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Nebraska State Crisis Intervention Program Plan

Goals of the Nebraska State Crisis Intervention Program

The Nebraska State Crisis Intervention Program (NESCIP) aims to strengthen community efforts to prevent, respond to, and reduce gun violence and crime in the state through strategic funding of relevant initiatives and programs. Nebraska's Byrne SCIP program is designed to provide funding for and/or implementation of crisis intervention programs, specialized court-based programs, and gun violence reduction programs and initiatives, as authorized by the Bipartisan Safer Communities Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2022. Nebraska has no Extreme Risk Protection Order (ERPO) laws in effect therefore, the Nebraska Crisis Intervention Advisory Board will not pursue any types of ERPO programs.

As a part of the strategic planning process, the Nebraska Crisis Intervention Advisory Board is partnering with the National Criminal Justice Association to distribute a statewide needs assessment survey to assist in developing a comprehensive assessment of priorities prior to developing solicitation and funding priorities. The Crime Commission will also work internally with our Statistical Analysis Center (SAC) to gather Nebraska specific gun/violence data to enhance our ability to assess the impact of grant funding and to assist in making data driven prioritization for projects/initiatives supported with future SCIP awards. Subawards for more narrowed programming will be determined at a later date. For purposes of this plan, broad program priority initiatives have been identified for funding with FY2022 - 2026 Byrne SCIP funds.

Nebraska State Crisis Intervention Program Advisory Board

The Nebraska State Crisis Intervention Program (NESCIP) Advisory Board was dissolved on May 21, 2026, via Resolution 2026-01. The board voted to adopt the resolution during its final meeting at the Nebraska State Office Building in Lincoln, Nebraska. This action was taken because changes to the federal grant guideline from the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) no longer mandated the existence of an advisory board.

SCIP Grant Overview

The SCIP Grant Program recognizes the critical importance of comprehensive, innovative, and multi-disciplinary approaches to tackling the complex issue of gun violence. The Grant Program is designed to support strategic interventions and initiatives in three priority areas: Specialized Court-Based Programs, Behavioral Health, and Law Enforcement-Based Programs.

The Grant Program is designed to fund projects over a 24-month period, with an emphasis on initiatives that integrate evidence-based practices, robust data tracking and evaluation, and a commitment to community collaboration. Understanding that change takes time, the projects showing demonstrable progress and effectiveness may be given an option for renewal, thereby ensuring sustainability and long-term impact.

Eligibility

The following entities are eligible to apply:

- State agencies
- Units of local government (city, county, township, town)
- Federally recognized or state recognized Indian tribes
- Behavioral Health
- Private and nonprofit community-based organizations, applying in partnership with a state or local unit of government.

Examples of unit of local government include, but are not limited to, a prosecutor's office, public defender's office, law enforcement agency, public health agency, political subdivision, school district, or court system.

A State agency or unit of local government may contract or make subawards to one or more community-based organizations that are private and nonprofit.

Non-Profit and Community-Based Organizations

As permitted by the SCIP program statute, SCIP funds can be awarded to private non-profit neighborhood or community-based organizations in the below scenarios:

- A criminal justice project that would benefit the entire state.
- A criminal justice project that will benefit a local law jurisdiction.
- A partnership between a private non-profit organization and a local law enforcement agency to provide criminal justice services to designated units of local government.

Non-profit, faith-based, and/or community-based organizations wishing to apply for SCIP funds are **required to submit a waiver letter from the local law enforcement jurisdiction** indicating that the local jurisdiction recognizes the funds in question are set aside for local government use; believes the proposed project will provide a direct local benefit; and agrees that funding the project at the state level is in the best interests of the unit of local government. The waiver letter is to be signed by the Chief of Police or Sheriff of the local jurisdiction where services will be provided. *Additional federal approval from BJA is required.*

Standard Competitive Grant Process

The SCIP Grant Program shall primarily adhere to a competitive grant application and evaluation process as stipulated in NCC's current grant procedures. This Standard Competitive Grant Application Process is outlined as follows:

1. Eligibility and Application: All eligible agencies, as defined by the SCIP Grant Program and the NCC, are invited to submit grant applications for funding consideration within the prescribed application period. Each application must conform to the current NCC grant application guidelines and requirements.
2. Evaluation Process: All submitted applications will undergo a comprehensive review and scoring process as per NCC's existing evaluation procedures. This will involve an assessment of each project's alignment with the SCIP Grant Program's goals and objectives, its feasibility, budget justification, potential impact, and the applicant's capacity to successfully execute the project.

3. Selection and Awarding: Crime Commission Funding Panel, guided by NCC staff's evaluation results, will award grants based on merit, potential impact, and alignment with the Program's mission. This process will uphold the principles of fairness, transparency, and competitive opportunity.

This competitive grant process reaffirms the SCIP Grant Program's commitment to fostering innovation, promoting fairness, and maximizing the potential impact of funded projects in alignment with the Program's mission and goals.

Direct Submission Provision

In certain circumstances, the competitive application process may not always serve the best interests of the program, the applying agency, and the achievement of the program's outlined goals and objectives. Therefore, the Program establishes the Direct Submission Provision as described herein:

1. Eligibility for Direct Submission: An agency may be eligible to submit a project directly to the Program's Advisory Board for approval, bypassing the traditional competitive application process, if it demonstrates that such a course of action would be more conducive to effectively and efficiently meeting the Program's overall goals and objectives.
2. Criteria for Direct Submission: To exercise the Direct Submission Provision, the applying agency must provide a comprehensive justification outlining the following:
 - a. The urgent nature or unique opportunity of the project.
 - b. How the project aligns with the Program's mission and objectives.
 - c. How the direct submission would provide significant benefits that would be unattainable or severely hindered through the competitive process.
 - d. A detailed risk assessment demonstrating that the project has been thoroughly vetted and does not present an undue risk to the Program or its stakeholders.
3. Crime Commission Staff's Role: Upon receipt of a direct submission application, the Crime Commission staff will conduct a rigorous review of the project, assessing its merits, the validity of the provided justification, and its alignment with the Program's goals. The Grant Administrator holds the right to approve or deny the project or to require additional information or modifications before approval.
4. Transparency and Accountability: To uphold the integrity of the Program, all direct submissions, along with their justifications and the Crime Commission staff's decisions, will be documented and made publicly accessible, excluding sensitive or proprietary information.
5. Limitations and Oversight: The Direct Submission Provision is not to be utilized as a routine alternative to the competitive application process. It is designed solely for exceptional circumstances.

This provision is designed to maintain the flexibility and adaptability of the SCIP Grant Program,

allowing it to effectively respond to diverse and emergent needs while preserving the fair and competitive spirit of the grant application process.

Funding Priorities

The competitive or direct funding process will fund programs in these program areas, but subawards will be determined at a later date. The Crime Commission contracted with Nebraska Criminal Justice Association to conduct a gap analysis titled “ Law Enforcement & Behavioral Health Landscape in Nebraska” The three priority areas that were stated in the gap analysis were to include behavioral health, law enforcement and specialized court-based programs, with the top priority being behavioral health.

1. Behavioral Health

This priority is focused on supporting initiatives that provide behavioral health deflection and assertive community treatment. It supports triage services, mobile crisis units, peer support specialists, mental health partnerships, adding additional clinical social workers and mental wellness workers across schools, providing advanced training in de-escalation, digital threat assessment, and trauma response to school resource officers, implementing immediate firearm detection programming in schools, crisis mobile response supports for middle and high schools, other community programming, and behavioral threat assessment programs. The funding also encourages the use of technological supports such as smartphone applications and telehealth initiatives.

2. Law Enforcement-Based Programs, Training, and Technology

This priority aims at enhancing the law enforcement sector's capacity to deal with firearm violence and related issues. It includes support for virtual reality training simulator for police officers to train in a controlled environment for an array of difficult scenarios including de-escalation, unstable subjects, cooperate/uncooperative subjects, shoot/don't shoot situations; Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training: expanding existing programs or implementing new programs; Co-responder related programming – responding to crises involving firearms, and embedding co-responders within police departments to facilitate improved access to and timeliness of mental health resources; securing, storing, tracking, and returning relinquished guns, offering specialized training, and developing software/technologies for tracking relinquished firearms.

3. Specialized Court-Based Programs

This priority emphasizes initiatives such as drug, mental health, veterans' treatment courts, and gun violence recovery courts. The scope also includes programs accepting clients with firearm violations and connecting clients in crisis with essential community resources. Expanding existing treatment court capacity, to include individuals with violent offenses, providing emergency/transitional housing support when necessary, significantly increasing staff to include more clinicians, case managers, dedicated treatment court coordinators, etc., implementing evidence-based screening tools designed to assess risk of committing firearm/violent crime, training for treatment court staff regarding specialty court best practices, data collection and evaluation related court activities.

Process for Awarding Subawards

The NESCIIP, in accordance with the Byrne SCIP guidelines, will allocate a minimum of 40% of grant funding (less 10% administrative allocation) to local governments. This includes providing financial support to the state Administrative Office of the Courts for jurisdictions with populations less than \$10,000. The process for awarding these subawards involves a comprehensive evaluation and approval process outline in NCC's Operating Instructions #10:

1. Competitive Grant Process: Potential sub-grantees submit applications through the NCC's Grants Management System no less than a 4-week grant solicitation period.
2. Application Review: After the application deadline, a team of NCC staff reviews the applications using a standard scoring rubric. They make funding recommendations based on these scores.
3. Approval by Crisis Intervention Advisory Board: The recommended projects are presented to the Crisis Intervention Advisory Board for approval.
 - a) In the event conflict of interest with Board members would prevent a meeting to vote and approve the projects to be presented for approval due to lack of quorum, the Crisis Intervention Advisory Board will create a Crisis Intervention Advisory Funding Panel of members without a conflict of interest in the grants being considered to carry out its work and make the final funding recommendation decision to be presented to the Crime Commission Funding Panel.
4. Approval by Crime Commission Funding Panel: The approved projects by the advisory board are then presented to the Crime Commission Funding Panel for consideration and approval. If the Commission makes any changes to the Advisory Board recommendation, the changes must be ratified by the Advisory Board.
5. Submission to the BJA for Final Approval: The final approved projects are submitted to the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) for approval via the Grant Award Modification (GAM) in the JustGrants system.
6. Disbursement of Funds: Upon approval by BJA, sub-grantee contracts are finalized, and funds are disbursed.

For continuation grants and/or use of deobligated funds, NCC will follow the agency's Operating Instructions #10. The process for awarding these subawards involves a review of grant management and availability of funds outlined in Section 014:

1. Turnback or Reverted Funds: All turnback or reverted funds will be placed back into the federal source from which they were awarded for reallocation to commission grantees unless the grant program has ended. If the grant program has ended, turn back or reverted funds shall be returned to the federal grantor agency. The expiration date on these funds is contingent on the funding source.
2. Continuation of Grant Projects: All existing subgrantees must demonstrate an additional need in the funding program areas and must submit a revised budget for approval for the additional funds requested and give a narrative on the project's progress on their goals and objectives.
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4. Disbursement of Funds: Upon approval by BJA, sub-grantee contracts are finalized, and funds are disbursed

Grant Project Approval Process

The approval process for NESCIP grant projects is a comprehensive sequence of steps designed to ensure the effective utilization of funds toward achieving the defined program goals. The steps are as follows:

1. Competitive Grant Solicitation and Application Submission

At the commencement of the grant process, a public announcement is made about the availability of funding if the board decides a competitive process is taking place rather than direct submission. This announcement, known as the Grant Solicitation, includes information about the funding priorities, guidelines for application, and the submission deadline. Eligible agencies and non-profit organizations are then invited to submit applications through the NCC's Grants Portal website. The application contains a detailed proposal of the project, including objectives, proposed activities, expected outcomes, and budget details.

2. Application Review and Evaluation

After the application deadline, the NCC Staff Review Team begins the process of evaluating all received applications. Each application is assessed based on a scoring rubric that considers various factors, including feasibility, relevance to the NESCIP's goals, budget justification, and potential impact. This stage aims to identify the most promising and impactful projects that align with the NESCIP's priorities.

3. Grant Proposal Recommendation and Crime Commission Funding Panel Approval

Following the review, the NCC Review Team compiles a list of recommended projects based on the scores from the evaluation process. These recommended projects are then presented to the Crime Commission Funding Panel for consideration. The Funding Panel reviews each recommended project thoroughly, considering the potential contribution of each to the program's goals, before giving their approval. This approval is necessary for NCC to have the authority to contract with subrecipients.

4. Submit Approved Projects to BJA for Approval

Once the Crime Commission Funding Panel gives its approval, the proposed projects are then submitted to the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) for final approval. The submission to BJA includes a Grant Adjustment Notice (GAM) containing the necessary project details.

5. BJA Notifies NCC of Approved Projects

After evaluating the submitted projects, the BJA communicates its decisions to the NCC. Projects that have been approved by the BJA are ready to move into the implementation phase.

6. NCC Sends Out Grant Awards for Approved Projects

Upon receipt of BJA approval, the NCC prepares and sends out grant award documents to the entities whose projects have been approved. These documents detail the terms and conditions of

the grant, the obligations of the sub-grantees, reporting requirements, and other pertinent information. Sub-grantees must sign and return these agreements to the NCC as an acceptance of the terms.

7. Grant Projects Can Begin

After the grant awards have been signed and returned, the approved projects can commence. The start of these projects signifies the beginning of an important journey toward the reduction of gun violence and crime in Nebraska and the improvement of public safety. Regular monitoring and evaluation activities will be carried out throughout the project period to ensure successful implementation and impact.

Plan for Collecting Required Data

The grant management system utilized by the NCC is capable of administering grants from application through close out. The NCC will integrate the required Byrne SCIP performance measures into its application process, ensuring sub-grantees can collect the necessary data and meet the program goals. In order to ensure accountability, transparency, and the effectiveness of the SCIP Grant Program, sub-grantees will be required to submit quarterly activity and progress reports. Financial and program reporting is a standard component for each grant and includes the BJA Justice Assistance Grant Program Performance Measures along with other special reporting requirements associated with the grant program. Sub-grantees are required to submit quarterly reports on their programmatic and fiscal activities, which are entered into the BJA Performance Measurement Tool (PMT) and the NCC Reporting System. Sub-grantees are currently required to submit financial reimbursement requests monthly. The NCC grant coordinator will review these reports, ensuring data quality and completeness. If challenges arise regarding programming, goal attainment, or data collection and reporting, technical assistance is available to sub-grantees. This thorough monitoring and reporting structure will enable the accurate tracking of progress and the successful implementation of the SCIP program in Nebraska.

In addition to those indicators prescribed by BJA, the Crime Commission continues to collect performance measures which track the activities and specific objectives of individual projects & programs. This information will be combined with the data collected for BJA in assessing program performance and will be submitted in the state annual report. The grant management system will require that sub-recipients be current with program progress reporting to be eligible to process financial claims for reimbursement.

Project related performance measures will be reported to the Department of Justice by NCC on a quarterly basis by the Grant Manager. Financial performance measures will be reported to the Department of Justice on a quarterly basis by the Financial Officer.

We have partnered with the Nebraska Statistical Analysis Center (SAC) who will assist in describing the nature and extent of gun violence in Nebraska. The data and descriptive overview will in turn be used by Crime Commission and the Advisory Board in establishing program priorities and developing future SCIP program plans. Copies of all reports/articles generated by Crime Commission will be

shared with the Department of Justice.

The initial workplan includes gun/violent crime data collection, a review of literature, data analysis and visualization, and reporting of findings. The research conducted by the Board is expected to identify areas where limited data is available and reveal issues requiring new or additional focus. Following the initial presentation of the data, the Board will provide additional data/analysis on areas of interest to the Commission and the Advisory Board.

Plan for Evaluations

The Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program requires recipients and subrecipients to cooperate with Bureau of Justice Program (BJA) and with statutorily required evaluation activities as part of the terms and conditions of the Byrne SCIP award. The recipient will budget and allocate grant funding to meet specific research and programmatic requirements under the award regarding:

1. The effectiveness of the crisis intervention program in preventing violence and suicide.
2. Measures that have been taken to safeguard the constitutional rights of an individual subject to a crisis intervention program.

The NCC plans to structure the Byrne SCIP evaluation and data collection requirement through a combined approach of external expert guidance and internal monitoring.

1. The NCC will contract with the National Criminal Justice Association (NCJA) to draft tailored program guidance covering specific metrics, routine analysis, frequency reporting and outcome benchmarks.
2. Following NCJA's foundational work, the NIBRS/UCR Program Manager within the NCC's Statistical Analysis Center (SAC) Division—who holds prior crisis intervention experience—will conduct internal evaluations for each program.

Byrne SCIP Passthrough Funds

Direct Local Pass-Through for Subrecipients

Based on Nebraska's formula allocation, \$328,478 must be passed through directly through units of local government. The Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice alongside BJA, has the discretion to decide how funds are sub-awarded through units of local government within the state of Nebraska.

Less Than \$10,000

Based on Nebraska's formula allocation, Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice has \$90,195 to sub-award to the determined "less than \$10,000" jurisdictions. According to the Office of Justice Programs, some units of local government were not eligible to receive a direct award funding due to their small size in FY 2023. (These small-sized units of local government are referred to as "less-than-\$10,000 jurisdictions.") However, under Byrne SCIP, states must provide additional funds to state courts that provide criminal justice and civil justice services for the "less-than-\$10,000 jurisdictions" within the state and/or subaward the funds to such jurisdictions.

Funding Priorities for Byrne SCIP Per Federal Fiscal Year (2022 – 2026)

Funding Category (FY22)	State Fiscal Year	Budget	Notes
State Share of Sub-Awards Pass-through (60%)	July 1, 2024 (FY 26-27)- June 30, 2027	\$942,702 supporting the Nebraska Byrne SCIP funding goals and objectives.	Continuation of FY26 subgrantees and/or competitive RFA application process or direct awards for a targeted solicitation for new projects. Anticipated sub-award grant project period 7/1/2026-6/30/2027
Required Local Pass-Through Sub-Awards	July 1, 2026 (FY 26-27)- June 30, 2027	\$573,500 supporting the Nebraska Byrne SCIP funding goals and objectives.	Continuation of FY26 subgrantees Anticipated sub-award grant project period 7/1/2026-6/30/2027
Required Local Pass-Through Sub-Awards (<\$10,000)	July 1, 2026 (FY 26-27)- June 30, 2027	\$151,927 supporting the Nebraska Byrne SCIP funding goals and objectives.	Continuation of FY26 subgrantees. Anticipated sub-award grant project period 7/1/2026-6/30/2027
Administrative Costs	January 2026-September 30, 2027	\$145,439	NCC Administrative Costs (reduced for an increase in state aid)

Funding Category (FY24)	State Fiscal Year	Budget	Notes
State Share of Sub-Awards Pass-through (60%)	July 1, 2026 (FY 27-28)- June 30, 2028	\$523,343 supporting the Nebraska Byrne SCIP funding goals and objectives.	Continuation of FY27 subgrantees and/or competitive RFA application process or direct awards for a targeted solicitation for new projects. Anticipated sub-award grant project period 7/1/2026-6/30/2028
Required Local Pass-Through Sub-Awards	July 1, 2026 (FY 27-28)- June 30, 2028	\$328,478 supporting the Nebraska Byrne SCIP funding goals and objectives.	Continuation of FY26 subgrantees Anticipated sub-award grant project period 7/1/2026-6/30/2028
Required Local Pass-Through Sub-Awards (<\$10,000)	July 1, 2026 (FY 27-28)- June 30, 2028	\$90,195 supporting the Nebraska Byrne SCIP funding goals and objectives.	Continuation of FY26 subgrantees. Anticipated sub-award grant project period 7/1/2026-6/30/2028
Administrative Costs	January 2027-September 30, 2028	\$104,668	NCC Administrative Costs

Funding Category (FY25)	State Fiscal Year	Budget	Notes
State Share of Sub-Awards Pass-through (60%)	July 1, 2027 (FY 28)- June 30, 2029	\$463,667 supporting the Nebraska Byrne SCIP funding goals and objectives.	Continuation of FY27 subgrantees and/or competitive RFA application process or direct awards for a targeted solicitation for new projects. Anticipated sub-award grant project period 7/1/2027-6/30/2029
Required Local Pass-Through Sub-Awards	July 1, 2027 (FY 28)- June 30, 2029	\$292,417 supporting the Nebraska Byrne SCIP funding goals and objectives.	Continuation of FY27 subgrantees Anticipated sub-award grant project period 7/1/2027 - 6/30/2029

Required Local Pass-Through Sub-Awards (<\$10,000)	July 1, 2027 (FY 28)- June 30, 2029	\$78,515 supporting the Nebraska Byrne SCIP funding goals and objectives.	Continuation of FY26 subgrantees. Anticipated sub-award grant project period 7/1/2027 - 6/30/2029
Administrative Costs	January 2027 - September 30, 2029	\$92,733	NCC Administrative Costs

Funding Category (FY26)	State Fiscal Year	Budget	Notes
State Share of Sub-Awards Pass-through (60%)	July 1, 2028 (FY 29)- June 30, 2029	\$506,572 supporting the Nebraska Byrne SCIP funding goals and objectives.	Continuation of FY26 subgrantees and/or competitive RFA application process or direct awards for a targeted solicitation for new projects. Anticipated sub-award grant project period 7/1/2028-6/30/2030
Required Local Pass-Through Sub-Awards	July 1, 2028 (FY 29)- June 30, 2029	\$326,019 supporting the Nebraska Byrne SCIP funding goals and objectives.	Continuation of FY26 subgrantees Anticipated sub-award grant project period 7/1/2028-6/30/2030
Required Local Pass-Through Sub-Awards (<\$10,000)	July 1, 2028 (FY 29)- June 30, 2029	\$79,237 supporting the Nebraska Byrne SCIP funding goals and objectives.	Continuation of FY26 subgrantees. Anticipated sub-award grant project period 7/1/2028-6/30/2030
Administrative Costs	January 2028- September 30, 2029	\$101,314	NCC Administrative Costs