

2022-2023 Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program Plan

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New Mexico State Crisis Intervention Program Overview

The New Mexico State Crisis Intervention Program (NMSCIP) is administered by the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), through the New Mexico Department of Public Safety (NMDPS). The NMDPS is the assigned State Administering Agency (SAA) on behalf of the state of New Mexico for all Byrne SCIP funding. As such, the NMDPS is responsible for conducting coordinated and transparent strategic planning, along with the implementation of structural reforms that improve the administration of justice. Strategic planning is employed to prevent or reduce crime and gun violence, with a particular focus on addressing the risk factors that are likely to lead to such violence through targeted programs and initiatives. In this role, the NMDPS, through the Grants Management Bureau (GMB), provides administrative oversight, sub-recipient monitoring, and programmatic reporting statewide to assure compliance with state and federal laws and regulations. The NMDPS GMB is responsible for the fiscal management of this award and will provide program oversight, leadership, and technical assistance to all sub-grantees in identifying programmatic needs, preparing SCIP sub-grant proposals, and administering SCIP sub-grant awards.

The NMDPS will leverage SCIP funding to support efforts from courts as well as local and state law enforcement agencies who demonstrate a comprehensive approach, which includes training and outreach, to the implementation of the Extreme Risk Protection Order (ERPO) programs. Per the priorities identified by the State Crisis Intervention Advisory (SCIA) board of the DEAC, SCIP funding in New Mexico will be used to support the following priorities:

1. Training on Extreme Risk Protection Order (ERPO) programs
2. Funding for Law Enforcement Crisis Intervention Programs or Initiatives

SCIP Grant Overview & Funding Priorities

The SCIP recognizes the importance of comprehensive, evidence-based, and multi-disciplinary approaches to tackling the complex and critical issue of gun violence. Federally identified

priorities for the SCIP Program will support strategic interventions and initiatives across two (2) priority sectors:

1. Training for those implementing ERPO programs and public outreach
 - Training for judiciary and court staff on ERPO proceedings
 - Training for family members on ERPO
 - Training for first responders on ERPO
 - Training for social services providers on ERPO
 - Training for clinicians on ERPO
 - Public awareness campaigns educating the general public on ERPO and its use
2. Funding for Law Enforcement Crisis Intervention Programs or Initiatives
 - Development and or delivery of specialized training, including crisis response and intervention training (CRIT), and overtime for officers to attend such training.
 - Training for school resource officers on identifying youth at risk for firearm violence.

The SCIP is designed to fund projects over a 24-month period, with an emphasis on initiatives that integrate evidence-based practices, robust data tracking and evaluation, and a commitment to community collaboration.

The NMSCIP is managed by the SCIA board which was established in 2024 as a subcommittee of the New Mexico Drug Enforcement Advisory Council (DEAC). The SCIP will be governed by the DEAC. The State of New Mexico, through the Office of the Governor, established the DEAC as the governing body of Byrne JAG and designated the Cabinet Secretary of the New Mexico Department of Public Safety (NMDPS) as the Chairman of the DEAC. The mission of the DEAC is to recommend policy to the Governor and the DEAC Chairperson concerning illegal drug and violent crime issues that significantly impact the quality of life of New Mexicans. The DEAC representation is composed of board members from various state, local and federal law enforcement and task force entities that are functional throughout the State of New Mexico. For a list of DEAC board members and their titles, see Appendix A.

State Crisis Intervention Advisory Board

Formation and Purpose

The SCIA board, established by the DEAC pursuant to BJA requirements, is designed to inform and guide Byrne SCIP funding in New Mexico. The board collaborated with the DEAC, engaged with stakeholders, and attended ERPO trainings to assess the state's current needs for Byrne SCIP, supporting strategic planning and determining funding priorities. The board plays a critical role in overseeing and guiding the SCIP, ensuring its success through its involvement in approval processes, decision-making, and program governance.

Membership and Composition

The DEAC appointed seven (7) new members to the council, selecting leaders and experts from diverse backgrounds. These new members serve on both the DEAC and the SCIA board. The board includes representatives from law enforcement, courts, prosecution, behavioral health providers, victim services, legal counsel, and community members, ensuring a wide range of perspectives are considered in its deliberations. For a list of SCIP board members and their titles, see Appendix B.

Governance Structure and Responsibilities

As a subcommittee of the DEAC, the SCIA board's governance structure is designed to maintain a balance of power and ensure a democratic decision-making process. The board is responsible for:

- Making critical decisions regarding SCIP funding priorities
- Developing the SCIP grant program plan
- Overseeing the overall budget and sub-awards
- Approving changes to the grant budget or projects

This structure ensures accountability, integrity, and transparency in the operations of the SCIP grant program. By fostering a balanced and democratic decision-making process, the board effectively oversees the allocation of resources, and the implementation of initiatives aimed at reducing gun violence and crime.

Oversight and Evaluation

The SCIA board's governance framework includes regular evaluations and reviews to ensure the SCIP grant program remains aligned with its goals and responds to emerging community needs. This continuous oversight and adaptive management approach helps maintain the program's relevance and effectiveness.

The SCIA board's governance structure is integral to the success of the SCIP grant program. It provides a mechanism for decision-making, oversight, and accountability, while promoting the program's mission to address gun violence and enhance public safety in New Mexico.

The Subgrant Award Process

The State of New Mexico will distribute SCIP funding to successful applicants through a vetted and standardized approach approved by the DEAC. Similar to the Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) funding, these allocations are based on a federal formula and are used to separate the local and state awards by percentage. The State of New Mexico will award funding to sub-recipients through a two-pronged approach:

- Initial Allocation - funding will be awarded within a competitive application process and awards are based on potential impact, merit and alignment with SCIP's mission. The funding will be awarded to state, local and tribal units of government for programs aligned with the priorities specified by the SCIA board.
- Supplemental (Contingency) Allocation - programmatic reverted funds will be made available to current SCIP sub-grantees through a secondary application process. This funding is available to state, local and tribal agencies who were awarded funding through the initial allocation process for the year. This supplemental funding is approved on a case-by-case basis by the DEAC Chairman, and each program must demonstrate how this funding will contribute to the overall mission and statewide efforts of the SCIP Program.

It is the mission and priority of the NMDPS to create a sub-grant application process that is fair, equitable, and transparent to all eligible applicants. The NMDPS GMB has developed a competitive SCIP sub-grant application to solicit formal proposals from eligible applicants,

whose evidence-based projects and programs are consistent with the funding priorities established by SCIA board and the DEAC. The approval process for SCIP grant projects is a comprehensive sequence of steps designed to ensure the effective utilization of funds toward achieving the defined program goals. The steps are as follows:

1. The NMDPS initiates the annual sub-grant application process by releasing the state of New Mexico's Byrne SCIP Sub-Recipient Solicitation and Application Packet via the NMDPS Grants Management website, email rosters and a public notice announcement posted in the local newspaper. Upon release of the sub-grant application, the GMB conducts a standard Equal Employment Opportunity Training and Pre-Application Workshop that is mandatory for all potential applicants. This training is intended to maximize partner participation and helps potential applicants with understanding of both the fiscal and programmatic requirements of the funding. Upon receipt of the sub-grant applications, the GMB, in conjunction with the DEAC, determines the quality and validity of each application per NMAC a10.10.3.18.
2. Applicants are given a link through the NMDPS website to access the solicitation/application. Typically, applicants are given 30 days to complete the application. After all applications are received, GMB reviews all the applications to make sure they are complete, and all required documents are included. Complete applications are then forwarded to the SCIA board. After a thorough review by the committee, the SCIA board will rate, and rank each respondent's application based on the following criteria:
 - a. Problem Statement = 25%
 - b. Project Design and Timeline = 25%
 - c. Goals and Objectives = 10%
 - d. Impact and Outcomes = 10%
 - e. Data Reporting = 10%
 - f. Budget/ Detail Narrative = 20%
3. In coordination with GMB, the SCIA Board meets to review the application ratings and make final funding recommendations to the DEAC for ratification. Once the DEAC votes to ratify or amend the sub-committees' recommendations, the final award allocations are presented to the Cabinet Secretary of the NMDPS. Final authority in the awarding of all

Byrne SCIP grant awards resides with the Cabinet Secretary, who will make all final awarding decisions. The GMB is required to notify all applicants in writing of the outcome of their application no later than 30 days after the application deadline. Unsuccessful applicants are afforded the right to appeal the selection process per rule (10.10.3.18 NMAC 2013).

4. Once the Cabinet Secretary has approved the sub-awards, the proposed projects will be submitted to the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) for final approval. The submission to BJA includes a Grant Adjustment Notice (GAM) containing the necessary project details. Upon BJA approval, the GMB will prepare a sub-grant award letter and sub-grant agreement to those entities who have been approved for funding. These documents detail the terms and conditions of the grant, the obligations of the sub-grantees, reporting requirements, and other pertinent information. Sub- recipients must sign and return these agreements to the GMB as an acceptance of the terms. Once grant agreements are signed and returned, the approved projects may begin. Regular monitoring and evaluation activities will be carried out throughout the project period to ensure successful implementation and execution of project goals and objectives.

Capabilities and Competencies

The NMDPS GMB, as the State Administering Agency (SAA), is the applicant organization for this project and will serve as the fiscal agent. The NMDPS provides leadership, training, technical and operational support to the criminal justice community and public at large. GMB will administer funds, collect and report performance measures, and ensure program goals and deliverables are met. The GMB currently manages approximately \$30 million dollars in federal funding as well as many state and local awards.

The organizational structure of the NMDPS GMB is designed to enhance quality assurance in the financial and programmatic management of awards. The Bureau consists of eleven (11) Program Coordinators (I & II), one (1) Financial Analyst, one (1) Management Analyst-Advanced, one (1) Administrative Operations I Manager, one (1) Staff Manager and one (1) Bureau Chief. To maintain adherence to policies on internal controls, all financial transactions are cleared for allowability by the Grant Manager and then forwarded to the NMDPS Accounting Division for full financial reconciliation, through to the NMDPS Finance Division CFO for final

invoicing and payment collection. The GMB has over thirty years of experience administering federal awards, including many from the Office of Justice Programs.

Financial Reporting procedures of the GMB ensure that each sub-award is monitored using assigned project codes and activity codes specific to the federal funding source. The GMB performs risk assessment and annual site visits on all sub-grantees, allowing the Program Coordinator to assess performance, fiscal management, accuracy of documentation and compliance with state and federal requirements. Grant Maximizer software is used to track fiscal and programmatic progress.

Plan for Collecting Required Data

The NMDPS GMB will integrate the required Byrne SCIP performance measures into its application process, ensuring sub-grantees can collect the necessary data and meet program goals. The GMB will oversee the data collection and program performance evaluation processes. Administratively, the GMB is guided by the GMB Policy and Program Procedural Manual, 2 CFR 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, and the Department of Justice OJP Financial Guide.

The GMB Policy and Program Manual establishes specific mechanisms for sub-grantee monitoring and the reporting of all grant activities on a monthly, quarterly, and annual basis. Sub-grantees are required to submit monthly progress reports to the GMB. These reports may be reviewed by the SCIA Board to assess sub-grantees' progress in achieving spending goals and meeting programmatic objectives throughout the grant performance period. This comprehensive oversight ensures that all activities align with the program's mission and maintain high standards of accountability and effectiveness.

The GMB Program Coordinator will be responsible for collecting, reviewing, and validating all performance measurement data required for the Byrne SCIP award. In addition, Sub-grantees are required to submit quarterly reports on their programmatic and fiscal activities, which are entered into the BJA Performance Measurement Tool (PMT) and JUSTGRANTS. The program coordinator will review these reports, ensuring data quality and completeness. If challenges arise regarding programming, goal attainment, or data collection and reporting, technical assistance is available to sub-grantees. This thorough monitoring and reporting structure will enable the

accurate tracking of progress and the successful implementation of the SCIP program in New Mexico.

Appendix A: DEAC Board Members

	AT LARGE MEMBERS:	
1	The Cabinet Secretary of the Department of Public Safety, Chairperson	Jason R. Bowie, Cabinet Secretary, NMDPS: Jason.bowie@dps.nm.gov
2	Chief of New Mexico State Police	William Weisler, Chief of Police, New Mexico State Police; DC Carolyn Huynh, Vice Chairperson/Proxy: carolynn.huynh@dps.nm.gov
3	Chief of the Albuquerque Police Department	Harold Medina, Chief of Police; (Commander Luke Languit, designated representative); Deputy Chief Cecily Barker as proxy; Lt. Ryan Nelson: llanguit@cabq.gov ; rnelson@cabq.gov
4	Bernalillo County District Attorney	Sam Bregman, DA, 2 nd Judicial District, Albuquerque, NM; Victoria LeBlanc, Deputy DA Proxy: Victoria.leblanc@da2nd.state.nm.us ;
5	A District Attorney Outside of Bernalillo County	Clint Wellborn, DA, 7 th Judicial District, Socorro, NM: cwellborn@da.state.nm.us
6	A Representative from Municipal Police Department outside City of Albuquerque	Stewart Steele, Chief of Police Rio Rancho: ssteele@rrnm.gov
7	A Representative from Tribal or Pueblo Police Department	Paul Chavez, Acting Public Safety Director, Pueblo of Laguna: pchavez@pol-nsn.gov
8	A Representative from Sheriff's Department	Denise Vigil, Sheriff, Valencia County Sheriff's Office; Jeff Noah, Undersheriff as proxy; Lt. Joseph Rowland. jeff.noah@co.valencia.nm.us ; joseph.rowland@co.valencia.nm.us
9	A Representative from New Mexico Department of Corrections	Alisha Tafoya Lucero, Cabinet Secretary; Wes Hatley, Region Manager as proxy: wesley.hatley@cd.nm.gov
10	A Representative from a Law Enforcement Association or Organization	Matthew Fisher, Vice President, Albuquerque Police Officers Association: mfvpapoa@gmail.com
11	A Representative from the New Mexico National Guard	Jason Crow, Lt. Col, N.M. National Guard: Jason.c.craw.mil@mail.mil

12	A Representative High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area	Will Glaspy, Regional Director: wglaspy@nmhidta.org
13	A Representative from New Mexico Children Youth and Families Department	Teresa Casados, Cabinet Secretary (Tamera Marcantel, Designated Representative): tamera.marcantel@cyfd.nm.gov
14	Public Citizen Representatives Public Citizen Representatives	Bruce Richardson, Chimayo: jaxwabit2@gmail.com William Jacobs, Las Cruces: wmjacobs0401@gmail.com
15	A Representative from the Region I Multi-jurisdictional Task Force	Ryan Nelson, APD or GS Jeffrey Armijo (DEA): rnelson@cabq.gov ; jeffrey.l.armijo@dea.gov
16	A Representative from the Region II Multi-jurisdictional Task Force	Sgt. Nima Babadi: babadin@sjcso.com
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18	A Representative from the Region IV Multi-jurisdictional Task Force	Matias Apodaca
19	A Representative from the Region V Multi-Jurisdictional Task Force	Roger Grah: rgrah@cityofclovis.org
20	A Representative from the Region VI Multi-jurisdictional Task Force	Wm. Robert Sullivan: rsullivan@nmreg6.net
21	A Representative from the Region VII Multi-jurisdictional Task Force	Gabriel Arenibas: garenibas@las-cruces.org
22	A Representative from the New Mexico Gang Task Force	Vacant
23	A Representative from the U.S. Marshals Southwest Investigative Fugitive Team	Vincent Gambone – Russell Lashley as proxy: Vincent.gambone@usdoj.gov ; Russell.lashley@usdoj.gov
24	A Representative from the New Mexico State Police-Investigations Bureau	Lt. Noe Alvarado: noe.alvarado@dps.nm.gov
25	SCIP Courts Representative	Judge Christina P. Argyres – Village of Los Ranchos: cpa@argyreslaw.com
26	SCIP Prosecutor Representative	Prosecutor Mandana Shoushtari – Chief Deputy DA, 11 th District Attorney’s

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27	SCIP Behavioral Health Representative	Art Brambila – UNM Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences: abrambila@salud.unm.edu
28	SCIP Victims Advocate Representative	Susan Torres: susanm.torres@dps.nm.gov
29	SCIP Legal Counsel	Edna Sprague – NM Legal Aid: ednas@nmlegalaid.org
30	SCIP Law Enforcement Representative	Lt. Janice Madrid – NM State Police: Janicel.madrid@dps.nm.gov
31	SCIP Community Member	John Martinez – President of the Hispanic Cultural Center Foundation: jjmart7950@gmail.com
	EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS:	
1	A Representative from the United States Attorney or Designee	Aja Brooks, Executive U.S. Attorney; Alyssa Skrepcinski, LE Coordinator, Designated Representative: aja.brooks@usdoj.gov ; Alyssa.skrepcinski@usdoj.gov
2	A Representative from the Drug Enforcement Administration	Scott Garland, ASAC; Terrance Woodard, Group Supervisor as proxy: scott.w.garland@usdoj.gov ; Terrence.woodard@usdoj.gov
3	A Representative from the Federal Bureau of Investigation	Eric Brown, ASAC, Designated Representative and Claudia Arias-Dannie Price as proxy:
4	A Representative from the United States Border Patrol	Vacant
5	A Representative from the Bureau of Indian Affairs	Gary Ortega:
6	A Representative from the U.S. Marshals Service District of New Mexico	Russell Lashley, U.S. Marshal: Russell.lashley@usdoj.gov
7	A Representative from the Immigration and Customs Enforcement/Homeland Security Investigations	Vacant

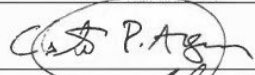
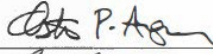

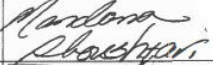

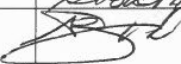
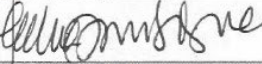
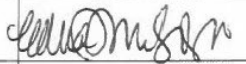
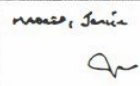
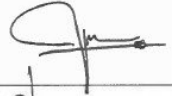
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SCIP Community Member	John Martinez – President of the Hispanic Cultural Center Foundation: jjmart7950@gmail.com

Appendix C: Signed Plan Board Approval

State Crisis Intervention Advisory Board Meeting

August 19, 2024

Name and Title	Member Title	Attendees Signature	Plan Approved
Christina P. Argyres, Judge Village of Los Ranchos	Court Representative		
Mandana Shoushtari, Chief Deputy DA, 11 th District Attorney Office-Gallup	Prosecutor Representative		
Art Brambila UNM Dept. of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences	Behavioral Health Representative		
Susan Torres Victim Advocate & Volunteer Unit Supervisor, DPS	Victims Advocate Representative	Susan Torres	Susan Torres
Edna Sprague NM Legal Aid	Legal Counsel		
Lt. Jancie Madrid NM State Police	Law Enforcement Representative		
John Martinez President of the Hispanic Cultural Center Foundation	Community Member	