness Coordinator Participation and User Agreements must be signed and uploaded into the Documents Section of the GMS before funds are awarded (***see page 12 of the NOFA for instructions on accessing the agreements***).

****Reference:** Pages 10-12 of the [NOFA](#)



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Funding Priorities

Priority will be given to:

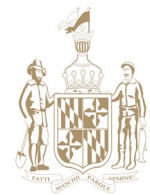
- MCIN sites that have all the following positions included in their project strategy:
 - Maryland Criminal Intelligence Network (MCIN) Coordinator
 - Intelligence/Crime Analyst
 - Maryland Criminal Intelligence Network (MCIN) Designated Prosecutor
- Jurisdictions that submit a comprehensive organizational, operational and technical strategy and maintain an acceptable past performance by complying with the requirements under the MCIN initiative.
- Jurisdictions that can demonstrate data sharing agreements between multiple agencies that will support the MCIN program.
- Jurisdictions that consider economies of scale (i.e. the platforms and technology used by other jurisdictions).
- Jurisdictions that include detailed budget line items for IT infrastructure, investigative equipment, law enforcement, and state's attorney operational costs.

Award Details

Due Date for Applications: Friday, May 15, 2026 by 11:59 PM

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

- Number of Awards:
 - **MCIN Initiative** – Up to 14 awards ranging from \$100,000 to \$700,000
 - **Overdose and Drug Awareness Coordinators** – Up to 25 positions ranging from \$40,000 to \$110,000, which includes salary and/or fringe and other related expenses



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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 fringe costs for Coordinators (MCIN and/or ODAC Coordinator), Intelligence/Crime Analysts, Prosecutors, and law enforcement overtime that will be used for investigative and prosecutorial operations.
- **Travel**
 - Expenses for conferences, workshops, regional task force meetings, and training.
- **Equipment (Over \$10,000 per unit)**
 - Equipment directly related to MCIN-ODAC initiatives
 - Equipment with a unit cost less than \$10,000 should be budgeted in the “Other” category
- **Contractual Services**
 - Contractual services that aid prosecutors and law enforcement in completing investigations and prosecutions
 - Contractual services for a Peer Recovery Specialist position and victim service providers

Budget - Allowable Costs & Overtime Limits



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- **Other**
 - Equipment with a unit cost less than \$10,000
 - Software purchases/upgrades directly related to MCIN-ODAC initiatives

MCIN Overtime Limitations:

- **Level 1: Anne Arundel, Baltimore City, Baltimore County, Montgomery, and Prince George's**
Up to \$50,000 per quarter totaling \$200,000
- **Level 2: Frederick, Harford, Howard, Washington, and Wicomico**
Up to \$35,000 per quarter totaling \$140,000
- **Level 3: Allegany, Carroll, Cecil, and Lower Eastern Shore Region**
Up to \$20,000 per quarter totaling \$80,000

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

- Operating Expenses
- Alcoholic Beverages
- Bad Debt
- Bonuses or Commissions
- Construction/Capital Expenses/Land Acquisition
- Corporate Formation
- Fundraising
- Honorarium
- Rental Fees
- Printing Costs
- Telephone/Fax
- Lobbying Costs
- Food/Beverages
- Trinkets (items such as hats, mugs, portfolios, t-shirts, coins, and gift bags)



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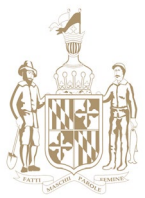
Program Narrative

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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- 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 12 of the [MCIN-ODAC NOFA](#)

Problem Statement/Needs Justification



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- Describe the proposed strategies for identifying, disrupting, and dismantling criminal organizations. **NOTE:** This does not apply to agencies requesting funding for only the ODAC initiative.
- Describe the proposed strategies to address the substance epidemic in the target area through cooperation with law enforcement and data sharing.
- Describe the organization's experience implementing the proposed strategies.
- Summarize the need for the proposed services supported by local statistics.
- 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 Pages 12-13 of the [MCIN-ODAC NOFA](#)

Project Design



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- 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 Page 13 of the [MCIN-ODAC NOFA](#)

Goals and Objectives



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MCIN sites should meet the following goals through the implementation of supporting activities:

- **MCIN Goal 1: Identify and prioritize criminal offenders, gangs, and violent criminal networks.**
 - Supporting Activities:
 - Collaborate with coalition partners to identify and prioritize high-risk offenders and criminal networks using intelligence analysis, investigative data, or risk-based scoring methods
 - Focus investigative efforts on the highest-priority offenders, gangs, and networks by using intelligence-driven strategies to direct resources where they will be most effective.
 - Deconflict targeted criminal offenders, gangs, and criminal networks by entering entity information into HIDTA's Case Explorer or other systems to prevent duplication of efforts and enhance coordination among agencies.

Goals and Objectives – Goal 2



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MCIN sites should meet the following goals through the implementation of supporting activities:

- **MCIN Goal 2: Disrupt activities of targeted criminal offenders, gangs, and violent criminal networks.**
 - Supporting Activities
 - Leverage techniques like special enforcement, home visits, etc. to impede the criminal organization's methods of operations or change the leadership, communication, distribution, or financial components of the organization.
 - Deploy law enforcement techniques like undercover op, confidential informants, surveillances, wires, warrants, search and seizure and/or sting operations, etc. to alter the organization's operations or memberships.
 - Prioritize high-risk or high-value warrants on criminal offenders and networks targeting key leadership members or their operations.
 - Use/continue information sharing and monitoring similar to the watch center concept for monitoring the activities and impacts on the organizations.
 - Coordinate law enforcement and prosecution efforts on targeted offenders and criminal networks.

Goals and Objectives – Goal 3



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MCIN sites should meet the following goals through the implementation of supporting activities:

- **MCIN Goal 3: Dismantle criminal organizations, gangs, and violent criminal networks.**
 - Supporting Activities
 - Establish prosecution strategies and coordinate law enforcement efforts from the onset of investigations to dismantle the leadership, financial base, and supply network of the organization.
 - Track criminal offenders, gangs, and criminal networks throughout the criminal justice process with the focus towards dismantling networks with the maximum outcome in the appropriate venue so they are dismantled and incapable of operating and/or reconstituting themselves.

Goals and Objectives – Goal 4



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MCIN sites should meet the following goals through the implementation of supporting activities:

- **MCIN Goal 4: Collaborate with partners on information sharing and enforcement activities with special attention to drug, human, and firearm trafficking organizations or networks.**
 - Supporting Activities
 - Foster an environment of timely information sharing and coordination of enforcement operations in a safe and effective manner.
 - Leverage resources or programs that support victims of crimes of violence, human trafficking, and drug trafficking.
 - Use best practices in prevention, intervention, and reentry strategies.
 - Include resources such as Overdose and Drug Awareness Coordinators, peer support specialists, High-Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA), Maryland Coordination and Analysis Center (MCAC), the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), the Maryland Human Trafficking Task Force, Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), Maryland State Police Gun Center, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF).
 - Enter data into designated systems for collaboration, information sharing, and analysis.
 - Case Explorer - Drug Trafficking Related Information
 - Info Share - Human Trafficking Data
 - Gang Intelligence System or RISSGant - Gang Related Information
 - Maryland Gun Center- Firearm Data
 - Communications Analysis Portal (CAP) - Cellular Data

Goals and Objectives - Goal 5



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MCIN sites should meet the following goals through the implementation of supporting activities:

- **MCIN Goal 5: Collaborate with coalition partners on improving human trafficking investigative efforts, obtaining specialized training, and tracking accurate statistical data, along with special attention to coordination with Victim Service Providers (VSP), Community Based Organizations (CBO), and Regional Navigators.**
 - Supporting Activities
 - Training of MCIN partners on the environment of human trafficking during investigative operations.
 - Establishing an MOU with a local hospital's Sexual Assault Forensic Exam Unit in the jurisdiction for victims of human trafficking for immediate referral for those recovered victims.
 - Improving data collection efforts for the purpose of adding unique human trafficking indicators from a dismantled organization to share with other MCIN coalitions to identify potential patterns.
 - Incorporating human trafficking trauma-informed best practices to operations while working with victims.
 - Improving utilization of Victim Service Providers, Community Based Organizations, and Regional Navigators to help provide wrap around services to victims of human trafficking.

Goals and Objectives - Goal 6



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MCIN sites should meet the following goals through the implementation of supporting activities:

- **MCIN Goal 6: Incorporate a comprehensive gun violence reduction strategy to address the factors that contribute to illegal firearm trafficking, possession, manufacturing, and the usage of a firearm in violent acts.**
 - Supporting Activities
 - Comprehensive and coordinated law enforcement and prosecution strategies that target criminals and juveniles who use or illegally possess firearms;
 - Covert firearms related investigations and debriefing of criminal arrestees and offenders for information related to illegal firearms trafficking;
 - Initiatives that support the identification of illegal firearms 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 who use or illegally possess firearms; and/or
 - Integration of firearm intelligence resources, including coordination with the Maryland State Police Gun Center, MCAC, and federal partners.

Goals



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For each of the goals:

- Identify measurable objectives and expected outcomes
- Identify the resources needed to conduct the activities.
- Provide a timeline for completing the activities.

****Reference:** Pages 9-10 of the [GMS Application Instructions](#) and Pages 13-17 of the [MCIN-ODAC NOFA](#)

Data Collection Plan



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- Describe 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.

****Reference:** Page 10 of the [GMS Application Instructions](#) Page 17 of the [MCIN-ODAC 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
- Organizational Capacity Questionnaire (Qualtrics)
- Memorandum of Understanding/Agreements (MOU/MOA)
- MCIN Coalition's Organizational Structure Chart
- MCIN Coalition's Standard Operating Procedures (SOP)

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**

Completing The 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 those costs will be 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 score 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>

Questions



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