

Violent Crime Intervention Fund

The purpose of the Violent Crime Intervention Fund (VCIF) grant program is to provide support to local law enforcement in developing and implementing proven public safety strategies to combat violent crime.

*Applicants are **strongly encouraged** to work with the University of Tennessee Institute of Public Service to access training and technical assistance in crafting their VCIF grant project designs, submitting their applications, planning and implementing grant activities, and evaluating the impact of their programs.*

Program Description

The state has made VCIF grant funding available for two project types: **Formula Based Grants** and **Competitive Collaborative Enhancement Grants**. Each project type has its own specific Scope template. Please be sure your agency is using the correct Scope template for the project type you are applying.

Formula Based Grants:

Each law enforcement applicant should refer to the funding formula plan to determine their overall budget for three years of programming to address the violent crime in their respective communities. The funding amount is based on each agency's reported violent crime rate.¹ Grant funding can support one or more of the following activities to address the agency's violent crime needs:

- Implementation of programming based on proven effective violent crime intervention models
- Hiring and training of specialized violent crime investigative units
- Purchase and application of new technology and equipment
- Law enforcement led partnerships with community organizations of their choice to directly disrupt or prevent violent crime

Competitive Collaborative Enhancement Grants:

Competitive Collaborative Enhancement funds may also be applied for. The state has allocated a maximum liability per contract not to exceed \$2,000,000 for agencies applying for enhancement funds to address regionally specific needs to combat violent crime through a **collaborative, regional/multijurisdictional approach that includes sharing of intelligence and resources to effectively respond to the violent crime problem**. These projects should undertake evidence-based strategies that enhance community relationships, promote public safety, and hold violent offenders accountable.

To learn more about this grant program, visit [TN.gov/CrimeFund](https://www.tn.gov/crimefund)

¹ OCJP used the average of the past three years of TIBRS violent crime data as a point estimate for the total number of violent crimes per local law enforcement agency. See Solicitation for more info.