

## FY 2024 Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program (SCIP) Local Solicitation

## Funding Announcement Q&A Tracker

### About this Document:

This guide will provide an overview of questions and answers regarding the <u>FY 2024 Byrne State Crisis</u> Intervention Program (SCIP) Local Solicitation funding announcement and application process, which opened on 07/10/2025. Responses will be provided as staff is able to process questions through 09/03/2025.

### Questions?

Please contact PCCD staff at <u>RA-PCCD-OCJSI@pa.gov</u> with "FY 2024 Byrne SCIP Local Solicitation" in the subject line.

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#### 1. Eligible Applicants

a) After reading through the FY 2024 Byrne SCIP Local Solicitation 14-page PDF funding announcement, describing the grant opportunity, it remains unclear to me whether or not K-12 School Districts can apply to use these funds on security technology upgrades in their respective districts.

Specifically, can the grant funds be used on security technology like weapons screening?

**Answer:** Eligibility for these funds is open to units of local government (city, county, township, or town).

In addition to these eligible applicants (e.g., entities that can make direct application for FY 2024 Byrne SCIP Local and Under \$10k Share funds), SCIP funding can be used to support a wide range of subrecipients, including, but not limited to, courts (state, county, local), institutions of higher education, law enforcement, supervision agencies, prosecutors, public defenders, behavioral health, emergency communications, etc.

Note: While subrecipients may be a supporting agency and/or recipient agency, units of local government <u>must</u> be the applicant agency.

b) Our agency is planning to apply for this year's Byrne SCIP grant and were reviewing the FY 2024 Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program (SCIP) Local Solicitation and the FY 2024 Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program (SCIP) Firearm Suicide Prevention, Intervention, and Postvention Initiative funding announcements. Our program is both a dual law enforcement victim advocate role and a crisis response role. In reviewing the funding announcements, our agency feels that the role could be applicable to both funding announcements, although probably closer geared toward the FY 2024 Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program (SCIP) Local Solicitation. In reading section 5 of the FY 2024 Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program (SCIP) Local Solicitation funding announcement, our agency saw the line speaking about overlapping program activities and how all applications are considered collectively which we were a little confused about.

Does this mean that applications under the local solicitation would also be reviewed for eligibility under the FY 2024 Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program (SCIP) Firearm Suicide Prevention, Intervention, and Postvention Initiative funding announcement and vice versa? Or is it possible to apply for both announcements? I know usually you can only apply for one funding stream, but I am a bit confused by the two very similar/overlapping announcements for this year's Byrne SCIP grant.

**Answer:** PCCD encourages eligible applicants to submit one application through the Byrne SCIP funding opportunities. While there are overlapping activities and expenses that both the FY 2024 Byrne SCIP Local Solicitation and the FY 2024 Byrne SCIP Firearm Suicide Prevention, Intervention, and Postvention Initiative funding announcements support, the FY 2024 Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program (SCIP) Firearm Suicide Prevention, Intervention, and Postvention Initiative focused on projects that will address firearm suicide while

the FY 2024 Byrne SCIP Local Solicitation funding announcement supports broader activities and expenses. Recognizing the intersections of these grant programs, as well as the need to ensure equitable access to limited funds, eligible applicants are strongly urged to carefully review all available funding announcements and determine which opportunity may be best for their specific agency/organization based on eligibility criteria, funding priorities, etc.

c) My question is about the posted announcement, FY 2024 Byrne SCIP Local Solicitation, and applicant eligibility. We were awarded this grant in 2024 with a project start date of March 2024, we have approximately 9 months left for our project period duration. Understandably, current projects are not usually eligible for subsequent funding announcements, however, I do not see in the current announcement that this is the case. Are we eligible to apply under this current funding opportunity to "renew funding" for our current existing project for another 21 months?

**Answer:** Recipients of an FY 2022-2023 Byrne SCIP award are not precluded from applying for the FY 2024 Byrne SCIP Local Solicitation due to their previous award.

Note: Funding must not be used to supplant/replace state, federal, or local funds that would otherwise be available to provide for program–related services. PCCD funding is to be used in addition to other funds that are made available for services.

d) Are school districts eligible for the FY 2024 Byrne State Crisis intervention Program Local Solicitation

**Answer:** Eligibility for these funds is open to local units of government (city, county, township, or town).

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e) Under the FY 2024 Byrne SCIP Local Solicitation, can a County as the Applicant Agency, submit one application for a Recipient Agency under one Objective and submit an additional application for a different Recipient Agency under another Objective?

Answer: Applicants may only submit <u>one application</u> under this solicitation.