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Office of the General Counsel

Washington, D.C. 20531

August 18, 2021

VIA EMAIL
foia@americanoversight.org

Austin Evers
American Oversight
1030 15th Street NW Suite B255
Washington D.C. 20005

Re: OJP FOIA No. 20-FOIA-00250

Dear Mr. Evers,

This letter responds to your August 5, 2020, Freedom of Information Act/Privacy Act (FOIA/PA) request, which was received in the Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Office of the General Counsel (OGC), on September 17, 2020. A copy of your request is attached for your convenience.

Please be advised that a search has been conducted in the OJP, and seven documents, consisting of 20 pages, were located which are responsive to your request. After carefully reviewing the attached documents, OGC has determined that these documents are appropriate for release with some excisions made pursuant to Exemption (b)(6) of the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552 (2018). Exemption (b)(6) protects information that if disclosed, "would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy." This completes the processing of your request by OJP.

You may contact a member of our FOIA staff at (202) 307-6235, via e-mail at FOIAOJP@usdoj.gov as well as our FOIA Public Liaison, for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request at:

US DOJ, Office of Justice Programs
Office of the General Counsel
810 7th Street, NW, Room 5400
Washington, D.C. 20531
Attn: FOIA

Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA meditation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information

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Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001; e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll-free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

If you are not satisfied with OJP's determination in response to this request, you may administratively appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy (OIP), United States Department of Justice, 441 G Street, NW, 6th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20530, or you may submit an appeal through OIP's FOIA STAR portal by creating an account following the instructions on OIP's website: https://www.justice.gov/oip/submit-and-track-request-or-appeal. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within 90 calendar days of the date of my response to your request. If you submit your appeal by mail, both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Sincerely,

Daniel Gaylord

Daniel Gaylord
Government Information Specialist

Attachments

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July 31, 2020

(b)(6)

Wisconsin Department of Justice
17 West Main Street
Madison, Wisconsin 53707

SENT VIA EMAIL ONLY

RE: Invitation to Apply for Continuation Funding for Operation Legend

Dear (b)(6)

The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) is inviting the Wisconsin Department of Justice, the U.S. Attorney's Office's (USAO) recommended fiscal agent for the Eastern District of Wisconsin federal judicial district, to submit an application for continuation funding under Operation Legend (formerly known as Operation Relentless Pursuit) under award number 2020-D1-BX-0007.

The purpose of Operation Legend is to fund state and local law enforcement task forces in an effort to reduce violent crime by building federal cases against violent actors and their organizations. As such, applicants are required to work proactively with the USAO and relevant federal investigative agencies to investigate and prosecute targets involved in gangs, drug trafficking and other violent crime related issues. Applicants must include in their applications how they will continue share information and coordinate cases with federal partners. The substance of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed by the USAO and the designated fiscal agent in support of the FY 2020 Operation Relentless Pursuit award must remain in place with the scope of the project unchanged, but with such amendments as are necessary to address the additional period of performance and activities identified in the approved application.

Funds may be used for direct salaries and fringe benefits for state and local Operation Legend Task Force positions, training for the Operation Legend Task Force positions, and for necessary equipment (subject to statutory restrictions[1]) for the Operation Legend Task Force. The recipient may not allocate more than 5% of the award amount for administrative costs, which includes indirect costs. All recipients and subrecipients (including any for-profit organization) must forgo any profit or management fee for the performance of this award.

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BJA may, at its discretion, provide continuation awards (and additional funding) in future years to awards made from this Operation Legend Invitation to Apply. In making decisions regarding continuation awards, OJP will consider, among other factors, the availability of appropriations, when the program or project was last competitively awarded, OJP's strategic priorities, and OJP's assessment of both the management of the award (for example, timeliness and quality of progress reports), and the progress of the work funded under the award.

BJA expects to make any continuation award from this Operation Legend Invitation to Apply in the form of a grant. See "Section B. Federal Award Information," in the attached FY 2020 Guidance for Invited Applications (Application Guidance), for additional information and resources on requirements generally applicable to OJP grants.

Funds may not be used to supplant state or local funds, but must instead be used to increase the amounts of such funds that would, in the absence of federal funds, be made available for law enforcement activities.

This invitation to apply does not require a match. However, if an application proposes a voluntary match amount, and OJP approves the budget, the total match amount incorporated into the approved budget becomes mandatory and subject to audit.

Continuation funds for Operation Legend are anticipated under the section of the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) statutute which authorizes that up to 5 percent of the funds available to carry out subpart 1 of Title I, Part E of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 ("Omnibus") may be granted, among other reasons, for one or more of the purposes specified in Section 501 of Title I, Part E, Subpart 1 of Omnibus (34 U.S.C. 10151) upon a determination that it is necessary "to combat, address, or otherwise respond to precipitous or extraordinary increases in crime, or in a type or types of crime." Awards made under this Invitation to Apply would be made under statutory authority provided by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2020. Pub. L. No. 116-93, 133 Stat 2317, 2413 and 34 U.S.C. § 10157 (b)(1).

Because this continuation award will be made, in part, under the "precipitous increase in crime" authority, the applicant must identify in the application how the proposed application is expected to address "precipitous or extraordinary increases" in crime or in types of crime. The recipient must also retain data related to the precipitous or extraordinary increase in crime, or type of crime, that occurred during the time frame for which the applicant is requesting assistance. This information should be made available to BJA upon request.

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I hope that this information is helpful in preparing your application for funding. If you have any questions or need further information, please contact Brenda Worthington, Associate Deputy Director, by telephone at (202) 305-7844 or by email at Brenda.Worthington@usdoj.gov.

Sincerely,

Michael Costigan
Acting Director

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July 31, 2020

(b)(6)

Wayne County
1441 St. Antoine Street, Suite 1200
Detroit, MI 48226

SENT VIA EMAIL ONLY

RE: Invitation to Apply for Continuation Funding for Operation Legend

Dear Dear (b)(6)

The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) is inviting the Wayne County Prosecuting Attorney's Office, the U.S. Attorney's Office's (USAO) recommended fiscal agent for the Eastern District of Michigan federal judicial district, to submit an application for continuation funding under Operation Legend (formerly known as Operation Relentless Pursuit) under award number 2020-MU-BX-0005.

The purpose of Operation Legend is to fund state and local law enforcement task forces in an effort to reduce violent crime by building federal cases against violent actors and their organizations. As such, applicants are required to work proactively with the USAO and relevant federal investigative agencies to investigate and prosecute targets involved in gangs, drug trafficking and other violent crime related issues. Applicants must include in their applications how they will continue share information and coordinate cases with federal partners. The substance of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed by the USAO and the designated fiscal agent in support of the FY 2020 Operation Relentless Pursuit award must remain in place with the scope of the project unchanged, but with such amendments as are necessary to address the additional period of performance and activities identified in the approved application.

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The proposed period of performance should be 18 months. The amount of federal support requested should not exceed $1,000,000. All awards are subject to the availability of appropriated funds, and to any modifications or additional requirements that may be imposed by law. The award of continuation funding does not guarantee or promise any future funds. This letter is only an invitation to submit an application and is not an indication of approval for the supplemental funds or an authorization to begin work.

BJA may, at its discretion, provide continuation awards (and additional funding) in future years to awards made from this Operation Legend Invitation to Apply. In making decisions regarding continuation awards, OJP will consider, among other factors, the availability of appropriations, when the program or project was last competitively awarded, OJP's strategic priorities, and OJP's assessment of both the management of the award (for example, timeliness and quality of progress reports), and the progress of the work funded under the award.

BJA expects to make any continuation award from this Operation Legend Invitation to Apply in the form of a grant. See "Section B. Federal Award Information," in the attached FY 2020 Guidance for Invited Applications (Application Guidance), for additional information and resources on requirements generally applicable to OJP grants.

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Continuation funds for Operation Legend are anticipated under the section of the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) statute which authorizes that up to 5 percent of the funds available to carry out subpart 1 of Title I, Part E of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 ("Omnibus") may be granted, among other reasons, for one or more of the purposes specified in Section 501 of Title I, Part E, Subpart 1 of Omnibus (34 U.S.C. 10151) upon a determination that it is necessary "to combat, address, or otherwise respond to precipitous or extraordinary increases in crime, or in a type or types of crime." Awards made under this Invitation to Apply would be made under statutory authority provided by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2020. Pub. L. No. 116-93, 133 Stat 2317, 2413 and 34 U.S.C. § 10157 (b)(1).

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The application must address the following criteria and describe:

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The application should also include a high quality project abstract that summarizes the proposed project in 400 words or less. Please see the attached guidance for further information.

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Sincerely,

Michael Costigan
Acting Director

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Washington, D.C. 20531

July 31, 2020

(b)(6)

Board of Police Commissioners-Kansas City Police Department
1125 Locust Street
Kansas City, MO 64106

SENT VIA EMAIL ONLY

RE: Invitation to Apply for Continuation Funding for Operation Legend

Dear (b)(6)

The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) is inviting the Board of Police Commissioners-Kansas City Police Department, the U.S. Attorney's Office's (USAO) recommended fiscal agent for the Western District of Missouri federal judicial district, to submit an application for continuation funding under Operation Legend (formerly known as Operation Relentless Pursuit) under award number 2020-DJ-BX-0002.

The purpose of Operation Legend is to fund state and local law enforcement task forces in an effort to reduce violent crime by building federal cases against violent actors and their organizations. As such, applicants are required to work proactively with the USAO and relevant federal investigative agencies to investigate and prosecute targets involved in gangs, drug trafficking and other violent crime related issues. Applicants must include in their applications how they will continue share information and coordinate cases with federal partners. The substance of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed by the USAO and the designated fiscal agent in support of the FY 2020 Operation Relentless Pursuit award must remain in place with the scope of the project unchanged, but with such amendments as are necessary to address the additional period of performance and activities identified in the approved application.

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This invitation to apply does not require a match. However, if an application proposes a voluntary match amount, and OJP approves the budget, the total match amount incorporated into the approved budget becomes mandatory and subject to audit.

Continuation funds for Operation Legend are anticipated under the section of the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) statute which authorizes that up to 5 percent of the funds available to carry out subpart 1 of Title I, Part E of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 ("Omnibus") may be granted, among other reasons, for one or more of the purposes specified in Section 501 of Title I, Part E, Subpart 1 of Omnibus (34 U.S.C. 10151) upon a determination that it is necessary "to combat, address, or otherwise respond to precipitous or extraordinary increases in crime, or in a type or types of crime." Awards made under this Invitation to Apply would be made under statutory authority provided by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2020. Pub. L. No. 116-93, 133 Stat 2317, 2413 and 34 U.S.C. § 10157 (b)(1).

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I hope that this information is helpful in preparing your application for funding. If you have any questions or need further information, please contact Brenda Worthington, Associate Deputy Director, by telephone at (202) 305-7844 or by email at Brenda.Worthington@usdoj.gov.

Sincerely,

Michael Costigan
Acting Director

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August 18, 2020

(b)(6)
Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department
50 North Alabama Street
Indianapolis, IN 46204

SENT VIA EMAIL ONLY

RE: Invitation to Apply for Funding for Operation Legend

Dear (b)(6)

The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) is inviting the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department, the U.S. Attorney's Office (USAO) recommended fiscal agent for the Southern District of Indiana federal judicial district, to submit an application for funding under Operation Legend.

The purpose of Operation Legend is to fund state and local law enforcement task forces in an effort to reduce violent crime by building federal cases against violent actors and their organizations. As such, applicants are required to work proactively with the USAO and relevant federal investigative agencies to investigate and prosecute targets involved in gangs, drug trafficking and other violent crime related issues. Applicants must include in their applications how they will share information and coordinate cases with federal partners. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed by the USAO and USAO-recommended fiscal agent is required. If the executed MOU is not submitted with the grant application, a withholding special condition will be placed on the award until the executed MOU is submitted.

Funds may be used for direct salaries and fringe benefits for state and local Operation Legend Task Force positions, training for the Operation Legend Task Force positions, and for necessary equipment (subject to statutory restrictions[1]) for the Operation Legend Task Force. The recipient may not allocate more than 5% of the award amount for administrative costs, which includes indirect costs. All recipients and subrecipients (including any for-profit organization) must forgo any profit or management fee for the performance of this award.

The proposed period of performance should be 24 months. The amount of federal support requested should not exceed $250,000. All awards are subject to the availability of appropriated funds, and to any modifications or additional requirements that may be imposed by law. The

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BJA expects to make any award from this Operation Legend Invitation to Apply in the form of a grant. See "Section B. Federal Award Information," in the attached FY 2020 Guidance for Invited Applications (Application Guidance), for additional information and resources on requirements generally applicable to OJP grants.

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This invitation to apply does not require a match. However, if an application proposes a voluntary match amount, and OJP approves the budget, the total match amount incorporated into the approved budget becomes mandatory and subject to audit.

Award funds for Operation Legend are anticipated under the section of the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) statute which authorizes that up to 5 percent of the funds available to carry out subpart 1 of Title I, Part E of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 ("Omnibus") may be granted, among other reasons, for one or more of the purposes specified in Section 501 of Title I, Part E, Subpart 1 of Omnibus (34 U.S.C. 10151) upon a determination that it is necessary "to combat, address, or otherwise respond to precipitous or extraordinary increases in crime, or in a type or types of crime." Awards made under this Invitation to Apply would be made under statutory authority provided by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2020. Pub. L. No. 116-93, 133 Stat 2317, 2413 and 34 U.S.C. § 10157 (b)(1).

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August 11, 2020

(b)(6)
City of Chicago
121 N. LaSalle, Rm. (b)(6)
Chicago, IL 60602

SENT VIA EMAIL ONLY

RE: Invitation to Apply for Funding for Operation Legend

Dear (b)(6)

The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) is inviting the City of Chicago, the U.S. Attorney's Office (USAO) recommended fiscal agent for the Northern District of Illinois federal judicial district, to submit an application for funding under Operation Legend.

The purpose of Operation Legend is to fund state and local law enforcement task forces in an effort to reduce violent crime by building federal cases against violent actors and their organizations. As such, applicants are required to work proactively with the USAO and relevant federal investigative agencies to investigate and prosecute targets involved in gangs, drug trafficking and other violent crime related issues. Applicants must include in their applications how they will share information and coordinate cases with federal partners. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed by the USAO and USAO-recommended fiscal agent is required. If the executed MOU is not submitted with the grant application, a withholding special condition will be placed on the award until the executed MOU is submitted.

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The proposed period of performance should be 24 months. The amount of federal support requested should not exceed $3,500,000. All awards are subject to the availability of appropriated funds, and to any modifications or additional requirements that may be imposed by law. The award of grant funding does not guarantee or promise any future funds. This letter is only an invitation to submit an application and is not an indication of approval for the supplemental funds or an authorization to begin work.

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Funding for Operation Legend is anticipated under prior year Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Memorial Grant (JAG) Program funds. Awards made under this Invitation to Apply would be made under statutory authority provided by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2020. Pub. L. No. 116-93, 133 Stat 2317, 2413.

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July 31, 2020

(b)(6)
City of Cleveland
601 Lakeside Avenue, Room (b)(6)
Cleveland, OH 44114-1015

SENT VIA EMAIL ONLY

RE: Invitation to Apply for Continuation Funding for Operation Legend

Dear (b)(6)

The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) is inviting the City of Cleveland Division of Police, the U.S. Attorney's Office's (USAO) recommended fiscal agent for the Northern District of Ohio federal judicial district, to submit an application for continuation funding under Operation Legend (formerly known as Operation Relentless Pursuit) under award number 2020-DJ-BX-0004.

The purpose of Operation Legend is to fund state and local law enforcement task forces in an effort to reduce violent crime by building federal cases against violent actors and their organizations. As such, applicants are required to work proactively with the USAO and relevant federal investigative agencies to investigate and prosecute targets involved in gangs, drug trafficking and other violent crime related issues. Applicants must include in their applications how they will continue share information and coordinate cases with federal partners. The substance of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed by the USAO and the designated fiscal agent in support of the FY 2020 Operation Relentless Pursuit award must remain in place with the scope of the project unchanged, but with such amendments as are necessary to address the additional period of performance and activities identified in the approved application.

Funds may be used for direct salaries and fringe benefits for state and local Operation Legend Task Force positions, training for the Operation Legend Task Force positions, and for necessary equipment (subject to statutory restrictions[1]) for the Operation Legend Task Force. The recipient may not allocate more than 5% of the award amount for administrative costs, which includes indirect costs. All recipients and subrecipients (including any for-profit organization) must forgo any profit or management fee for the performance of this award.

The proposed period of performance should be 18 months. The amount of federal support requested should not exceed $1,000,000. All awards are subject to the availability of

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appropriated funds, and to any modifications or additional requirements that may be imposed by law. The award of continuation funding does not guarantee or promise any future funds. This letter is only an invitation to submit an application and is not an indication of approval for the supplemental funds or an authorization to begin work.

BJA may, at its discretion, provide continuation awards (and additional funding) in future years to awards made from this Operation Legend Invitation to Apply. In making decisions regarding continuation awards, OJP will consider, among other factors, the availability of appropriations, when the program or project was last competitively awarded, OJP's strategic priorities, and OJP's assessment of both the management of the award (for example, timeliness and quality of progress reports), and the progress of the work funded under the award.

BJA expects to make any continuation award from this Operation Legend Invitation to Apply in the form of a grant. See "Section B. Federal Award Information," in the attached FY 2020 Guidance for Invited Applications (Application Guidance), for additional information and resources on requirements generally applicable to OJP grants.

Funds may not be used to supplant state or local funds, but must instead be used to increase the amounts of such funds that would, in the absence of federal funds, be made available for law enforcement activities.

This invitation to apply does not require a match. However, if an application proposes a voluntary match amount, and OJP approves the budget, the total match amount incorporated into the approved budget becomes mandatory and subject to audit.

Continuation funds for Operation Legend are anticipated under the section of the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) statute which authorizes that up to 5 percent of the funds available to carry out subpart 1 of Title I, Part E of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 ("Omnibus") may be granted, among other reasons, for one or more of the purposes specified in Section 501 of Title I, Part E, Subpart 1 of Omnibus (34 U.S.C. 10151) upon a determination that it is necessary "to combat, address, or otherwise respond to precipitous or extraordinary increases in crime, or in a type or types of crime." Awards made under this Invitation to Apply would be made under statutory authority provided by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2020. Pub. L. No. 116-93, 133 Stat 2317, 2413 and 34 U.S.C. § 10157 (b)(1).

Because this continuation award will be made, in part, under the "precipitous increase in crime" authority, the applicant must identify in the application how the proposed application is expected to address "precipitous or extraordinary increases" in crime or in types of crime. The recipient must also retain data related to the precipitous or extraordinary increase in crime, or type of crime, that occurred during the time frame for which the applicant is requesting assistance. This information should be made available to BJA upon request.

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The application should also include a high quality project abstract that summarizes the proposed project in 400 words or less. Please see the attached guidance for further information.

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I hope that this information is helpful in preparing your application for funding. If you have any questions or need further information, please contact Brenda Worthington, Associate Deputy Director, by telephone at (202) 305-7844 or by email at Brenda.Worthington@usdoj.gov.

Sincerely,

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Acting Director

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SENT VIA EMAIL ONLY

RE: Invitation to Apply for Continuation Funding for Operation Legend

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