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BJA NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR THE NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

WASHINGTON — The Office of Justice Programs' Bureau of Justice Assistance announced today it is now accepting applications for the National Public Safety Partnership (PSP). PSP is a Department of Justice-wide initiative that enables cities experiencing high rates of violent crime to partner with the Department's law enforcement components and to receive intensive, coordinated training and technical assistance to support and enhance public safety and community violence intervention strategies.

PSP is a three-year commitment from the Justice Department to deliver no-cost, customized, site-specific training and technical assistance. Participating law enforcement agencies will receive an intensive multiyear investment of expert assistance, training, and capacity development, leaving each jurisdiction with improved long-term skills and capabilities to combat violent crime. This is not a grant program but an intensive training and technical assistance program.

Interested jurisdictions should complete the Training and Technical Assistance Request Form and Statement of Interest by 11:59 p.m., ET, on Monday, June 7, 2021. Sites will be selected through a quantitative and qualitative evaluation process, in consultation with U.S. Attorneys and the Justice Department's law enforcement partners. This process will consider, at a minimum, whether a jurisdiction has violent crime rates well above the national average and is presently under-resourced in its capacity to drive down violent crime (special consideration may be given to rural jurisdictions).

The Department is committed to advancing work that promotes civil rights, increases access to justice, supports crime victims, protects the public from crime and evolving threats, and builds trust between law enforcement and the community. The PSP initiative supports and advances these principles in all of its activities. Please visit the PSP website at https://www.nationalpublicsafetypartnership.org to learn more about the initiative.

The Office of Justice Programs provides federal leadership, grants, training, technical assistance and other resources to improve the nation's capacity to prevent and reduce crime, advance racial equity in the administration of justice, assist victims and enhance the rule of law. More information about OJP and its components can be found at <u>www.ojp.gov</u>.