

2025-2026 Project Safe Neighborhoods Grant – Montana’s PSN project objective is to establish and implement effective programs and strategies that enable PSN task forces to effectively and sustainably prevent, respond to, and reduce violent crime in those communities significantly affected by violent crime. Yellowstone and Missoula counties are the currently identified areas for PSN projects. Project activities can include research, community outreach, prevention/intervention, focused and strategic enforcement, and re-entry services.

Congratulations on being selected as one of the PSN subgrantees. Please complete the following information for project approval by the Bureau of Justice Assistance. If you have questions about this information, please contact Erin Drynan at MBCC: [erin.drynan@mt.gov](mailto:erin.drynan@mt.gov).

**1)Project Summary:** Summarize the proposed project. The summary should be written for a general public audience and provide an outline limited to the scope of the program.

Example format:

- One to two sentences for description of the issue or need to be addressed.
- Three to four sentences outlining how the PSN award will be utilized.
- One to two sentences describing the expected outcome.

Yellowstone County is unique in that it is traversed by two major interstates. Interstate 94 and Interstate 90 both travel the length of our county and intersect in the middle of Lockwood. It is well-known that drugs, guns, cash, and humans are trafficked on these roadways daily.

The PSN award will be used by Yellowstone County Sheriff’s Office to cover the cost of implementing overtime shifts for high visibility uniformed patrols, mainly along the interstate corridor in Yellowstone County. The primary goal of these patrols is drug, gun, and human trafficking interdiction. The project is expected to run for a total of 14 weeks, commencing as soon as PSN award funds become available.

It is expected that the high visibility of proactive uniformed patrols will inhibit criminal activity in Yellowstone County and yield outcomes such as the location of missing/exploited/ endangered persons as well as illegal drugs and guns. Secondary outcomes are likely to include apprehensions for offenses such as impaired driving and outstanding warrants.

**2)Project Goals:** 3-5 big picture goals, each containing a description and a minimum of one activity. Goals should use the SMART format (specific, measurable, achievable, realistic, and time-bound).

Project goal #1: Drug, gun and human trafficking interdiction through high visibility patrols, mainly along the interstate corridor in Yellowstone County.

Activities: Implement four overtime patrol shifts per week, comprising two weekday and two weekend shifts of four hours each. Prior to being selected for these overtime shifts, deputies will need to attend an orientation session to cover expectations and to receive training on what to look for while on patrol. Alert signs for drug and human trafficking will be covered during the orientation.

Project goal #2: Support other agencies with criminal interdiction.

Activities: Deputies will not be restricted to only patrolling the interstates during the overtime shifts. Their coverage could include scenarios such as providing a marked car for CCSIU interdiction stops, assisting USMS with warrant services, assisting with federal child sex trafficking cases, and so on.

Project goal #3: Enforcement augmentation.

Activities: Deputies who locate individuals who are driving while impaired or who have outstanding warrants will be encouraged to take action while engaged in these overtime shifts. All detected criminal activity and suspect apprehensions that take place during these overtime shifts will be considered secondary effects of the primary goal of drug and human trafficking interdiction.

**3)Budget Narrative:** Explain and justify all budget items based on project activities. For each category, show detailed cost calculations to demonstrate how you arrived at the total amount. (Refer to attached budget form for categories).

Only budgetary item would be the deputies overtime rate. We would track the hours worked at the calculated overtime rate and base the number of shift, and the duration of the shifts, off the grant money given.