

LEGISLATIVE TRACKING FORMFiling for Council Meeting Date: 11/18/25

Resolution



Ordinance

Contact/Prepared By: M. Park

Date Prepared: _____

Title (Caption): 2026 Violent Crime Intervention Fund (VCIF) Zip Codes Grant 26 ApplicationSubmitted to Planning Commission? ☒ N/A ☐ Yes-Date: _____ Proposal No: _____Proposing Department: Police Requested By: PoliceAffected Department(s): ALL Affected Council District(s): ALL**Legislative Category (check one):**

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| ☐ Bonds | ☐ Contract Approval | ☐ Intergovernmental Agreement |
| ☐ Budget - Pay Plan | ☐ Donation | ☐ Lease |
| ☐ Budget - 4% | ☐ Easement Abandonment | ☐ Maps |
| ☐ Capital Improvements | ☐ Easement Accept/Acquisition | ☐ Master List A&E |
| ☐ Capital Outlay Notes | ☐ Grant | ☐ Settlement of Claims/Lawsuits |
| ☐ Code Amendment | ☒ Grant Application | ☐ Street/Highway Improvements |
| ☐ Condemnation | ☐ Improvement Acc. | ☐ Other: _____ |

FINANCE Amount +/-: \$ \$ 12,550,000.00**Match:** \$ \$ 0.00
Funding Source: Capital Improvement Budget
 Capital Outlay Notes
 Departmental/Agency Budget
 Funds to Metro
 General Obligation Bonds
 Grant
 Increased Revenue Sources

 Judgments and Losses
 Local Government Investment Project
 Revenue Bonds
 Self-Insured Liability
 Solid Waste Reserve
 Unappropriated Fund Balance
 4% Fund
 Other: _____
Approved by OMB: Aaron Pratt EF

Date to Finance Director's Office: _____

Approved by Finance/Accounts: _____

APPROVED BYApproved by Div Grants Coordination: Juanita Paulsen**FINANCE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE:** _____**ADMINISTRATION**

Council District Member Sponsors: _____

Council Committee Chair Sponsors: _____

Approved by Administration: _____ Date: _____

DEPARTMENT OF LAW

Date to Dept. of Law: _____ Approved by Department of Law: _____

Settlement Resolution/Memorandum Approved by: _____Date to Council: _____ For Council Meeting: _____ ☐ E-mailed Clerk
☐ All Dept. Signatures ☐ Copies ☐ Backing ☐ Legislative Summary ☐ Settlement Memo ☐ Clerk Letter ☐ Ready to File

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Administration - Yellow Copy

Finance Department - Pink Copy

GRANT APPLICATION SUMMARY SHEET

Grant Name: 2026 Violent Crime Intervention Fund (VCIF) Zip Codes 26
Department: POLICE DEPARTMENT
Grantor: Tennessee Office of Criminal Justice Programs
Pass-Through Grantor (If applicable):
Total Applied For \$12,550,000.00
Metro Cash Match: \$0.00
Department Contact: Capt. Kelly Cantrell
880-2850
Status: CONTINUATION

Program Description:
The Violent Crime Intervention Fund Hot Spot Grant provides grant funds for local law enforcement agencies to implement evidence-based programs, technology, and strategies that will reduce violent crime in the following zip codes: 37207, 37208, 37013, 37211, 37217, 37209, 37115, 37210, 37203, 37206, 37076, 37214 and 37218. The funding from this grant will be utilized for purchasing equipment, supplies and training for personnel to address and reduce violent crimes in these areas.

Plan for continuation of services upon grant expiration:
N/A

APPROVED AS TO AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS:

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

Jennene Reed/mjw 10/23/2025 | 3:45 PM CDT
Director of Finance **Date**

Marlene Butler 10/23/2025 | 1:52 PM PDT
Metropolitan Attorney **Date**

AP EF
APPROVED AS TO RISK AND INSURANCE:

Balagun Cobb 10/23/2025 | 3:48 PM CDT
Director of Risk Management Services **Date**

Freddie O'Connell 10/24/2025 | 5:56 AM CDT
Metropolitan Mayor **Date**
(This application is contingent upon approval of the application by the Metropolitan Council.)

Grants Tracking Form

Part One

Pre-Application ☐		Application ☒		Award Acceptance ☐		Contract Amendment ☐			
Department		Dept. No.	Contact				Phone		Fax
POLICE DEPARTMENT		031	Capt. Kelly Cantrell				880-2850		
Grant Name:		2026 Violent Crime Intervention Fund (VCIF) Zip Codes 26							
Grantor:		Tennessee Office of Criminal Justice Programs				Other:			
Grant Period From:		07/01/25	(applications only) Anticipated Application Date:		10/24/25				
Grant Period To:		06/30/28	(applications only) Application Deadline:		10/24/25				
Funding Type:		STATE	Multi-Department Grant		☐ If yes, list below.				
Pass-Thru:			Outside Consultant Project:		☐				
Award Type:		FORMULA	Total Award:		\$12,550,000.00				
Status:		CONTINUATION	Metro Cash Match:		\$0.00				
Metro Category:		Est. Prior.	Metro In-Kind Match:		\$0.00				
CFDA #		N/A	Is Council approval required?		☒				
Project Description:		Applic. Submitted Electronically?		☐					
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Plan for continuation of service after expiration of grant/Budgetary Impact:									
N/A									
How is Match Determined?									
Fixed Amount of \$			or		% of Grant		Other:	☐	
Explanation for "Other" means of determining match:									
Program costs will be absorbed into the MNPD operating budget									
For this Metro FY, how much of the required local Metro cash match:									
Is already in department budget?				Fund		Business Unit			
Is not budgeted?				Proposed Source of Match:					
(Indicate Match Amount & Source for Remaining Grant Years in Budget Below)									
Other:									
Number of FTEs the grant will fund:		1.00	Actual number of positions added:		0.00				
Departmental Indirect Cost Rate		45.90%	Indirect Cost of Grant to Metro:		\$5,760,450.00				
*Indirect Costs allowed?		☐ Yes ☒ No	% Allow.	0.00%	Ind. Cost Requested from Grantor:		\$0.00	in budget	
*(If "No", please attach documentation from the grantor that indirect costs are not allowable. See Instructions)									
Draw down allowable?		☒							
Metro or Community-based Partners:									

Part Two

Grant Budget											
Budget Year	Metro Fiscal Year	Federal Grantor	State Grantor	Other Grantor	Local Match Cash	Match Source (Fund, BU)	Local Match In-Kind	Total Grant Each Year	Indirect Cost to Metro	Ind. Cost Neg. from Grantor	
Yr 1	FY26		\$2,000,000.00					\$2,000,000.00	\$918,000.00	\$0.00	
Yr 2	FY27		\$5,275,000.00					\$5,275,000.00	\$2,421,225.00	\$0.00	
Yr 3	FY28		\$5,275,000.00					\$5,275,000.00	\$2,421,225.00	\$0.00	
Yr 4	FY__										
Yr 5	FY__										
Total			\$12,550,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$12,550,000.00	\$5,760,450.00	\$0.00	
Date Awarded:					Tot. Awarded:	\$12,550,000.00	Contract#:				
(or) Date Denied:					Reason:						
(or) Date Withdrawn:					Reason:						

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Resolution No. _____

A resolution approving an application for a Violent Crime Intervention Fund (VCIF) grant from the Tennessee Department of Finance and Administration, Office of Criminal Justice Programs, to the Metropolitan Government, acting by and through the Metropolitan Nashville Police Department, to provide funding to eligible local law enforcement agencies to develop and implement proven public safety strategies to combat violent crime and to develop, construct, or rehabilitate infrastructure.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Department of Finance and Administration, Office of Criminal Justice Programs, is accepting applications for a Violent Crime Intervention Fund (VCIF) grant with an award of \$12,550,000 with no cash match required to provide funding to eligible local law enforcement agencies to develop and implement proven public safety strategies to combat violent crime and to develop, construct, or rehabilitate infrastructure; and,

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Government is eligible to participate in this grant program; and,

WHEREAS, it is to the benefit of the citizens of The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County that this grant application be approved and submitted.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY:

Section 1. That the Metropolitan Government's application for a Violent Crime Intervention Fund (VCIF) grant with an award of \$12,550,000, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein, is hereby approved, and the Metropolitan Nashville Police Department is authorized to submit said application to the Tennessee Department of Finance and Administration, Office of Criminal Justice Programs.

Section 2. That this resolution shall take effect from and after its adoption, the welfare of The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County requiring it.

APPROVED AS TO AVAILABILITY
OF FUNDS:

Jenneen Reed/mjr
Jenneen Reed, Director
Department of Finance

INTRODUCED BY:

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGALITY:

Hannah Britlin
Assistant Metropolitan Attorney

Member(s) of Council

TENNESSEE Grant Solicitation Packet



FY26 VCIF Zip Codes

Project Period: 07/01/2025 - 06/30/2028

Released on: 10/02/2025
Completed applications due: 10/24/2025

Prepared by:
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Program Overview

Gov. Bill Lee and the General Assembly appropriated \$75 million in the Tennessee 2025-26 state budget for the Violent Crime Intervention Fund (VCIF), which provides grant funds to reduce crime in Tennessee communities. Of that appropriation, funds shall be distributed through the VCIF grant program to eligible law enforcement agencies, including drug task forces for violent crime reduction. The VCIF grants will support evidence-based programs, technology, infrastructure, and strategies to:

- Implement programming based on proven effective violent crime intervention models
- Hire and train specialized violent crime investigative units
- Purchase and apply new technology and equipment
- Create law enforcement led partnerships with community organizations of their choice to directly disrupt or prevent violent crime
- Develop a comprehensive downtown safety improvement strategy intended to advance place-based safety efforts

A law enforcement agency receiving a grant is authorized to enter into a grant agreement or subcontract with a local governmental agency or a third-party nonprofit organization to provide programs and services; provided that a nonprofit organization has at least five (5) years' experience in providing programs and services focused on violent crime intervention. All programs and services must be evidence-based or research-based and accompanied by monitoring and quality control procedures that ensure that such programs and services are delivered according to applicable standards. In the event that VCIF-funded infrastructure construction/property development is performed pursuant to a grant agreement or subcontract, the subgrantee/subcontractor must be duly registered to do business in the State of Tennessee and comply with all applicable local, state, and federal law in performance of the grant funded project. For the purpose of providing violent crime intervention grants, "evidence-based" and "research-based" have the same meanings as defined in the Tennessee Code Annotated Section 37-5-121.

Eligibility

Municipal and county local law enforcement agencies, including drug task forces, that meet the following requirements are eligible to apply:

- The agency must oversee a jurisdiction that contains one (1) or more of the fifty (50) zip codes in this state with the highest number of homicides over a five-year period from 2018-2022, based on CrimeInsight data from the TBI, CJIS Division, Statistical Analysis Center;
 - o **Davidson** - 37207 / 37208 / 37013 / 37211 / 37217 / 37209 / 37115 / 37210 / 37203 / 37206 / 37076 / 37214 / 37218
 - o **Dyer** - 38024
 - o **Hamilton** - 37406 / 37404 / 37411 / 37407
 - o **Knox** - 37914 / 37921 / 37915 / 37917 / 37920 / 37918
 - o **Madison** - 38301 / 38305
 - o **Maury** - 38401

- o **Montgomery** - 37040 / 37042
- o **Robertson** - 37172
- o **Rutherford** - 37130
- o **Shelby** - 38118 / 38106 / 38127 / 38116 / 38109 / 38114 / 38111 / 38128 / 38115 / 38108 / 38107 / 38112 / 38103 / 38122 / 38104 / 38018 / 38105 / 38126 / 38125 / 38134 / 38141
- To be eligible for funding, a sheriff's department that meets the requirement in the bullet above, must also demonstrate that it has taken all necessary steps to enter into a 287(g) agreement with the federal government; and
- All law enforcement agencies applying for funding must also meet the criteria listed in this solicitation. Agencies not able to demonstrate they meet these criteria must not apply.

Length and Amount of Project Support

- Length: Grant contracts will start no earlier than July 1, 2025, and will end June 30, 2028. Start date will be dependent upon local government agencies' internal contract acceptance processes.
- Project Support: Each applicant should refer to the **Funding Formula Plan** to determine its overall budget for programming to address violent crime in its respective community. The funding amount is based on each agency's reported five-year average of reported violent crime.

Program Purpose

The purpose of the VCIF grant program is to provide support to eligible local law enforcement agencies to develop and implement proven public safety strategies to combat violent crime (including juvenile violent crime) and to develop, construct, or rehabilitate infrastructure needed to combat violent crime. VCIF Program Priorities include but are not limited to:

- Evidence-informed interventions that are shown to have demonstrated impact on violent crime within the community;
- Equipment purchases that enhance local law enforcement agencies' ability to safely and effectively investigate and prevent violent crime;
- Coordinated projects that engage community partners in identifying and implementing interventions to reduce or stop violent crime; and
- Training and technical assistance.
- Development and implementation of a comprehensive downtown safety improvement strategy intended to advance place-based safety efforts, including developing, constructing, or rehabilitating infrastructure needed to combat violent crime.

Grant Solicitation Communications

The State has assigned the following Grant Solicitation identification titles that must be referenced in all communications regarding this Grant Solicitation:

- VCIF Zip Code Grant

Prospective Applicants must direct all communications concerning this Grant Solicitation through the TNGrants Portal. For additional instructions, please see the Technical Assistance Job Aid.

Application Deadline

An Applicant must ensure that the State receives a completed application no later than the application deadline time and date, which is in Central Standard Time. The State will not accept late applications, and an Applicant’s failure to submit its completed application and required materials by the deadline will result in disqualification of the application.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Project Scope of Service

The Project Scope of Service contains the following sections and will be evaluated based upon the following criteria:

- General Information
- Problems and Needs
- Project Purpose
- Collaboration Activities
- Data Collection
- Uploaded Files
- Attestation

Budget Summary and Line-Item Detail

- A budget is not required to be submitted with the grant application, but all expenses must be reasonable, necessary, and allocable directly to the project.

Application Submission

- Required Materials for Submission
 - o Project Scope of Service
 - o Statement of Assurances
- Response Preparation Costs
 - o The State will **not** pay any costs associated with the preparation, submittal, or presentation of any application.

GRANT SOLICITATION SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- The following Grant Solicitation Schedule of Events represents the State’s best estimate for this Grant Solicitation.

EVENT	TIME (central time zone)	DATE
1. Grant Solicitation Posted		10/02/2025
2. Application Release	4:30 p.m.	10/02/2025
3. Application Deadline	4:30 p.m.	10/24/2025
4. Contract Start Date		07/01/2025

- **The State reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to adjust the Grant Solicitation Schedule of Events as it deems necessary.**
- Any adjustment of the Schedule of Events shall constitute a Grant Solicitation update, and the State will communicate such to prospective Applicants.

FUND SOURCE DESCRIPTION AND SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

Allowable Use of Funds

The grantees shall be required to participate in all OCJP designated Technical Assistance Provider trainings and activities.

Please reference the Allowable Costs section of the OCJP Grants Manual for full explanations/restrictions regarding Allowable Costs.

General Salaries and Personnel Costs: Payment of personnel costs are allowable if costs are a part of an approved project, are necessary and incidental to project implementation and operation, and are in addition to the resources already available to the Grantee. Overtime pay will only be allowable as approved by OCJP on a case by case basis.

Space: The cost of space in privately - or publicly - owned buildings used for the benefit of the program is allowable subject to the conditions stated below:

- The total cost of space may not exceed the rental cost of comparable space and facilities in a privately owned building in the same locality.
- The cost of space procured for program usage may not be charged to the program for periods of non-occupancy, without authorization of OCJP.
- **Rental Cost:** The rental cost of space in a privately owned building is allowable. Rent cannot be paid if the building is owned by the grantee or if the grantee has a substantial financial interest in the property. However, the cost of ownership is an allowable expense. Similar costs for a publicly owned building are allowable where "rental rate" systems, or equivalent systems that adequately reflect actual costs, are employed. Such charges must be determined on the basis of actual cost (including depreciation-based on the useful life of the building, operation and maintenance, and other allowable costs). Where these costs are included in rental charges, they may not be charged elsewhere.
- **Maintenance and Operation:** The cost of utilities, insurance, security, janitorial services, elevator services, upkeep of grounds, normal repairs and alterations, and the like are allowable to the extent they are not otherwise included in rental or other charges for space.
- **Occupancy of Space Under Rental-Purchase or a Lease with Option-to-Purchase Agreement:** The cost of space procured under such arrangements is allowable when specifically approved by OCJP. This type of arrangement may require application of special matching share requirements under construction programs.
- **Depreciation and Use Allowances on Publicly Owned Buildings:** Depreciation or a use allowance on idle or excess facilities is NOT ALLOWABLE.

Professional Fees:

- All Grantee organizations that enter into a relationship with a third party to provide project-based professional services for the grant project, must do so pursuant to a formal subcontract between the Grantee organization and the third party.
- Grantees must comply with all applicable terms of the OCJP Grants Manual regarding OCJP pre-approval of subcontracts. Consultant rates of payment are to be reasonable and consistent with fees for similar services in the marketplace.
- All projects providing training instructors/speakers with state funds must submit a Notification of Speakers Agreement for each instructor/speaker 15 days prior to the training event. See Chapter IX. OCJP Grants Manual.

Publication of Documents and Electronic Media: Applicants are encouraged to make the results and accomplishments of their activities available to the public. A recipient/subrecipient who publicizes project activities and results shall adhere to the terms and conditions of the award as well as the following: Responsibility for the direction of the project activity shall not be ascribed to OCJP. The publication shall include the following statement: "This project is funded under an agreement with the State of Tennessee." All materials publicizing or resulting from award activities shall contain an acknowledgement of State of Tennessee assistance. An acknowledgement of support shall be made through use of the above statement or comparable footnote. The OCJP Program Manager will verify the statement prior to printing or publication. A grantee/subrecipient or contractor is expected to publish or otherwise make widely available to the public, as requested by OCJP, the results of work conducted or produced under an award. All publication and distribution agreements with a publisher will include provisions giving the State of Tennessee a royalty-free, nonexclusive, and irrevocable license to reproduce, publish, or otherwise use and to authorize others to use the publication for government purposes. Unless otherwise specified in the award, the grantee/recipient/subrecipient may copyright any books, publications, films, or other copyrightable material developed or purchased as a result of award activities. Copyrighted material and other intellectual property rights developed or purchased as a result of award activities shall be subject to the State of Tennessee's royalty-free, nonexclusive, and irrevocable license to reproduce, publish, or otherwise use and to authorize others to use the publication for government purposes. The recipient/subrecipient shall submit a publication and distribution plan to OCJP before materials developed under an award are commercially published or distributed. The plan shall include a description of the materials, the rationale for commercial publication and distribution, the criteria to be used in the selection of a publisher, and, to assure reasonable competition, the identification of firms that will be approached. Prior OCJP approval of this plan is required for publishing project activities and results when funds are used to pay for the publication.

Travel: Expenses and reimbursements for in-state and out-of-state travel must follow the most current comprehensive State of Tennessee Rules and Regulations State of Tennessee Travel Rules and Regulations. OCJP requires prior approval for attendance at any out of state conference or training.

Equipment and Technology Purchases: Radios purchased with grant funds must meet P25 CAP Encryption Requirements, which have no encryption, have AES 256 algorithm, and have AES 256 algorithm along with any other non-standard encryption algorithms.

Failure to comply with these requirements will result in a questioned cost and agencies will be required to pay back all cost not compliant with this section and certification. Additionally, agencies are strongly encouraged to utilize statewide contracts and cooperative agreements, to expedite the purchasing process. Equipment and technology purchases under this application will first identify products currently on state contract or local cooperative agreement as the first choice to allow for consistency across entities, enhanced data collection, and a uniform system of tracking violent criminals. The list of preferred equipment for this project includes but is not limited to:

- Shot Spotter Technology
- Pole cameras
- Video Analysis Software
- Body Armor for agency personnel and K-9s
- Body-worn cameras
- P25 Radios
- Statewide Communications Systems (TACN)
- Equipment to support RapidDNA testing
- Equipment to support digital forensic investigations
- Equipment which is integral to an improved project if necessary and allocable to that project

Unallowable Costs

Please reference Chapter XV. Unallowable Costs of the OCJP Grants Manual for full explanations and restrictions regarding generic Unallowable Costs.

Generic Unallowable Costs:

- Compensation of federal or state employees, except off duty employees as approved by OCJP arising from approved grant related projects
- Bonuses or commissions,
- Military type equipment,
- Uniforms,
- Lobbying,
- Fundraising (including financial campaigns, endowment drives, solicitation of gifts and bequests, and similar expenses incurred solely to raise capital or obtain contributions),
- Corporate formation,
- State and local taxes,
- Legal fees,
- Cost in applying for this grant,
- First class travel,
- Gift cards,
- Depreciation,
- Sole source contracts without prior written approval from OCJP
- Cost incurred outside the project period, and
- Late fees.

Please Note: This list is NOT ALL-INCLUSIVE. For further clarification, contact OCJP or refer to the OCJP Grants Manual

Program Income: All funds received, including Program Income, shall be placed in an interest-bearing account upon receipt, and remain until such time as they are needed for the purposes set out in the contract between the State and Applicant. If any portion of the grant funds and Program Income is not expended during the original term of the grant contract, the unexpended portion plus any accrued interest may be required to be returned to the State. Program Income means gross income earned by Applicant that is generated by a grant-supported activity or earned as a result of the grant award during the period of performance and approved extension periods, including accrued interest.

OTHER FEDERAL AND STATE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Law Enforcement : In order for law enforcement agencies to qualify for grant funds, they must comply with the following:

- **Fingerprint Reporting Requirement**: The Agency shall ensure that they will comply with Tennessee Code Annotated (TCA) 38-3-122 and will submit all fingerprints taken to the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI).
- **TIBRS Reporting Requirement**: The Agency shall ensure that they comply with the rules and regulations of the Tennessee Bureau of Investigations (TBI) as empowered by Tennessee Code Annotated (TCA) 38-10-101 et seq. with regard to the Tennessee Incident Based Reporting System (TIBRS). The agency will at all times maintain TBI certification of their compliance with those rules and regulations.
- **National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) Reporting Requirement**: The Agency shall ensure that they comply with Tennessee Code Annotated (TCA) 33-3-1115 with regard to NICS Reporting. The agency will at all times maintain compliance.
- **Death in Custody Reporting Act (DICRA) Requirement**: The Agency shall comply with Tenn. Code Ann. § 38-10-102. by submitting all deaths in custody to the TBI.
- **DNA and CODIS Requirements**: The Agency shall ensure that they will comply with Tennessee Code Annotated (TCA) 40-35-321 regarding the collection of DNA.
- **Use of Force Requirement**: The Agency must have a certification from the Tennessee Association of Chiefs of Police regarding their Use of Force policies. The Agency must also comply with TCAs 38-3-121, 38-8-101, 38-8-113, 38-8-127:130, and 40-6-105.

Statewide Contracts and Cooperative Agreements: All Grantees are strongly encouraged to utilize statewide contracts and cooperative agreements to expedite the purchasing process for all goods and services purchased with grant funds. Equipment and technology purchases under this application will first identify products currently on state contract or local cooperative agreement as the first choice to allow for consistency across entities, enhanced data collection, and a uniform system of tracking violent criminals.

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Subject to Funds Availability: All funding is subject to the appropriation and availability of State funds. In the event that the funds are not appropriated or are otherwise unavailable, or for any other reason whatsoever the State reserves the right to terminate this solicitation. Upon such termination, the Grantee shall have no right to recover from the State any actual, general, special, incidental, consequential, or any other damages whatsoever of any description or amount.

Tennessee Department of Revenue Registration: Pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated (TCA) 12-3-306 all Grantees and grant sub-recipients must comply with applicable provisions of the Retailers' Sales Tax Act compiled in TCA 67-6- 101 et seq. All Grantees and grant sub-recipients are therefore required to either register a sales and use account with the Department of Revenue or seek an exemption from the same. Information on the process can be found at: Sales and Use Registration. Applications must include sales/use registration information or exemption letter. Applicants must demonstrate that requests for registration or exemption was initiated at least seven (7) business days prior to the application due date. (This does not apply to DTFs and State and Local Law Enforcement.)

High Risk Designation: All applicants must disclose whether they are designated "high risk" by a federal grant-making agency. If the recipient is designated "high risk" by a federal grant-making agency, currently or at any time during the course of the period of performance under this award, the recipient must disclose that fact and certain related information to the OCJP. For purposes of this disclosure, high risk includes any status under which a federal awarding agency provides additional oversight due to the recipient's past performance, or other programmatic or financial concerns with the recipient. The applicant's disclosure must include the following: 1. The federal awarding agency that currently designates the recipient high risk, 2. The date the recipient was designated high risk, 3. The high-risk point of contact at that federal awarding agency (name, phone number, and email address), and 4. The reasons for the high-risk status, as set out by the federal awarding agency.

Applicants will be required to submit a High-Risk Designation Certification if selected for funding.

All applicants must affirmatively confirm their agreement to comply with all local, state, and federal law applicable to their grant project.

For further program requirements please refer to the OCJP Grants Manual on the Office of Criminal Justice Programs website at the following link: [OCJP Grants Manual](#).

FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS

OCJP grants are governed by the provisions of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Uniform Guidance applicable to financial assistance. The sub-recipient must follow OMB Part 200 Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements (Uniform Guidance). Additional information and guidance are contained in the fund source chapters of the OCJP Grants Manual available from the Office of Criminal Justice Programs upon award of grant funds or by referring to the OCJP Grants Manual.

This policy manual provides information on allowed costs, methods of payment, audit requirements, accounting systems, and financial records. Specific requirements include:

Accounting Systems: A grant accounting system must be in place and financial records must accurately account for funds awarded to them. The system must have a financial management module in place that is able to record and report on the receipt, obligation, and expenditure of grant funds. This includes ability to track grant funds separately from other funds. There should be a system in place that can accurately track employee's time charged to the grant. Accounting policies and procedures should be documented and in use, this includes payroll and purchasing policies that reflect good internal controls.

Cost Allocation Plan: If any part of the costs to be reimbursed are joint costs involving allocation to more than one program or activity, a cost allocation plan must be submitted and approved by the subrecipient's cognizant agency. The subrecipient's cognizant agency is the agency whose funds comprise the greatest percentage of grant funds received by the Subrecipient. Cost Allocation Plans must comply with the applicable accounting and financial standards, either Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") standards or Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB") standards. Methods used for allocating costs may differ between Subrecipients. It should be noted that grantors are not required to fully fund the costs that are charged to a particular program under an approved Cost Allocation Plan if such costs are not allowable under the contract with the Subrecipient or exceed the prescribed funding percentage or budgets.

The requirements for the development and submission of indirect cost proposals and cost allocation plans are set out in Appendices III – VI of 2 C.F.R. Part 200, for subrecipients that are a state department, city, county (and subdivision thereof) and state college, university, and technology center. These subrecipients should follow the guidelines applicable to its type of organization.

- 2 C.F.R. § 200, Appendix V for State/Local Government Central Service Cost Allocation Plans
- 2 C.F.R. § 200, Appendix VII for State/Local/Tribal Indirect Cost Proposals

For additional information regarding cost allocation plans, please refer to Chapter XVI – Cost Allocation of the OCJP grants manual.

Reporting Irregularities: The subrecipient is responsible for promptly notifying OCJP and the State of Tennessee Comptroller of any illegal acts or irregularities and or proposed actual actions. Please notify the State of Tennessee Comptroller Hotline at 1-800-232-5454 of any irregularities that occur. Illegal acts include: conflicts of interest, falsification of records or reports, misappropriation of funds or other assets, and/or fraud, waste or abuse. For additional information, please refer to the Tennessee Comptroller of the Treasury website here: <https://comptroller.tn.gov/office-functions/investigations/fraud-waste-and-abuse.html>

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

The grantee must collect, maintain, and provide to OCJP, data that measure the performance and effectiveness of activities under this award, in the manner, and within the timeframes, specified in the program solicitation, or as otherwise specified by OCJP. Data

collection supports compliance with the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) and the GPRA Modernization Act, and other applicable laws. The data collected should support the information submitted on the reports and OCJP may periodically request to see the back-up data that supports the information submitted.

Any additional reports required will be determined by the scope of the project.

PROGRAMMATIC REPORTING

Reporting requirements will be determined based on your project design and the data that can be collected. Requirements will at a minimum include a quarterly and annual report and a final report at the conclusion of the grant. At minimum, reports shall include: (a) the Grantee's name; (b) the Grant Contract's Edison identification number, Term, and total amount; (c) a narrative section that describes the program's goals, outcomes, successes, and setbacks, whether the Grantee used benchmarks or indicators to determine progress, and whether any proposed activities were not completed; and (d) other relevant details requested by the Grantor State Agency. Report documents to be completed by the Grantee shall appear on the Grantor State Agency's website or as an attachment to the Grant Contract.

- Quarterly Report: A quarterly report is due to the state no later than 15 days following the close of any quarter. This report shall be in a format prescribed by the state. Items required by the state shall include but may not be limited to:
 - o Organization Name
 - o List of purchases made using grant funds during the quarter.
 - o Which "allowable use" category each purchase is tied to.
 - o Backup documentation (receipt, proof of payment, etc) for every purchase listed.
 - o Program Income Report
- Annual and Final Reports. The Grantee shall submit, within thirty (30) days of the conclusion of each year of the Term, an annual report. For grant contracts with a term of less than one (1) year, the Grantee shall submit a final report within three (3) months of the conclusion of the Term. For grant contracts with multiyear terms, the final report will take the place of the annual report for the final year of the Term. The Grantee shall submit annual and final reports to the Grantor State Agency and the Department of Finance and Administration ("F&A").

FISCAL REPORTING

Payment Methodology - Total Advance Payment. The Grantee shall be reimbursed for actual, reasonable, and necessary costs, not to exceed the maximum liability established in the grant contract agreement. Payment to the Grantee shall be a lump sum made in advance upon approval of the Grant Contract. See Program Income above.

Project Equipment Summary Report: A Project Equipment Summary Report is required to be completed on an annual basis if equipment or "Sensitive Minor Equipment" (see OCJP Grants Manual Chapter X-Property and Equipment for definition) is purchased with grant funds during the current fiscal year. It is due to OCJP no later than thirty (30) calendar days past the end of the State fiscal year, which is July 31st. For new projects, the Project

Equipment Summary Report should list new or start-up equipment purchases. For multi-year projects, the Project Equipment Summary Report should specifically identify any purchases that have been made for equipment, either totally or in part with grant money, since the last fiscal year. Please see the Project Equipment Summary Report.

FISCAL AND PROGRAM MONITORING

The Office of Criminal Justice Programs program managers and fiscal monitors provide routine program and fiscal monitoring of all OCJP contracts. This monitoring provides program and fiscal contract compliance review, much needed information on how the program is actually being implemented and assists in identifying grantees experiencing problems requiring corrective action. If through monitoring a problem area is identified and corrective action is requested, OCJP grantees must adhere to the corrective action requirements identified in the OCJP Grants Manual Chapter XIX. D within the time period required.

APPLICATION EVALUATION

Review and Evaluation of Proposals: Each application will be rated, utilizing a “weighted” review tool, based on the applicant agency’s ability to provide a logical description of how their project theoretically works to benefit the target group. Applications will be reviewed for financial and programmatic completeness by OCJP staff with expertise in grant requirements and program design. Grants will be awarded based on current funding patterns, the availability of funds, and the above cited criteria.

- All applications will undergo a final review by OCJP Staff and applicants will be notified of approval or denial. If an application is approved, the contract between the state and the grantee will be emailed with the approval letter. The contract must be signed by the Authorized Official and returned to the Office of Criminal Justice Programs for approval by the Commissioner of Finance and Administration. After the Commissioner approves the contract, an executed original contract will be emailed to the grantee.

GRANT SOLICITATION UPDATES

The State at its sole discretion may update this Grant Solicitation, in writing, at any time prior to contract award. However, prior to any such update, the State will consider whether it would negatively impact the ability of potential Applicants to meet the response deadline and revise the Grant Solicitation Schedule of Events if deemed appropriate. If a Grant Solicitation update is issued, the State will convey it to potential Applicants. A response must address the final Grant Solicitation (including its attachments) as updated.



October 2, 2025

Freddie O'Connell, Mayor
Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County
1 Public Square
Suite 100
Nashville, TN 37201

Dear Mayor O'Connell:

On behalf of the Department of Finance & Administration and the Office of Criminal Justice Programs, this letter serves as your *provisional* funding approval for the **FY 2026 Violent Crime Intervention Fund (VCIF) Zip Codes Grant Program**.

Eligibility: Eligible agencies include municipal and county local law enforcement agencies, including drug task forces, that oversee a jurisdiction that contains one (1) or more of the fifty (50) zip codes in this state with the highest number of homicides over a five-year period from 2018-2022, based on CrimeInsight data from the TBI, CJIS Division, Statistical Analysis Center.

Award Amount: Based on the approved funding plan ([click this link to view the funding plan](#)), authorized by the Commissioner, Department of Finance and Administration, State of Tennessee, Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County has been awarded \$12,550,000 for the Metropolitan Nashville Police Department for Patrol-based activities.

Use of Funds: The purpose of this funding is to provide support to eligible local law enforcement agencies to develop and implement proven public safety strategies to combat violent crime (including juvenile violent crime) and to develop, construct, or rehabilitate infrastructure needed to combat violent crime. Funding may support evidence-based programs, technology, infrastructure, and strategies to:

- Implement programming based on proven effective violent crime intervention models;
- Hire and train specialized violent crime investigative units;
- Purchase and apply new technology and equipment that enhance local law enforcement agencies' ability to safely and effectively investigate and prevent violent crime;
- Create law enforcement led partnerships with community organizations of their choice to directly disrupt or prevent violent crime; and
- Develop a comprehensive downtown safety improvement strategy intended to advance place-based safety efforts.

The award letter continues on the next page.



Contract Period: All contracts will be **executed no sooner than November 1, 2025**. Contracts will be back-dated to an **effective date of July 1, 2025**. All contracts will **end by June 30, 2028**.

Payment: Please note that this is an *advance payment* grant. Once your contract is effective, your agency will receive the total contract allocation in a single disbursement. All funds must be kept in an interest-bearing account upon receipt and remain in the account until such time as they are needed for the purposes set out in the contract. If any portion of the grant funds, including any program income, is not expended during the original term of the grant contract, the unexpended portion plus any accrued interest may be required to be returned to the State.

Budgets: The grant funds will be in a *combined* budget, rather than appropriated by fiscal year. Grant funds may be used for allowable expenses throughout the contract period (starting July 1, 2025).

Reporting: All agencies will report quarterly on their project spending, as well as annually at the end of each fiscal year. Separate reports must be submitted for each contract. Additional reporting guidance will be made available on the OCJP website (link to [OCJP Grants Manual](#); link to [VCIF Fund Source Chapter](#)).

Applying: Please review the application instructions on the next page.

The application is currently available. Applications may be submitted any time until the deadline: October 24, 2025, at 4:30 PM Central.

There will be an application training held virtually via Teams on **a date to be announced**. A subsequent email will be sent with meeting information. You may also [click here to join the meeting](#).

Thank you for your interest in the Violent Crime Intervention Fund program! We look forward to working with you, and congratulations on your grant award.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jennifer Brinkman". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jennifer Brinkman
Director

cc: Michael Park, Sergeant
Samir Mehic, Finance Manager
File



Application Instructions:

1. Your agency will find all needed materials to complete your application(s) on the new **OCJP TN Grants** platform. [Please click this link to visit the TN Grants site.](#)
2. To view the FY26 VCIF Zip Codes solicitation, you will first need to log in to TN Grants. Your agency is already set up with an account, and if you received this email directly from OCJP, you likely have a user account linked to your agency.
3. To retrieve your password, click "Forgot Your Password". All usernames are in the following format: [your full email + ".tngrants"]. An example is "jane.doe@tn.gov.tngrants". If you do not have an account, click "Register". On the registration page, you can link your account to your authorizing agency (i.e., city or county government, or district attorney general's office).
4. Once you are logged in, navigate to the "Solicitations" tab to view open solicitations and to apply. A separate application must be submitted for each award. All applications will be submitted in the TN Grants system.
5. There will be an application training held virtually via Teams on **a date to be announced**. A subsequent email will be sent with meeting information. You may also [click here to join the meeting](#).

Agencies must submit an application in order to receive funding.

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For questions, please contact Info.OCJP@tn.gov.

****Please update Agency Account Information by clicking the 'View and Update Information' button below. Please hit the 'Save Updated Information' button when completed.****

Account Name

Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County

UEI Number

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Sam.gov Expiration Date

Jan 2, 2025

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Date of Cost Allocation Plan Approval

Indirect Rate

Cognizant Agency

Entity Type - County

Fiscal Year End- 30 / June

Contract Ownership - Governmental

Agency Home County - Davidson

Click this Button to view and update important Account and Contact information before you start your application.

 View and Update Information

*For **Non-Profits** Only: For agency classification please see the Definition of Terms*

Have you ever received State of Tennessee Funding?

☒ Yes

☐ No

[View and Update Information](#)

*For **Non-Profits** Only: For agency classification please see the Definition of Terms*

Have you ever received State of Tennessee Funding?

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

Subcontractor to be used?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Agency Contacts & Roles

Please identify the **Authorizing** and **Implementing** Agency in the question below.

- The **Authorizing Agency** is the entity that has the legal or statutory authority to allocate, approve, or disburse grant funds
- The **Implementing Agency** is the entity responsible for carrying out the actual activities or projects funded by the grant.

While the **Authorizing Agency** provides the funds and oversees compliance with grant policies, the **Implementing Agency** is responsible for the day-to-day execution of the funded program or initiative

*** Is your Organization the Authorizing Agency, the Implementing Agency or both for this Grant Funding Request?**

- ☐ Authorizing Agency
☒ Implementing Agency
☐ Both
☐ Neither

Fiscal Year End

Jun 30, 2026

*** SAM Expiration Date**

Dec 13, 2025

*** Authorizing Agency Name**

Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County

Edison ID # of Authorizing Agency

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Please fill out the information below and designate one person in Each of the following Roles.

- [Authorized Official](#) [More Info](#)
 - The Authorized Official will be the individual legally authorized to sign a contract on behalf of the applicant agency.
 - Typically this will be -- State Government Commissioner, Local Government Mayor, Administrator, or Executive (Depending upon the type of government incorporation) Non-Profit Board Chair.
- [Financial Director](#) [More Info](#)
 - individual responsible for overseeing and ensuring fiscal compliance with Tennessee and federal regulation.
- [Project Director](#) [More Info](#)
 - responsible for overseeing the execution and adhering to the agreed upon scope and contract of a project.

The Tennessee Department of Finance and Administration, Office of Criminal Justice Programs (OCJP) does **not recommend** providing the same person for each required role in the grant application process.

If **You** are any one of these roles please edit your name and role in the table below

Name your Authorized Official, Fiscal Director, and Project Director

Add

* Add at least one record

First Name	Last Name	Role	Email	Phone		
Michael	Park	Project Director	michael.park@nashville.gov	(615) 862-7077		
Freddie	O'Connell	Authorizing Official	mayor@nashville.gov	(615) 862-6000		
Samir	Mehic	Fiscal Director	samir.mehic@nashville.gov	(615) 862-7363		

☒ I attest that I have only added one Authorizing Official, Project Director, and Fiscal Director to my Application. I understand that adding duplicate values to this list may slow down application review and could require further clarification.

☒ I certify that I have read the instructions on roles and have not added the same person to more than one project role.

☒ Traffic-Calming / Protective Hardware and other Traffic Control Measures

☐ Bike & Pedestrian Infrastructure and Site Utilities

☐ Landscaping

☐ Cleaning/sweeping/waste removal

☐ Evidence-based programming provided directly to individuals, such as youth programming, mental health supports, career readiness, outreach, etc.

☐ Evaluation costs. To measure pre-and-post intervention conditions and demonstrate impact

*(required) Construction

No

*(required) Please describe any other expense types that are not listed above. Type N/A if no other expenses are planned at this time:

Equipment to support violent crime investigations.

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PURPOSE

*(required) With the Goal of reducing violent crime, describe how this funding will have long term impact on the violent crime in your region.

Planned Use of VCIF Funding and Expected Impact
With the assistance of Violent Crime Intervention Fund (VCIF) grant funding, the Metropolitan Nashville Police Department (MNDP) will be able to provide critical equipment and training to support the

Project Design: At the time of this application please check which allowable use categories you believe will fit your needs. Check all that you think may apply. **At least one box must be checked;**

- ☒ Personnel Costs. Examples include but are not limited to: salaries and overtime to support project staff
- ☒ Safety Equipment. Examples include but are not limited to: ballistic shields,, ballistic vests/helmets, tasers, less-lethal launchers, active shooter kits, etc.
- ☒ Training. Examples include but are not limited to: training simulators, field training
- ☒ Equipment to support Digital Forensic Investigations
- ☒ Equipment to support Rapid DNA Testing
- ☒ Equipment to support Rape Kit Testing
- ☒ Equipment to support Forensic Investigating
- ☐ P25 Compliant Radios (Radios purchased with grant funds must meet P25 CAP Encryption Requirements, which have no encryption, have AES 256 algorithm, and have AES 256 algorithm along with any other non-standard encryption algorithms)
- ☒ Vehicles (must be clearly marked with branding consistent with agency's other fleet vehicles)
- ☒ Firearms
- ☐ Shot spotter technology
- ☐ Pole cameras/mounted cameras
- ☐ Body-worn cameras/vehicle cameras
- ☐ Specific assistance to victims of crime (housing vouchers, transportation assistance, etc.)
- ☐ Lighting and Electrical. To improve natural surveillance capabilities, such as a "Hot-Spot" Street-Lighting Upgrades
- ☐ Security Infrastructure/Fixed Surveillance Infrastructure. Including but not limited to security fencing, cameras, motion sensors, gunshot detection, etc.

Save & Next

1. Please provide current population, demographics, and violent crime data for your jurisdiction, including Tennessee Incident Based Reporting System (TIBRS) data, local law enforcement data, and local court data.

Jurisdiction Overview, Population, and Demographics

The **Metropolitan Nashville Police Department (MNPD)** provides full-service law enforcement to all of **Nashville and Davidson County**, encompassing **504.03 square miles**. According to **U.S. Census Bureau (2020)** data, the **Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County** is the most populous area in the State of Tennessee, with a total population of **689,504 residents**.

Of this population:

- Approximately **55% (380,838)** identify as **Caucasian**,
- **24.5% (169,349)** identify as **African American**, and
- Roughly **20% (139,260)** identify as **other races**, including Hispanic/Latino, Asian, and multiracial populations.
- The MNPD's service area is diverse and includes both densely populated urban centers and suburban and rural communities, with distinct socioeconomic and demographic variations across its eight precincts. This diversity presents unique challenges in addressing crime patterns and community needs.

Violent Crime Trends and Analysis

Similar to trends seen nationally, the Nashville-Davidson County metropolitan area has experienced an **upward trajectory in violent crime** over the past several years.

- Between **2019 and 2021**, reported **violent crimes increased by approximately 7.65%**, rising from **7,573 offenses in 2019 to 8,176 in 2021**.
- According to **Tennessee Incident-Based Reporting System (TIBRS)** and MNPD records:
 - **29.5% (2,526)** of violent crime victims were between the ages of **20–29**,
 - **23.9% (2,044)** were aged **30–39**, and
 - **12.0% (1,048)** were aged **10–19**.
- In terms of race, **49.2% (4,207)** of violent crime victims were **White**, while **47.8% (4,091)** were **African American**.
- Over **66% of victims did not know the suspect** or the **relationship was unknown**, reflecting a significant proportion of stranger or opportunistic violence.

Nature and Location of Violent Crimes

TIBRS data indicate that violent crimes in Nashville occur most frequently in **highly populated and public-access areas**, such as:

- **Residential dwellings**,
- **Parking lots or garages**, and

- **Public streets and sidewalks.**
- Among the **8,176 violent offenses** reported in 2021, **3,069 incidents involved the use of a firearm**, underscoring the ongoing challenge of **gun violence** in Nashville's urban neighborhoods.

Local Law Enforcement and Court Data

Local court data align closely with TIBRS trends, indicating:

- A continued rise in **firearm-related offenses**, including aggravated assaults and homicides;
- Concentrations of violent crime within specific ZIP codes, particularly **37207, 37208, 37209, 37217, and 37206**, which correspond to areas identified by the Tennessee Office of Criminal Justice Programs as among the **state's top 50 ZIP codes for homicide frequency**.
- MNPD continues to collaborate with the **Davidson County District Attorney's Office** and **General Sessions and Criminal Courts** to strengthen prosecution of violent offenders, improve data sharing, and identify emerging hotspots using analytical tools.

Summary

The demographic diversity, population density, and sharp rise in firearm-related offenses make the Nashville-Davidson County metropolitan area one of the **state's most pressing jurisdictions for targeted violent crime intervention**. Through data-driven analysis and interagency collaboration, MNPD seeks to use **VCIF grant funding** to support sustained and evidence-based strategies that reduce violent crime, protect high-risk neighborhoods, and enhance public safety citywide.

2. Based on the information provided above, please identify which target crime types, victim types, hot spots, and/or other areas and issues of particular interest VCIF funding will help to address.

Target Crime Types, Victim Types, and Hotspot Focus Areas

Based on the analysis presented in the previous section, the **Metropolitan Nashville Police Department (MNPD)** will utilize **VCIF funding** to address the most critical violent crime trends affecting **Nashville and Davidson County**, which have seen a **7.65% increase in violent crime** between 2019 and 2021 (8,176 offenses in 2021 compared to 7,573 in 2019).

Target Crime Types

VCIF funding will support data-driven initiatives to combat the following high-priority offenses:

- **Aggravated assaults and homicides**, particularly those involving the use of firearms (3,069 firearm-related violent offenses in 2021);
- **Robberies and shootings** occurring in public spaces such as parking lots, garages, and streets;
- **Domestic-related violent incidents** in residential settings; and
- **Group- or gang-associated retaliatory shootings** that contribute to cyclical community violence; and
- **Sexual Assaults** in residential and business settings; and
- **Drug Activity** – While these crimes are not categorized as Violent Crimes. Evidence clearly demonstrates that homicides, robberies, aggravated assaults and overdoses are connected to this activity; and
- **Stolen Vehicles and Vehicle Burglaries** – While these crimes are not categorized as Violent Crimes. Evidence clearly demonstrates that stolen vehicles and stolen firearms are frequently utilized by offenders in the commission of homicides, robberies, aggravated assaults, and other violent crimes. The Metropolitan Nashville Police Department (MNPD) is taking an innovative approach to targeting and reducing violent crimes by focusing some of our available resources on Vehicle thefts and Thefts from Vehicles that directly fuel violent incidents (such as the worrisome increase in firearms stolen from vehicles).
- These offenses represent the majority of serious violent incidents within Nashville and directly impact community perceptions of safety.

Victim Types

Current Data Indicates:

- **Young adults (ages 20–39)** represent more than **half (53.4%)** of all violent crime victims, with **29.5% aged 20–29** and **23.9% aged 30–39**.
- **Juvenile and adolescent victims (ages 10–19)** account for **12% of all victims**, indicating a concerning trend of youth exposure to violence.
- Victims are racially diverse, **49.2% White** and **47.8% African American**, demonstrating that violent crime affects communities across demographic lines.
- Over **66% of victims had no known relationship to the suspect**, underscoring the prevalence of **stranger and opportunistic violence**, which requires proactive, place-based policing rather than traditional relationship-based intervention models.
- VCIF funding will allow MNPd to strengthen **youth and young adult intervention programs**, expand **victim assistance services**, and enhance **case follow-up capacity** for firearm-related offenses.

Geographic Hotspots and Areas of Focus

Analysis of local and TIBRS data identifies **thirteen ZIP codes** within Davidson County as persistent hotspots for violent crime. These are among the **most violent in the State of Tennessee: 37207, 37208, 37013, 37211, 37217, 37209, 37115, 37210, 37203, 37206, 37076, 37214, and 37218**.

These ZIP codes encompass several historically violent neighborhoods in **North, East, and South Nashville**, characterized by high population density, mixed residential-commercial zones, and limited community resources.

VCIF resources will be deployed in these areas to support:

- **Targeted patrol and gun-violence suppression efforts** in high-risk micro-locations;
- **Collaborative community partnerships** focused on prevention and engagement through community contacts in the Data Driven Focused Deterrence Patrols;
- **Strategic use of technology**, including real-time data analysis and camera usage; and
- **Enhanced investigative and prosecutorial coordination** for repeat violent offenders.

VCIF funding will allow MNPd to focus on **reducing firearm-related assaults and homicides, protecting high-risk youth and young adults, and stabilizing neighborhoods within the identified high-violence ZIP codes** through a combination of **evidence-based enforcement, intervention, and prevention strategies**. This approach directly aligns with the State of Tennessee's goals for the **Violent Crime Intervention Fund** and MNPd's commitment to improving safety, equity, and trust across Nashville's most affected communities.

3. With the Goal of reducing violent crime, describe how this funding will have long term impact on the violent crime in your region.

Planned Use of VCIF Funding and Expected Impact

With the assistance of **Violent Crime Intervention Fund (VCIF)** grant funding, the **Metropolitan Nashville Police Department (MNPD)** will be able to provide critical **equipment, technology, and training** necessary to combat the rise in violent crime throughout **Nashville and Davidson County**.

In recent years, MNPD has faced **significant budgetary constraints**, which have created challenges in maintaining, replacing, and upgrading essential public safety tools. Despite these limitations, violent crime in the metropolitan area has continued to increase, rising **7.65% from 2019 to 2021**, with **8,176 reported violent offenses in 2021** compared to **7,573 in 2019**. Many of these incidents involve firearms and occur in high-density urban neighborhoods.

With this funding, MNPD will be able to **train, equip, and strategically deploy personnel** in the areas most impacted by violent crime, specifically within the following **priority ZIP codes: 37207, 37208, 37013, 37211, 37217, 37209, 37115, 37210, 37203, 37206, 37076, 37214, and 37218**.

Focus Areas for VCIF Support

- **Data Driven Focused Deterrence Patrols:** Overtime initiative to provide additional patrolling personnel in the following in ZIP codes: 37207, 37208, 37013, 37211, 37217, 37209, 37115, 37210, 37203, 37206, 37076, 37214, and 37218. Assisted with real time crime data, MNPD personnel from the Patrol Division and Support Divisions to detect, respond to, and solve violent crimes.
- **Equipment and Technology to assist in Violent Crime Investigations:** Procurement of advanced investigative and enforcement tools to improve MNPD's ability to detect, respond to, and solve violent crimes through equipment such as but not limited to: Covert audio and video camera systems, rapid DNA testing machines, mobile drug testing kits, aviation support, night vision equipment, crime scene scanners, Utility Task Vehicles (UTV), trailers for UTV transport, room entry tools, Stinger Spike Systems, equipment to help process evidence at the MNPD Property Room, equipment for the MNPD Lab and Computer Forensic Unit for forensic investigations.
- **Safety Equipment for personnel during Violent Crime Investigations:** Procurement of equipment to protect personnel during high-risk operations such as but not limited to ballistic shields, ballistic vests/helmets, firearms with accessories for Patrol and Specialized Units, AED machines, air respirators and safety clothing for the Emergency Contingency Section.

- **Training and Personnel Development:** Targeted **training for patrol and investigative units** on evidence-based violence reduction strategies, crisis intervention, data-driven policing, and use of technology to improve situational awareness and officer safety.
- **Reduction in the number of Backlogged Sexual Assault Kits:** Outsourcing Sexual Assault Kits to outside testing facilities in order to reduce the number backlogged DNA cases.
- **Strategic Deployment and Community Impact:** Resources will be concentrated within **identified violent crime hotspots**, enhancing MNPd's ability to conduct **proactive patrol operations**, and improve **response times and investigative follow-up** in neighborhoods most affected by gun violence, aggravated assaults and other violent crime related activities.

Expected Outcomes

By providing officers with the equipment and training needed to address violent crime effectively, MNPd expects to:

- Improve **officer safety and response capability;**
 - Increase **clearance rates for violent offenses;**
 - Reduce the frequency of **firearm-related assaults and homicides;** and
 - Strengthen **community confidence and trust** in law enforcement presence and responsiveness.
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- **Reduction of backlogged sexual assault kits;**
 - The **VCIF grant** will enable MNPd to overcome existing resource gaps and fully implement a **strategic, data-informed approach** to violent crime reduction. By focusing on the most affected ZIP code areas and investing in both technology and personnel readiness, this initiative will provide long-term benefits for the safety and well-being of Nashville-Davidson County residents.

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COLLABORATION ACTIVITIES (REQUIRED)

Describe **any formal partnerships with local community partners** (mental health, substance abuse, housing, jobs training, volunteer agencies, etc.) that your agency **plans to utilize for the purposes of this project**, please attach copies of any current formal agreements (MOUs).

Attention: A local government is authorized to subcontract with a third-party for-profit or nonprofit organization to provide programs and services; provided that the third party is duly licensed to do business in the State of Tennessee and that all programs and services performed pursuant to a grant agreement or subcontract must comply with all applicable local, state, and federal law in performance of the grant funded project. If a local government contracts with a Business Improvement District or entity managing Business Improvement Districts to provide grant funded services, those entities must comply with all terms of the original grant contract in the same manner as if they had received the grant directly.

* (required) Describe any subcontract partnerships with third-party for-profit or nonprofit organizations or local governments that your agency plans to employ for the purposes of this project, please attach copies of any current formal agreements (MOUs) and/or Letters of Support in the 'Upload Files' of the application.

N/A

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- Progress photos, where applicable

* (required) ☒ I have read and agree to the above statement.

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Attach Letters of Support or MOUs (if required by the Collaboration section).

Accepted Formats:

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Please download, review, and sign the [Statement of Assurances](#)

(<https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/finance/ocjp/VCIF%20and%20Downtown%20Safety%20Statement%20of%20Assurances>)

* Please attach the signed Statement of Assurances

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TENNESSEE VIOLENT CRIME INTERVENTION AND DOWNTOWN
PUBLIC SAFETY GRANT STATEMENT OF ASSURANCES

The applicant hereby assures and certifies that:

(a) **Authority.**

- (1) It possesses legal authority to apply for the grant and to execute the proposed program.
- (2) Its governing body has duly adopted or passed as an official act a resolution, motion or similar action authorizing the filing of the application, including all understandings and assurances contained therein, and directing and authorizing the applicant's chief executive officer to act in connection with the application and to provide such additional information as may be required.
- (3) Sheriff Department Applicant assures that it can demonstrate that it has entered into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs (ICE), under section 287 g of the immigration and nationality act (i.e., "287(g) agreement") within six months of its contract date.

(b) **Office of Management and Budget ("OMB").**

- (1) It will adhere to the principles and standards governing the application for, acceptance, and use of Federal funds under this document as set forth in the OMB Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards codified at 2 CFR Part 200, which supersedes OMB Circulars Number A 87, A 102, and A-133, Revised.
- (2) It will comply with all requirements imposed by the State concerning special requirements of law, program requirements, and other administration requirements, approved in accordance with the OMB Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards.

(c) **Labor and Employment.**

Applicant and all subgrantees and contractors will comply with:

- (1) State laws and regulations regarding the administration and enforcement of labor standards including, but not limited to, the Tennessee Lawful Employment Act (See Tenn. Code Ann. § 50- 1-707).
- (2) Federal Fair Labor Standards Act, 29 U.S.C. §§ 201 et seq., requiring that covered employees be paid at least the minimum prescribed wage, and that they be paid one and one-half times their basic wage rate for all hours worked in excess of the prescribed workweek.
- (3) All applicable state and federal law preventing discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin in all phases of employment during the performance of State-funded construction contracts, and require compliance by all contractors and subcontractors of State-funded construction contracts.

(d) **Non-Discrimination**

Applicant and all subgrantees and contractors shall comply with:

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(1) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended (Pub. L. 88-352), and the regulations issued pursuant thereto (24 CFR Part 1), which provides that no person in the United States shall on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity funded by this grant.

(2) Other applicable civil rights laws, including, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990; and

(3) Tenn. Code Ann. Title 4 Chapter 1, Part 4, which prohibits use of a discriminatory preference to increase diversity, equity, or inclusion or establish or maintain an office, division, or department for such purposes in any grant-funded program or activity. As used in this subsection "discriminatory preference" means a policy, practice, or requirement that grants or withholds benefits, opportunities, advantages, or disadvantages to an individual or group based on race, ethnicity, sex, age, or any other demographic characteristic, rather than on individual merit, qualifications, veteran status, or lawful eligibility criteria.

(e) Acquisition and Condemnation of Real Property.

Applicant, subrecipients, and contractors will comply with all applicable state and federal law regarding condemnation and acquisition of real property and displacement of persons resulting from grant funded programs or activities.

(f) Conflicts of Interest and Kickbacks.

Applicant will comply with all applicable state and federal law regarding conflicts of interest and kickbacks and will establish safeguards to prohibit employees, consultants, subgrantees, contractors, and elected officials from using positions for a purpose that is or gives the appearance of being motivated by a desire for private gain for themselves or others, particularly those with whom they have family, business, or other ties.

(g) Environmental and Permitting Requirements.

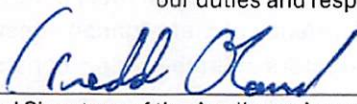
Applicant, subgrantees and contractors will comply with all applicable federal, state, and local permitting and environmental requirements, including floodplain management when using grant funding for infrastructure or construction projects.

Name and Title of Authorized Official: Freddie O'Connell, Mayor, Metropolitan Government of Nashville & Davidson County

Name and Title of Certifying Designee (If different from authorized official):

Certifying Designee's Address: Office of the Mayor, 1 Public Square, Suite 100, Nashville, TN 37201

☒ **Certification:** I certify, by my signature at the end of this form, that I have read and am fully cognizant of our duties and responsibilities under this Certification. **(Please check the box to the left)**


Authorized Signature of the Applicant Agency:

10/23/25
Date:

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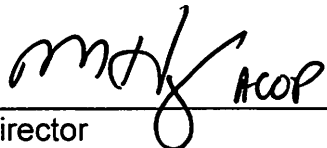
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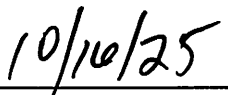
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METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY



Director
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