

Anti-Violence Innovation Challenge

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1. Quick Facts

Release Date:	2.4.2016
Pre-Proposal Conference:	2.18.2016
Proposal Due Date:	3.21.2016
Anticipated Term of Award:	FY16 and FY17
Total Citywide Amount:	\$10,000,000
Scoring:	Each section will be weighted evenly
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Competition Pools:	Manhattan, Queens, Brooklyn, Bronx, Staten Island District Attorneys

2. Program Description:

The Anti-Violence Innovation Challenge will offer new funding to District Attorneys’ offices that submit plans with clear performance measures for strategies to reduce gun violence and increase the speed, without compromising the quality of justice, with which cases move through the system.

Successful applications will include the following components:

- A focus on neighborhoods, groups and individuals that are driving shootings and gun violence;
- A plan for building the data systems and information sharing networks that will identify the drivers of shootings and gun violence and delay, and the opportunities for solution;
- The adoption of standards and protocols around criteria for accepting cases for prosecution, decisions around bail, indictment, plea and sentence that will most effectively reduce shootings and gun violence while ensuring swift and certain justice, including partnering with other prosecuting authorities and the adoption of internal validated risk assessment instruments;

- A proposed strategy to develop metrics for success for use both internally and to communicate with the public; and
- A plan to assist prosecutors in developing multi-defendant cases that effectively address violent crime.

3. Program Expectations:

The City is committed to offering resources to District Attorneys' offices that prioritize improvements in operations which achieve the goals outlined below. Proposals should include/highlight the following. If the office is currently implementing strategies described below, please describe in detail what those strategies are and how successful they have been to date. Information related to crime trends and hotspots is available for each office's use in developing proposals.¹

- Turning Around the Highest-Crime Neighborhoods
 - Developing strategies that focus on neighborhoods in a borough with the highest shooting rates and the groups and individuals driving crime within those neighborhoods
- Developing Data and Information Systems to Support Strategies
 - Developing data systems that can track shootings and gun cases, in particular felony firearms where the gun is recovered, and are capable of sharing information with law enforcement and other relevant agencies
 - Developing a data system that is capable of improving identification of drivers of gun violence
 - Providing the data and intelligence needed by the Assistant District Attorneys to prosecute violent cases successfully
- Implementing Effective Standards and Protocols
 - Proposing protocols around prosecution that include declination, bail, indictment, plea and sentencing standards that will most effectively reduce shootings and gun violence while ensuring swift and certain justice
 - Reducing Case Processing Delays
 - Reducing the time between conviction and sentence for detainees
 - Reducing the number of cases pending over one year
- Developing Highly Skilled Prosecutors and Regular Channels to Review Relevant Cases with other Prosecuting Authorities
 - Developing a unit with prosecutors who are trained and skilled in assessing intelligence and trying multi-defendant cases

The City will provide additional dedicated funding to evaluate proposed strategies and to assist in the development of an integrated and shared citywide data system.

4. Proposal Requirements / Information Sharing:

Funding will be awarded after successful applicants sign an agreement to participate to share the following information. MOCJ will work with each individual DA office through the proposal process to

¹ Please visit www.justice-data.nyc for crime and enforcement data.

address concerns related to the data and reporting requirements listed below and to ensure that published data will not compromise DA operations.

- A) Document the frequency of declinations, dismissals, charge reduction and diversions and, for each case in these categories, report on reasons why:
 - a. Felony gun possession and shooting cases are declined
 - b. Felony gun possession and shooting cases are dismissed
 - c. Felony gun possession and shooting cases are reduced to misdemeanors or violations
 - d. Defendants in gun possession and shooting cases are sent to diversion programs and the type of diversion program
- B) Share data with the city on a quarterly basis about felony gun possession and shooting cases, broken down by whether or not a gun is recovered. Information should include:
 - a. Number of felony gun arrests and arrests for shootings accepted for prosecution
 - b. Number of felony gun arrests and arrests for shootings that are declined prosecution
 - c. Number of felony gun arrests and arrests for shootings that proceed to indictment or to SCI
 - d. Number of felony gun arrests and arrests for shootings convicted at the felony level
 - e. Number of felony gun arrests and arrests for shootings diverted
 - f. Number of felony gun arrests and arrests for shootings that result in misdemeanor or lower convictions
 - g. Number of felony gun arrests and arrests for shootings that are dismissed
 - h. Sentences for felony gun arrests and arrests for shootings
 - i. Time between arrest and indictment for felony gun arrests and arrests for shootings
 - j. Time between indictment and conviction for felony gun arrests and arrests for shootings
 - k. Time between conviction and sentence for felony gun arrests and arrests for shootings
 - l. Bail recommended and set in felony gun and shooting cases

The Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice will offer assistance to District Attorney's Offices to develop systems to retrieve and submit information.

Additionally, the City, in partnership with the John Jay Prosecution Institute, will provide assistance to grant recipients in identifying cutting-edge approaches to reducing crime, measuring impact of activities on crime reduction and translating performance into publicly available information.

Applications should be no more than twelve pages, exclusive of charts, graphs and a budget. Please direct any questions and submit applications to Allie Meizlish at AMeizlish@cityhall.nyc.gov. Between the submission of the proposal and the decision on the application, each office will have an opportunity to present their proposals in person.