**Program Narrative Template for the**

**FY 2020 Strategies to Support Children Exposed to Violence**

# Introduction: This template is designed to support you in successfully completing the program narrative section of the above referenced solicitation. This template guides you through each question that is part of the peer review process.

**Formatting Requirements:** The following pages have been properly formatted for you. Please do not change any of the formatting. The program narrative should be double-spaced, using a standard 12-point Times New Roman font with 1-inch margins. If you need to insert a table, your table may be single spaced.

**Page Limits:** Your program narrative may not exceed 30 pages. The following sections are part of the program narrative:

a. Description of the Issue

b. Program Design and Implementation

c. Capabilities and Competencies

d. Plan for Collecting the Data Required for this Solicitation’s Performance Measures

Your program narrative should be numbered “1 of 30,” “2 of 30,” etc. Until you erase the text in red, your application may exceed 30 pages. Keep that in mind during your initial review.

# How to Use This Template as the Grant Writer: To maximize the chance that you score well in peer review, it is important to answer every question in this template in the order it appears. Do not rearrange questions in any way. If questions are repetitive, you must still answer them.

# Have a colleague review your answers against the question asked to ensure that your answer makes sense to an external reviewer other than yourself. Once you are comfortable with your answers, erase this front page and all text that is red and/or highlighted. Double check to make sure you have not exceeded 20 pages once you have removed all the red text and this front page.

You should allocate your 20 pages in a way that reflects the scoring of each section. You should allocate several pages of your applications to sections worth the highest percentage of your score.

**Statement of the Problem**

**This section accounts for 20 percent of your overall score.**

Applicants should briefly describe the nature and scope of the problem that the program will address (e.g., children exposed to violence – gang violence, child abuse, domestic violence, etc.).

The applicant should use data to provide evidence that the problem exists, demonstrate the size and scope of the problem, and document the effects of the problem on the target population and the larger community. This includes school data and community crime data, specifically violent crime. Any data or research referenced in the narrative should include information about the source of the data and/or a citation.

Applicants should describe the target population and any previous or current attempts to address the problem.

Applicants should identify current community efforts and resources in place to address the problem and identify current gaps.

Applicants should describe any research or evaluation studies that relate to the problem and contribute to their understanding of its causes and potential solutions. While OJJDP expects applicants to review the research literature for relevant studies, they should also explore whether unpublished local sources of research or evaluation data are available.

**Program Design and Implementation**

**This section accounts for 35 percent of your overall score.**

Applicants should detail how the project will operate throughout the funding period and describe the strategies that they will use to achieve the goals and objectives identified in the previous section.

Applicants should describe how they will complete the deliverables stated in the Goals, Objectives, and Deliverables section on page 5. OJJDP encourages applicants to select evidence-based practices for their programs.

This section should also include details regarding any leveraged resources (cash or in-kind) from local sources to support the project and discuss plans for sustainability beyond the grant period.

**Capabilities and Competencies**

**This section accounts for 25 percent of your overall score.**

This section should describe the experience and capability of the applicant organization and any contractors or subgrantees that the applicant will use to implement and manage this effort and its associated federal funding, highlighting any previous experience implementing projects of similar design or magnitude and competencies in specified areas.

Applicants should highlight their experience/capability/capacity to manage subawards, including details on their system for fiscal accountability.

Management and staffing patterns should be clearly connected to the project design described in the previous section.

Applicants should describe the roles and responsibilities of project staff and explain the program’s organizational structure and operations.

Applicants should include a copy of an organizational chart showing how the organization operates, including who manages the finances; how the organization manages subawards, if there are any; and the management of the project proposed for funding.descriptions are included will contribute to the assignment of points relative to this criterion.

**Plan for Collecting the Data Required for this Solicitation’s Performance Measures**

**This section accounts for 10 percent of your overall score.**

The application should demonstrate the applicant’s understanding of the performance data reporting requirements for this grant program

Applicants should detail how the applicant will gather the required data should it receive funding.