



Organized Retail Theft Vertical Prosecution Grant Program

Proposal Instruction Packet

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PART I: GRANT INFORMATION

Background Information

The State Budget Act of 2022 (Assembly Bill 178, Chapter 45, Statutes of 2022) established the Organized Retail Theft Vertical Prosecution Grant Program. Funding is available to California District Attorneys for the purpose of addressing increased levels of retail theft property crimes by using a vertical prosecution model.

Contact Information

This Request for Proposal (RFP) Instruction Packet provides the necessary information to prepare a proposal to the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) for the Organized Retail Theft Vertical Prosecution Grant Program.

The BSCC staff cannot assist the applicant or its partners with the preparation of the proposal. Any questions concerning this RFP, the proposal process, or the submission process must be submitted by email to: ORT@bscc.ca.gov.

The BSCC will accept and respond to written questions until June 12, 2023. A frequently asked questions and answers (FAQs) document will be posted to the [BSCC website](#) and periodically updated through June 16, 2023.

Proposal Due Date and Submission Instructions

Organized Retail Theft Vertical Prosecution Grant Program proposals must be received by **5:00 P.M. (PST) on Friday, July 7, 2023**.

Submission Instructions

Applications for the Organized Retail Theft Vertical Prosecution Grant Program must be submitted through the BSCC-Submittable Application portal. The BSCC-Submittable Application portal, Organized Retail Theft Vertical Prosecution Grant Program Application, and all required attachments are available on the [BSCC website](#).

To apply for this funding opportunity, applicants must create a free Submittable account OR use an existing Submittable account when prompted. After an account is established, applicants may proceed with the application process. As part of the submission process, applicants will be required to download mandatory forms that must be completed, signed, and uploaded to the BSCC-Submittable Application portal. All required documents are available on the [BSCC website](#).

The BSCC-Submittable Application will not allow submissions after 5:00 p.m. (PST) on July 7, 2023. Please allow sufficient time to begin and submit your application. If the BSCC does not receive a submission by 5:00 p.m. (PST) on July 7, 2023, the proposal **will not be considered for funding**. Applicants are strongly advised to submit proposals well in advance of the due date and time to avoid disqualification.

Once you have successfully submitted your application and all required attachments, you will receive an email acknowledging your application has been received. If you experience challenges with your submission, please email the BSCC at: ORT@bscc.ca.gov. Be advised that applicants contacting the BSCC at the close of the submission due date/time may not receive timely responses. Please allow sufficient time for BSCC staff to provide technical assistance.

Virtual Bidders' Conference

Prospective applicants are invited to attend a virtual Bidders' Conference. Attendance at the virtual Bidders' Conference is not a requirement. The purpose of this Bidders' Conference is to answer technical questions from prospective bidders (applicants) and provide clarity on RFP instructions. Topics may include, but are not limited to, proposal submission instructions, eligibility, funding, and an overview of the rating factors. Bidders' Conference details are listed below:

Organized Retail Theft Vertical Prosecution Grant Program
Virtual Bidders' Conference
Wednesday, May 10, 2023, at 10:00 A.M.

Public access options for this meeting include:

Join by Zoom:

- <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81383424652?pwd=NGpBWFozZDIESDI6VWdwTmNncDRwUT09>
- Meeting ID: 813 8342 4652 | Passcode: 922726

Call In:

- 1-669-900-9128
- Meeting ID: 813 8342 4652 | Passcode: 922726

Notice of Intent to Apply

Prospective applicants are asked (but not required) to submit a non-binding letter indicating their intent to apply. These letters aid the BSCC in planning for the proposal evaluation process. Please submit your letter in Microsoft Word or as a PDF.

There is no formal template for the letter, but it should include the following information:

1. Name of the applicant entity;
2. Name of a contact person; and
3. A brief statement indicating the applicant's intent to submit a proposal.

Failure to submit a Letter of Intent is not grounds for disqualification. Prospective applicants that submit a Letter of Intent and decide later not to apply will not be penalized.

Please email your non-binding Letter of Intent to Apply by Monday, May 15, 2023. Please identify the email subject line as “ORT Letter of Intent” and submit the letter to: ORT@bscc.ca.gov.

Scoring Panel

To ensure successful program design and implementation, the BSCC uses Executive Steering Committees (ESC) and Scoring Panels to inform decision making related to the Board’s programs. The BSCC’s ESCs and Scoring Panels are composed of subject matter experts, community partners, and interested parties representing both the public and private sectors. The BSCC makes every attempt to include diverse representation on its ESCs and Scoring Panels, in breadth of experience, geography and demographics.

The Organized Retail Theft Vertical Prosecution Grant Program will convene a Scoring Panel. The Scoring Panel will read and rate submissions and develop funding recommendations for the Board. The Board may approve, reject, or revise those recommendations. Members of the Scoring Panel are not paid for their time but are reimbursed for travel expenses incurred to attend meetings. If the BSCC is unable to convene a full Scoring Panel, BSCC staff may rate proposals. Please check the [BSCC website](#) for updated information on the Scoring Panel.

Conflicts of Interest

Existing law prohibits any grantee, subgrantee, partner, or like party participating on the Organized Retail Theft Vertical Prosecution Grant Program Scoring Panel from receiving funds from the grants awarded under this RFP. Applicants who are awarded grants under this RFP are responsible for reviewing the Scoring Panel membership roster and ensuring that no grant dollars are passed through to any entity represented by any member of the Scoring Panel.

Description of the Grant

The Organized Retail Theft Vertical Prosecution Grant Program was established in Assembly Bill 178 (AB 178) (Appendix A). Per AB 178:

1. Funding appropriated in this item shall be available for competitive grants for district attorneys for the Organized Retail Theft Vertical Prosecution Grant Program for the purpose of addressing increased levels of retail theft property crimes by using a vertical prosecution model.
2. In awarding the funds, the Board of State and Community Corrections shall, at minimum, require the grantee to demonstrate the following requirements on its application for the competitive grant:
 - a) How the additional funds will meaningfully address the increase in organized retail theft in the jurisdiction and the existing hurdles of implementing a vertical prosecution model in their jurisdiction to prosecute these crimes without this grant.

- b) How the funding will be used in facilitating collaboration with online marketplaces and retailers to address the increase in property crimes in the jurisdiction.
 - c) How the jurisdiction plans to use alternatives to incarceration, including diversion or restorative justice programs, to reduce organized retail theft and help reduce recidivism.
 - d) How the jurisdiction will be able to sustain this program upon the expiration of this one-time grant funding.
3. The county receiving the competitive grant shall do the following:
- a) Employ a vertical prosecution methodology for organized retail theft crimes.
 - b) Dedicate at least one deputy district attorney and one district attorney investigator whose primary role is the investigation and prosecution of organized retail theft crimes.
 - c) Provide the Board of State and Community Corrections with annual data on the number of organized retail theft cases filed by that county, the number of organized retail theft convictions obtained, and the sentences imposed for those convicted of organized retail theft in that county. The county shall also provide the number of instances where vertical prosecution was used to obtain those convictions and the sentences imposed. The county shall also provide the number of theft-related property crimes that were charged overall in the jurisdiction that did not use the vertical prosecution model and the resulting number of convictions.
4. On or before January 1, 2027, the Board of State and Community Corrections shall submit to the Legislature and the Governor a report relating to the information provided in subdivision (c) of Provision 3, and how the funding was used, and a description of the outcomes of the grant.
5. Funding received by district attorney offices pursuant to this program shall be used to supplement, and not supplant, existing financial resources.

In support of these efforts, each applicant will develop a Project Work Plan that identifies measurable project goals, objectives, and commensurate timelines (Appendix B). Please reference the Glossary of Terms (Appendix C) to view key definitions for this RFP.

Vertical Prosecution Model

For the purposes of this RFP, vertical prosecution means a prosecutor is assigned to an organized retail theft case from beginning to end (e.g., initial hearing/arrangement to

sentencing). Under this model, the victim(s), witness(es), and impacted law enforcement official(s) have a single point of contact throughout the process.

Eligibility to Apply

Eligible applicants are California District Attorneys. Applications must be submitted by the Board of Supervisors or the Chief County Administrative Officer. The Board of Supervisors or County Administrative Officer may also delegate the District Attorney's Office as the applicant entity. Eligible applicants **may not** submit more than one (1) proposal for funding consideration.

Legislative Requirements

Per AB 178, grant fund must be used to employ a vertical prosecution model, and to dedicate at least one deputy district attorney **and** one district attorney investigator whose primary role is the investigation and prosecution of organized retail theft crimes. In addition, applicants will be required to provide the following data to the BSCC:

- Annual data on the number of organized retail theft cases filed by that county,
- Number of organized retail theft convictions obtained, and the sentences imposed for those convicted of organized retail theft in that county.
- Number of instances where vertical prosecution was used to obtain those convictions and the sentences imposed.
- Number of theft-related property crimes that were charged overall in the jurisdiction that did not use the vertical prosecution model and the resulting number of convictions.

Grant Period

Proposals selected for funding will be under agreement from October 1, 2023 to June 1, 2027 with the BSCC. The grant agreement service period covers October 1, 2023 and ends on December 31, 2026. However, an additional six (6) months (January 1, 2027, to June 1, 2027) will be included in the term of the grant agreement for the sole purposes of finalizing and submitting a required Local Evaluation Report and finalizing and submitting a required financial audit.

A visual illustration of the grant agreement period is provided on the following page:

October 1, 2023 to June 1, 2027

Implementation	Service Delivery	Service Delivery	Service Delivery	Data Evaluation/ Closeout
Up to 6-Months	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Up to 6-Months
October 1, 2023 - April 1, 2024	Start Date - December 31, 2024	January 1, 2025 - December 31, 2025	January 1, 2026 - December 31, 2026	January 1, 2027, - June 1, 2027
<p>Implementation period for hiring, procurement, and other activities that facilitate a timely start.</p> <p>Grantees who <u>do not need</u> the full implementation period can begin service delivery at any time once under contract.</p>	Service delivery and data collection	Service delivery and data collection	Service delivery and data collection	<p>Data analysis and evaluation period to analyze data gathered during the service delivery period.</p> <p>Only expenses incurred for evaluation efforts may be incurred in this period.</p>

Criteria for Non-Governmental Organizations

Applicants for the Organized Retail Theft Vertical Prosecution Grant Program may elect to partner, contract, or establish agreements with non-governmental organizations (NGOs)¹ in the implementation of their program. All NGOs must adhere to terms described on the following page.

¹ For the purposes of this RFP, NGOs include nonprofit and for-profit community-based organizations, faith-based organizations, evaluators (except government institutions such as universities), grant management companies, and any other non-governmental agency or individual.

Eligibility Criteria for Non-Governmental Organizations Providing Services with BSCC Grant Funds

Any non-governmental organization that receives Organized Retail Theft Vertical Prosecution Grant Program funds (as either a subgrantee or subcontractor) must:

- Have been duly organized, in existence, and in good standing for at least six (6) months prior to the effective date of its fiscal agreement with the BSCC or with the Organized Retail Theft Vertical Prosecution Grant Program grantee;
 - Non-governmental entities that have recently reorganized or have merged with other qualified non-governmental entities that were in existence prior to the six (6) month date are also eligible, provided all necessary agreements have been executed and filed with the California Secretary of State prior to the start date of the grant agreement with the BSCC or the start date of the grantee subcontractor fiscal agreement;
- Be registered with the California Secretary of State's Office, if applicable;
- Have a valid Employer Identification Number (EIN) or Taxpayer ID (if sole proprietorship);
- Have a valid business license, if applicable;
- Have no outstanding civil judgments or liens;
- Have any other state or local licenses or certifications necessary to provide the services requested (e.g., facility licensing by the Department of Health Care Services), if applicable; and
- Have a physical address within California. (An agent for service of process with a California address is insufficient.)

All applicants must complete, sign, and submit the *BSCC Grantee Assurance for Non-Governmental Organizations* (Appendix D). Once under contract, grantees must submit an updated *Grantee Assurance for Non-Governmental Organizations* throughout the life of the grant agreement for any additional NGOs that receive funds through subcontracts after awards are made. The BSCC will not reimburse for costs incurred by NGOs that do not meet the BSCC's requirements.

Written Agreement from Key Partners

If the success of the applicant's proposed activity, strategy, or program relies on the participation of an outside agency or organization (i.e., an entity other than the applicant), the applicant must include a Letter of Commitment. Letter(s) of Commitment should reflect that the outside agency or organization is aware of the proposed project, is committed to ensuring the success of the project, and agrees to participate.

Examples of key roles played by outside entities could include the following:

- Data Collection Partnerships
- Referral Sources

A Letter of Commitment must include the name of the outside entity, be signed by the executive officer, department head, or other authorized representative, and be dated within three (3) months of the proposal submission to the BSCC. Outdated letters or letters that speak to a partnership or grant activities outside of the activities listed in this proposal, will not be accepted. See Appendix E for a sample Letter of Commitment.

A Letter of Commitment is not required if the applicant has determined that an outside agency or organization is not critical to the launch or ongoing implementation of the proposed program.

Organizational Capacity and Coordination

Applicants will be rated, in part, on how well they demonstrate they have the experience, a staffing plan, and any partnerships necessary to implement the proposed strategy. If an applicant is unable to identify staff and/or subcontractors until after the grant is awarded, the applicant should explain, at a minimum, the process, and criteria by which they will select staff and/or subcontractors after the award. Distinct from administrative staff and partners, applicants must also demonstrate how they plan to ensure that the staff who deliver the services have backgrounds and experience that are relevant to the proposed strategy and/or target population.

Funding Information

This RFP makes \$28,500,000² available competitively to district attorneys to address increased levels of retail theft property crimes by using a vertical prosecution model.

Funding Categories

Recognizing that applicants have different capacities, resources, and needs, there are two categories within which applicants will compete. An applicant may apply in either the Small or Large Scope Category. This means Small Scope Projects will compete against other Small Scope Projects and Large Scope Projects will compete against other Large Scope Projects for funding.

The maximum an applicant may apply for is up to \$800,000 in the Small Scope category OR up to \$2,050,000 in the Large Scope category. Applicants may apply for any dollar amount up to and including the maximum grant amount identified in each category. An illustration of the funding categories, maximum grant award, and total available funding by category is provided below:

Funding Categories	Maximum Grant Award*	Total Available Funding
Small Scope	Up to \$800,000	\$8,000,000
Large Scope	Up to \$2,050,000	\$20,500,000
Total Funding Available for Competitive Grants:		\$28,500,000

² Provided funding is appropriated in the FY 2023-2024 and 2024-25 State Budget Acts.

***NOTE:** The Grant Award must cover the entire grant period. For example, if an applicant requests and is awarded \$600,000, that amount must last from October 1, 2023 to June 1, 2027.

Funding Decisions

Applicants will compete for funds within the Small or Large Scope Category. Proposals will be evaluated, scored, and a ranked list of all scored proposals will be generated. The BSCC will move down the ranked lists to fund all qualified applicants, who meet the Minimum Scoring Threshold, in each of the two funding categories until all funds in that category are exhausted. Applicants that fall at the cut-off point may be offered a partial award if there are not sufficient remaining funds to make a full award.

If funding remains in one or more categories, the following will occur:

- Funds remaining in the Small Scope Category after all qualified applicants in that category have been fully funded, will be used to fund any additional qualified applicants in the Large Scope Category.
- Funds remaining in the Large Scope Category after all qualified applicants in that category have been fully funded, will be used to fund any additional qualified applicants in the Small Scope Category.

If an applicant or grantee relinquishes an award, BSCC has authority to offer that award to the next qualifying applicant(s) on the ranked list.

Eligible Funding Activities

Grant Program funds must be used to employ a vertical prosecution model, and to dedicate at least one deputy district attorney **and** one district attorney investigator whose primary role is the investigation and prosecution of organized retail theft crimes. In support of these efforts, eligible expenses for this RFP include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Case Management Systems
- Computers/Laptops/Tablets
- Databases
- Hiring Staff and/or Contractors
- Investigative Software
- Online and Print Advertising
- Staff expenses, including overtime

Please note, the above list is not intended to be exhaustive. All proposed expenses must have a link to the Organized Retail Theft Vertical Prosecution Grant Program as described in the authorizing legislation and this RFP.

Match Requirement

No match is required for the Organized Retail Theft Vertical Prosecution Grant Program.

Data Collection, Reporting, and Evaluation Requirements

Projects selected for funding will be required to submit a Local Evaluation Plan and Local Evaluation Report. Applicants are encouraged, but not required, to use outside evaluators to ensure objective and impartial evaluations. This may include, but is not limited to, community colleges, universities, and research organizations.

Required Set-Aside for Evaluation Efforts

Grantees are required to set aside at least 5% percent of the total grant award for data collection and evaluation efforts, including data collection for the Quarterly Progress Reports and the statewide evaluation (see below) and the development of the Local Evaluation Plan and Local Evaluation Report.

Local Evaluation Plan

The purpose of the Local Evaluation Plan is to ensure that projects funded by the BSCC can be evaluated. Grantees will be expected to include a detailed description of how the applicant will assess the effectiveness of the proposed program in relationship to each of its goals and objectives identified in the proposal. A relationship between the goals and objectives identified in the proposal should be apparent in the Local Evaluation Plan.

The Local Evaluation Plan should describe the evaluation design or model that will be used to evaluate the effectiveness of the project component(s), with the project goals and the project objectives clearly stated. Applicants should also address process and outcome evaluations. Once submitted, any modifications to the Local Evaluation Plan must be approved in advance by the BSCC. More detailed instructions on the Local Evaluation Plan will be made available to successful applicants. The Local Evaluation Plan is due no later than April 1, 2024.

Local Evaluation Report

Following project completion, grantees are required to complete a Local Evaluation Report. The Local Evaluation Report must be in a format prescribed by the BSCC. The purpose of the Local Evaluation Report is to determine whether the overall project (including each individual component) was effective in meeting the goals laid out in the Local Evaluation Plan.

To do this, the grantee must assess and document the effectiveness of the activities that were implemented within each individual project component. These activities should have been identified in the previously submitted Local Evaluation Plan. More detailed instructions on the Local Evaluation Report will be made available to successful applicants. The Local Evaluation Report is due no later than June 1, 2027.

Statewide Evaluation

BSCC Research will conduct a statewide evaluation of the impact of the initiatives supported by the grant funding including the outcomes and objectives that were achieved. The evaluator will: develop the research methodology for the statewide evaluation; design and develop instruments for collecting and evaluating data from grantees; provide ongoing technical assistance to grantees for data collection and evaluation activities;

compile, screen and analyze data obtained from grantees; and develop a final report on the impact of the program. As a condition of award, grantees agree to collect data requested for the evaluation (this may include standardized Quarterly Progress Report format with specified baseline, output, and/or outcome measures) and fully cooperate and share information within timelines set for the evaluation.

General Grant Requirements

Audit Requirements

Grantees are required to provide the BSCC with a financial audit that covers the service delivery period of the grant (October 1, 2023 - December 31, 2026). The audit report will be due no later than June 1, 2027. The financial audit shall be performed by a Certified Public Accountant or a participating county or city auditor that is organizationally independent from the participating county or city's project financial management functions. Expenses for the final audit may be reimbursed for actual costs up to \$25,000.

In addition, the BSCC reserves the right to call for a program or financial audit at any time between the execution of the grant agreement and three (3) years following the end of the grant period. The Department of General Services, the California State Auditor, the Department of Finance, or their designated representative shall have the right to review and to copy any records and supporting documentation pertaining to the performance of this grant.

BSCC Grant Agreement

Applicants approved for funding by the BSCC Board are required to enter into a Grant Agreement with the BSCC. Grantees must agree to comply with all terms and conditions of the Grant Agreement. A sample Grant Agreement for the Organized Retail Theft Vertical Prosecution Grant Program is available on the [BSCC website](#).

The Grant Agreement start date is expected to be October 1, 2023. Grant Agreements are considered fully executed only after they are signed by both the grantee and the BSCC and the BSCC is in receipt of all required attachments including documentation of signing authority. Work, services, and encumbrances cannot begin prior to the Grant Agreement start date. Any work, services and encumbrances that occur after the start date but prior to Grant Agreement execution may not be reimbursed. Grantees and all subgrantees are responsible for maintaining their Grant Agreement, all invoices, records, and relevant documentation for the life of the grant cycle plus three (3) years after the final payment under the contract.

Debarment, Fraud, Theft or Embezzlement

It is the policy of the BSCC to protect grant funds from unreasonable risks of fraudulent, criminal, or other improper use. As such, the Board will not enter into contracts or provide reimbursement to applicants that have been:

1. Debarred by any federal, state, or local government entities during the period of debarment; or

2. Convicted of fraud, theft, or embezzlement of federal, state, or local government grant funds for a period of three years following conviction.

Furthermore, the BSCC requires grant recipients to provide an assurance that there has been no applicable debarment, disqualification, suspension, or removal from a federal, state, or local grant program on the part of the grantee at the time of application and that the grantee will immediately notify the BSCC should such debarment or conviction occur during the term of the Grant contract.

BSCC also requires that all grant recipients include, as a condition of award to a subgrantee or subcontractor, a requirement that the subgrantee or subcontractor will provide the same assurances to the grant recipient. If a grant recipient wishes to consider a subgrantee or subcontractor that has been debarred or convicted, the grant recipient must submit a written request for exception to the BSCC along with supporting documentation. All applicants must complete an assurance certifying they are compliant with the BSCC's policies on debarment, fraud, theft, and embezzlement (Appendix F).

Governing Board Resolution

Successful applicants will be required to submit a Resolution from their Governing Board before the grant award can be finalized and funds awarded. A signed resolution is not required at the time of proposal submission, but applicants are advised that no financial invoices will be processed for reimbursement until the Governing Board Resolution has been received by the BSCC. A sample Governing Board Resolution can be found in (Appendix G).

Grantee Orientation

Following the start of the grant period, BSCC staff will conduct a Virtual Grantee Orientation (October 2023, date to be determined). The purpose of this mandatory session is to review the program requirements, invoicing and budget modification processes, data collection and reporting requirements, as well as other grant management and monitoring activities. Typically, the Project Director, Financial Officer, and Day-to-Day Contact must attend. Grantees are also strongly encouraged to include the individual tasked with Data Collection and Evaluation. Award recipients will be provided additional details regarding the Grantee Orientation in October 2023.

Invoices

Disbursement of grant funds occurs on a reimbursement basis for costs incurred during a reporting period. The State Controller's Office (SCO) will issue the warrant (check) to the individual designated on the Applicant Information Form as the Financial Officer for the grant. Grantees must submit invoices to the BSCC on either a monthly or quarterly basis through an online process no later than 45 days following the end of the invoicing period. Grantees will make their choice between monthly or quarterly invoicing prior to grant agreement execution.

Grantees must maintain adequate supporting documentation for all costs claimed on invoices. BSCC staff will conduct a desk review, which requires grantees to submit

electronic documentation to support all grant funds claimed during the invoicing period. In addition, BSCC staff may conduct on-site monitoring visits that include a review of documentation maintained as substantiation for project expenditures with grant funds. Additional information about invoicing can be found in the [BSCC Grant Administration Guide](#).

Monitoring

The BSCC staff will monitor each project to assess whether the project is in compliance with grant requirements and making progress toward grant objectives. As needed, monitoring visits may also occur to provide technical assistance on fiscal, programmatic, evaluative, and administrative requirements. For your reference, a Comprehensive Monitoring Visit checklist can be found on the Corrections Planning and Grants Program [website](#).

Quarterly Progress Reports

Grant award recipients are required to submit quarterly progress reports to the BSCC. Progress reports are a critical element in BSCC's monitoring and oversight process. Grantees who are unable to demonstrate that they are making sufficient progress toward project goals and objectives and that funds are being spent in accordance with the Grant Agreement could be subject to the withholding of funds. Once grants are awarded, BSCC will work with grantees to create custom progress reports.

Supplanting

Supplanting is the deliberate reduction in the amount of federal, state, or local funds being appropriated to an existing program or activity because grant funds have been awarded for the same purposes. Supplanting is strictly prohibited for all BSCC grants. Organized Retail Theft Vertical Prosecution Grant Program funds shall be used to support new program activities or to augment or expand existing program activities but shall not be used to replace existing funds. It is the responsibility of the grantee to ensure that supplanting does not occur. The grantee must keep clear and detailed financial records to show that grant funds are used only for allowable costs and activities.

Travel

Travel is usually warranted when personal contact by project staff is the most appropriate method of conducting project-related business. Travel to and from training conferences may also be allowed. The most economical method of transportation, in terms of direct expenses to the project and the employee's time away from the project, must be used. Projects are required to include sufficient per diem and travel allocations for project related personnel, as outlined in the Grant Award, to attend any mandated BSCC training conferences or workshops outlined in the terms of the program.

- **Units of Government**

Units of government may follow either their own written travel and per diem policy or the State's policy. Units of government that plan to use cars from a state, county, city, district carpool, or garage may budget either the mileage rate established by the carpool or garage, or the state mileage rate, not to exceed the loaning agency

rate.

- **Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs)**

An NGO receiving BSCC fund must use the California State travel and per diem policy, unless the Grantee's written travel policy is more restrictive than the State's, in which case it must be used. Reimbursement is allowed for the cost of commercial carrier fares, parking, bridge, and road tolls, as well as necessary taxi, bus, and streetcar fares.

- **Out-of-State Travel**

Out-of-state travel is restricted and only allowed in exceptional situations. Grantees must receive written BSCC approval prior to incurring expenses for out-of-state travel. Even if previously authorized in the Grant Award, Grantees must submit to the BSCC a separate formal request (on Grantee letterhead) for approval. Out-of-state travel requests must include a detailed justification and budget information.

In addition, California prohibits travel, except under specified circumstances, to states that have been found by the California Attorney General to have discriminatory laws. The BSCC will not reimburse for travel to these states unless the travel meets a specific exception under Government Code section 11139.8, subdivision (c). For additional information, please see: <https://oag.ca.gov/ab1887>.

Overview of the RFP Process

Confirmation of Receipt of Proposal

Upon submission of a proposal, applicants will receive a confirmation email from the BSCC stating that the proposal has been received.

Disqualification

Disqualification - **PLEASE REVIEW CAREFULLY**



The following will result in an automatic disqualification:

- Submission is not received by 5:00 P.M. (PST) on Friday, July 7, 2023
- Applicant does not meet the Eligibility Criteria
- Application, and all required attachments, are not submitted via the BSCC-Submittable Application portal
- Budget Attachment is incomplete (e.g., impacted fields are not completed)
- Funding request exceeds allowable amount in the Small or Large Scope category
- Attachment(s) are illegible
- Attachment(s) will not open, or the file(s) are corrupted

NOTE: Disqualification means that the proposal will not move forward to the Scoring Panel for the Proposal Rating Process, and, therefore, will NOT be considered for funding.

Proposal Rating Process

Unless disqualified, proposals will advance to the Scoring Panel for funding consideration. Proposals will be evaluated in accordance with the BSCC's *Grant Proposal Evaluation Process* ([link](#)) and as described below. The Scoring Panel will read and assign ratings to each proposal in accordance with the prescribed rating factors listed in the table below. Scoring Panel members will base their ratings on how well an applicant addresses the criteria listed under each rating factor within the Proposal Narrative and Budget Sections. Scoring Panel ratings, once submitted to the BSCC, will be final.

At the conclusion of this process, applicants will be notified of the Board's funding recommendations. It is anticipated that the Board will act on the recommendations at its meeting on September 14, 2023. Applicants and their partners are not to contact members of the Scoring Panel or the BSCC Board to discuss proposals.

Rating Factors

The Rating Factors that will be used and the maximum points allocated to each rating factor are shown in the table below. Applicants are asked to address each of these rating factors as a part of their proposal. A percent of total value is assigned to each Rating Factor, correlating to its importance within the overall project (see Percent of Total Value column).

	Rating Factors	Point Range	Percent of Total Value	Weighted Rating Factor Score
1	Project Need	0-5	10%	20
2	Project Description	0-5	35%	70
3	Project Organizational Capacity and Coordination	0-5	25%	50
4	Project Evaluation and Monitoring	0-5	10%	20
5	Project Budget	0-5	20%	40
Maximum Proposal Score:			100%	200

Raters will rate an applicant's response to each Rating Factor on a scale from 0 to 5, according to the Six-Point Rating Scale shown on the following page. For each Rating Factor, the rating point received is then weighted according to the "Percent of Total Value" column associated with the Rating Factor to arrive at the final Weighted Rating Factor Score. The Weighted Rating Factor Scores are then added together for a final overall proposal score. The maximum possible proposal score is 200.

Six Point Rating Scale

Not Responsive 0	Poor 1	Fair 2	Satisfactory 3	Good 4	Excellent 5
The response fails to address the criteria.	The response addresses the criteria in a very inadequate way.	The response addresses the criteria in a non-specific or unsatisfactory way.	The response addresses the criteria in an adequate way.	The response addresses the criteria in a substantial way.	The response addresses the criteria in an outstanding way.

Minimum Scoring Threshold

A proposal must meet a threshold of **60 percent**, or a minimum score of **120** total points to be qualified for funding.

Summary of Key Dates

The following table shows the key dates for the Organized Retail Theft Vertical Prosecution Grant Program.

Activity	Date
Present the RFP for BSCC Board approval	April 13, 2023
Release the RFP	April 14, 2023
Bidders' Conference	May 10, 2023
Letter of Intent Due to the BSCC	May 15, 2023
Proposals Due to the BSCC	July 7, 2023
Proposal Rating Process and Development of Funding Recommendations	July-August 2023
BSCC Board Considers Funding Recommendations	September 14, 2023
Notices to Applicants	September 15, 2023
Grant Period Begins	October 1, 2023
Mandatory New Grantee Orientation	October 2023

PART II: PROPOSAL INSTRUCTIONS

This document/section contains the necessary information for completing the Organized Retail Theft Vertical Prosecution Grant Program Application. The Application and all required attachments are provided on the [BSCC website](#).

Proposal Narrative and Budget Sections

The five rating factors that will be addressed in the Proposal Narrative and the Proposal Budget sections, are shown below.

	Rating Factor	Percent Value	Addressed In:
1	Project Need	10%	Proposal Narrative
2	Project Description	35%	
3	Project Organizational Capacity and Coordination	25%	
4	Project Evaluation and Monitoring	10%	
5	Project Budget	20%	Proposal Budget

Proposal Narrative Instructions

Applicants will complete the Proposal Narrative by accessing the BSCC-Submittable application portal and responding to a series of prompts. The Proposal Narrative must address the Project Need, Project Description, Project Organizational Capacity and Coordination, and Project Evaluation and Monitoring Rating Factors. Please do not include website links, charts, tables or, graphs when responding.

Each Rating Factor has a character limit as shown below:

	Rating Factor	Total Characters	Microsoft Word Equivalent*
1	Project Need	4,474	Up to 2 (Two) Pages
2	Project Description	8,948	Up to 4 (Four) Pages
3	Project Organizational Capacity and Coordination	4,474	Up to 2 (Two) Pages
4	Project Evaluation and Monitoring	4,474	Up to 2 (Two) Pages

**Assumes text is in a Microsoft Word document in Arial 12-point font with one-inch margins on all four sides and at 1.5-line spacing.*

Character Counter

The BSCC-Submittable application portal includes an automatically enabled character counter. This feature shows the number of characters used and the remaining number of characters before the limit is met. If the limit is exceeded, a red prompt will appear with the message "You have exceeded the character limit". Applicants are prohibited from submitting the Organized Retail Theft Vertical Prosecution Grant Program Application until they comply with all character limit requirements.

Bibliography

Applicants may, but are not required to, include a bibliography containing citations, using either the Modern Language Association (MLA) or American Psychological Association (APA) style in the "OPTIONAL Bibliography" field on the BSCC-Submittable application page. The bibliography may not exceed 2,218 total characters (includes punctuation, numbers, spaces, and any text). In Microsoft Word, this is approximately one (1) page in Arial 12-point font with one-inch margins on all four sides and at 1.5-line spacing.

Required Attachments

In addition to addressing the Proposal Narrative criteria, the following attachments must be completed and uploaded in the identified fields in the BSCC-Submittable application portal at the time of submission:

- Project Work Plan (Appendix B).
- Grantee Assurance for Non-Governmental Organizations (Appendix D).
- Letter of Commitment *If Applicable* (Appendix E)
- Certification of Compliance with BSCC Policies on Debarment, Fraud, Theft, and Embezzlement (Appendix F)
- Governing Board Resolution *Optional* (Appendix G)

Proposal Narrative Rating Factors

Section 1: Project Need (Percent Value – 10%)

Within this section, address the criteria that defines the Project Need Rating Factor (see table below) in a cohesive, comprehensive, and concise narrative format.

Project Need: The applicant described a need that is pertinent to the intent of the grant. The elements that comprise this Rating Factor are listed below. Addressing each element does not in itself merit a high rating; rather, although each element is to be addressed (when applicable), it is the quality of the response to each that will be evaluated. The response will be evaluated with a single rating based on a scale of 0-5.	
1.1	Describe the need(s) to be addressed, the process used to determine the need(s), and how the need is related to the intent of the grant program.
1.2	Use relevant local qualitative and/or quantitative data with citations to demonstrate the nature and scale of the specific organized retail theft crimes problem and provide a compelling justification for grant funds

1.3	Describe the existing hurdles of implementing a vertical prosecution model in the jurisdiction to prosecute organized retail theft crimes without the grant funds.
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Section 2: Project Description (Percent Value – 35%)

Within this section address the criteria that defines the Project Description Rating Factor (see table below) in a cohesive, comprehensive, and concise narrative format.

<p>Project Description: The applicant provided a description of the project that is related to the identified need and the intent of the grant. The elements that comprise this Rating Factor are listed below. Addressing each element does not in itself merit a high rating; rather, although each element is to be addressed (when applicable), it is the quality of the response to each that will be evaluated. The response will be evaluated with a single rating based on a scale of 0-5.</p>	
2.1	<p>Describe the vertical prosecution methodology that will be implemented to address the need(s) identified in the Project Need section. The description should also include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the dedicated staff (at least one deputy district attorney and one district attorney investigator) whose primary role is the investigation and prosecution of organized retail theft crimes. • the target area and/or population which will be the focus of the project, including how and why it was selected. • how the proposed project will address the Project Need and the intent of the grant program. • plans to collaborate with online marketplaces and retailers to address the Project Need and organized retail theft property crimes, if applicable. • plans to use alternatives to incarceration, including diversion or restorative justice programs, to address the Project Need and reduce recidivism.
2.2	<p>Describe the proposed project’s goals, objectives, and impact that includes a relationship to the identified need(s) and intent of the grant program.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The completed Project Work Plan (Appendix B) is appropriate for the proposed project aligning with the identified need(s) and intent of the grant program. • The completed Project Work Plan identifies the top goals and objectives (see Appendix C for definitions) and how those will be achieved in terms of the activities, responsible staff/partner agencies, process and outcome measures, data sources, and start and end dates.
2.3	<p>Describe the rationale for the proposed project including research or other evidence indicating that the intended goals and objectives are likely to be achieved.</p>

Section 3: Project Organizational Capacity and Coordination (Percent Value – 25%)

Within this section, address the criteria that define the Project Organizational Capacity and Coordination Rating Factor (see table below) in a cohesive, comprehensive, and concise narrative format.

<p>Project Organizational Capacity and Coordination: The applicant described their organization's ability to implement the proposed project. The elements that comprise this Rating Factor are listed below. Addressing each element does not in itself merit a high rating; rather, although each element is to be addressed (when applicable), it is the quality of the response to each that will be evaluated. The response will be evaluated with a single rating based on a scale of 0-5.</p>	
3.1	<p>Describe the applicant's ability to administer the proposed project. In the descriptions include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the applicant's staffing required and available to operate the project including staff qualifications and training. • project management and oversight to ensure the proposed project is implemented as intended.
3.2	<p>Describe any partner agency(ies) or coordination with other agencies necessary to implement the proposed project. If partners are to be selected after the grant is awarded, specify the process and criteria for selecting the partner agency(ies). The description of partners should include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • their involvement/role that is aligned with the proposed project. • their credentials, involved personnel, experience and capability to conduct the project, and the value the partners add to the proposed project. • the plan to coordinate with these partners. • key partners' letters of commitment provided as attachments (Attachment E).
3.3	<p>Describe the timeline for the execution of contracts or memorandums of understanding with any partner agency(ies) and the implementation of involvement/role to provide services or activities such that they are in a reasonable timeframe to support the project. Include a description of the readiness to proceed, if funded.</p>
3.4	<p>Describe the management structure and decision-making process for the proposed project.</p>
3.5	<p>Describe the plans to sustain the proposed project after grant funds expire.</p>

Section 4: Project Evaluation and Monitoring (Percent Value – 10%)

Within this section, address the criteria that define the Project Evaluation and Monitoring Rating Factor (see table below) in a cohesive, comprehensive, and concise narrative format.

Project Evaluation and Monitoring: The applicant described how it will monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of the proposed project. The elements that are to comprise this Rating Factor are listed below. Addressing each element does not itself merit a high rating; rather, although each element is to be addressed, it is the quality of the response to each that is to be evaluated. The response will be evaluated with a single rating based on a scale of 0-5.	
4.1	Describe the plan to determine the qualified internal staff and/or external partner or entity that will conduct the project evaluation and how monitoring activities will be incorporated in the various phases of the project (e.g., start-up, implementation, service delivery period).
4.2	Identify and define the process measures and outcome measures that are quantifiable and are in line with the intent of the proposed project and the objectives listed in the Work Plan. These measures shall include, at a minimum: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • number of organized retail theft cases filed, convictions obtained, and the sentences imposed for those convictions; • number of instances where vertical prosecution was used to obtain those convictions and the sentences imposed. • number of theft-related property crimes that were charged that did not use the vertical prosecution model and the resulting number of convictions.
4.3	Describe the preliminary plan for monitoring the project to ensure the project components are implemented as intended.
4.4	Describe the preliminary plan for collecting and evaluating data, including baseline data, related to the process measures and outcome measures identified in 4.2. Describe a plan for entering into data sharing agreements, if necessary.
4.5	Describe the research design or methodology that will allow for an assessment of whether the strategy implemented achieved the intended outcomes.

Proposal Budget Instructions

As part of the application process, applicants are required to complete and upload a Proposal Budget Table and Budget Narrative (Budget Attachment) in the budget section of the BSCC-Submittable application page. The Budget Attachment is provided on the [BSCC website](#).

Applicants should be aware that budgets will be subject to review and approval by the BSCC staff to ensure all proposed costs listed within the budget narrative are allowable and eligible for reimbursement. Regardless of any ineligible costs that may need to be addressed post award, the starting budget for the reimbursement invoices and the total amount requested will be the figures used for the Standard Grant Agreement

Applicants are solely responsible for the accuracy and completeness of the information entered in the Proposal Budget Table and Budget Narrative. Detailed instructions for completing the Budget Attachment are listed on the Instructions tab of the Excel workbook. All project costs must be directly related to the objectives and activities of the project. The Budget Table must cover the entire grant period.

For additional guidance related to grant budgets, refer to the [BSCC Grant Administration Guide](#).

Proposal Budget Rating Factor

Section 5: Project Budget (Percent Value – 20%)

The following items are rated as part of this section and must be addressed by the applicant in the Budget Attachment.

Project Budget: The applicant provided a complete Budget Attachment (Budget Table and Budget Narrative) for the proposed project. The elements against which the Budget Attachment will be rated are listed below. Addressing each element does not in itself merit a high rating; rather, although each element is to be addressed (when applicable), it is the quality of the response to each that will be evaluated. The response will be evaluated with a single rating based on a scale of 0-5.	
5.1	Provide complete and detailed budget information in the Budget Attachment (Budget Table and Budget Narrative) that for each section: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• includes a brief explanation justifying each expense.• ensures expenses are appropriate for the grant's intent, the project's goals, and planned activities.

PART III: APPENDIXES

Appendixes

This section includes the following appendixes:

- Appendix A: Assembly Bill 178
- Appendix B: Project Work Plan
- Appendix C: Glossary of Terms
- Appendix D: Grantee Assurance for Non-Governmental Organizations
- Appendix E: Letter(s) of Commitment
- Appendix F: Certification of Compliance with BSCC Policies on Debarment, Fraud, Theft, and Embezzlement
- Appendix G: Governing Board Resolution

Appendix A: Assembly Bill 178

5227-118-0001—For local assistance, Board of State and Community Corrections 10,000,000

Schedule:

4945-Corrections Planning and
(1) Grant Programs 10,000,000

Provisions:

The funding appropriated in this item shall be available for competitive grants for district attorneys for the Organized Retail Theft Vertical Prosecution Grant Program for the purpose of addressing increased levels of retail theft property crimes by using a vertical prosecution model.

1.

In awarding the funds, the Board of State and Community Corrections shall, at minimum, require the grantee to demonstrate the following requirements on its application for the competitive grant:

2.

How the additional funds will meaningfully address the increase in organized retail theft in the jurisdiction and the existing hurdles of implementing a vertical prosecution model in their jurisdiction to prosecute these crimes without this grant.

(a)

How the funding will be used in facilitating collaboration with online marketplaces and retailers to address the increase in property crimes in the jurisdiction.

(b)

How the jurisdiction plans to use alternatives to incarceration, including diversion or restorative justice programs, to reduce organized retail theft and help reduce recidivism.

(c)

How the jurisdiction will be able to sustain this program upon the expiration of this one-time grant funding.

(d)

3. The county receiving the competitive grant shall do the following:

Employ a vertical prosecution methodology for organized retail theft crimes.

(a)

Dedicate at least one deputy district attorney and one district attorney investigator whose primary role is the investigation and prosecution of organized retail theft crimes.

(b)

Provide the Board of State and Community Corrections with annual data on the number of organized retail theft cases filed by that county, the number of organized retail theft convictions obtained, and the sentences imposed for those convicted of organized retail theft in that county. The county shall also provide the number of instances where vertical prosecution was used to obtain those convictions and the sentences imposed. The county shall also provide the number of theft-related property crimes that were charged overall in the jurisdiction that did not use the vertical prosecution model and the resulting number of convictions.

(c)

On or before January 1, 2027, the Board of State and Community Corrections shall submit to the Legislature and the Governor a report relating to the information provided in subdivision (c) of Provision 3, and how the funding was used, and a description of the outcomes of the grant.

4.

Funding received by district attorney offices pursuant to this program shall be used to supplement, and not supplant, existing financial resources.

5.

Of the amount identified in Schedule (1), up to 5 percent shall be available to the Board of State and Community Corrections for transfer to Schedule (1) of Item 5227-001-0001 for costs to administer the grant program. Funds transferred pursuant to this provision are available for encumbrance or expenditure until June 30, 2027.

6.

Appendix B: Project Work Plan

Applicants must complete a Project Work Plan. This Project Work Plan identifies measurable goals and objectives, process and outcome measures, activities and services, responsible parties for those activities and services, data sources and estimated timelines. Completed plans should (1) identify the project’s top goals and objectives; (2) identify how the goal(s) will be achieved in terms of the activities, responsible staff/partners, and start and end dates, process and outcome measures; and (3) provide goals and objectives with a clear relationship to the need and intent of the grant. As this grant term is for three (3) years, the Project Work Plan must attempt to identify activities/services and estimate timelines for the entire grant term. A minimum of one goal and corresponding objectives, process measures, etc. must be identified.

Applicants must use the Project Work Plan provided below. You will be prompted to upload this document to the BSCC-Submittable Application.

(1) Goal:	> [REDACTED]		
Objectives (A., B., etc.)	> [REDACTED]		
Process Measures and Outcome Measures:	> [REDACTED]		
Project activities that support the identified goal and objectives:	Responsible staff/partners	Timeline	
		Start Date	End Date
> [REDACTED]	> [REDACTED]	> [REDACTED]	> [REDACTED]
List data and sources to be used to measure outcomes: >			

(2) Goal:	>		
Objectives (A., B., etc.)	>		
Process Measures and Outcome Measures:	>		
Project activities that support the identified goal and objectives:	Responsible staff/partners	Timeline	
		Start Date	End Date
>	>	>	>
List data and sources to be used to measure outcomes: >			

(3) Goal:	>		
Objectives (A., B., etc.)	>		
Process Measures and Outcome Measures:	>		
Project activities that support the identified goal and objectives:	Responsible staff/partners	Timeline	
		Start Date	End Date
>	>	>	>
List data and sources to be used to measure outcomes: >			

Appendix C: Glossary of Terms

Case Management

A collaborative process which assesses, plans, implements, coordinates, monitors, and evaluates the options and services required to meet an individual's health needs.³

Community-Based Organization

For this RFP, a Community-Based Organization is an organization located in the State of California that has been determined by the IRS to have 501(c)(3) status (i.e., nonprofit).

Evaluations (Process and Outcomes)

Process Evaluation⁴

The purpose of the process evaluation is to assess how program activities are being carried out in accordance with goals and objectives. Process measures are designed to answer the question: "What is the program actually doing and is this what we planned it to do?"

Examples of process measures could include:

- Project staff have been recruited, hired, and trained according to the proposal.
- Activities/strategies have been implemented on time according to the proposal.
- Number of interagency agreements entered into by the program compared to the number planned.
- Number of trainings conducted.
- Number of neighborhood meetings conducted.

Outcome Evaluation⁵

The purpose of the outcome evaluation is to identify whether the program "worked" in terms of achieving its goals and objectives. Outcome measures are designed to answer the question: "What results did the program produce?"

Examples of outcome measures include:

- Results of pre/post surveys (e.g., changes in the reported confidence/trust in law enforcement among community members).
- Implementation of regular, ongoing community forums where community dialogue takes place.
- Changes in policies at the Lead Agency level to reflect procedural justice principles.

In an evidence-based practice approach, outcome evaluations must include not only the measures but also analysis of the extent to which the measured results can be attributed to the program rather than to coincidence or alternative explanations.

³ Source: National Institute of Health

⁴ Justice Research and Statistics Association, Juvenile Justice Evaluation Center. (2003, June). Juvenile Justice Program Evaluation: An overview (Second Edition) p. 7. Retrieved from <http://www.jrsa.org/njjec/publications/program-evaluation.pdf>

⁵ Id at pp. 7-8.

Evidence-based / Promising Practices

Evidence-based practices are programs and strategies that have been found effective at improving outcomes, using rigorous scientific research methods. Programs and strategies may be evidence-based across all populations, or only for particular cultures and identities.

Promising practices are programs and strategies that have shown some positive results and potential for improving outcomes. They may have evidence from use in real-world settings, a strong theoretical framework, and/or expert opinion, but have not been fully replicated in scientific studies. Depending on the level of scientific evidence, these are sometimes referred to as “evidence-informed,” “research-supported,” or “emerging” practices.

Financial Audit

A financial audit provides assurances that an organization’s financial statements are free of material misstatement based upon the application of generally accepted accounting principles.

Goals and Objectives

Goals and objectives are terms in common use, sometimes used interchangeably because both refer to the intended results of program activities. Goals are longer-term than objectives, more broadly stated and govern the specific objectives to which program activities are directed.

In proposals, goals are defined by broad statements of what the program intends to accomplish, representing the long-term intended outcome of the program.⁶

Examples of goal statements:⁷

- To reduce the number of serious and chronic juvenile offenders.
- To divert nonviolent juvenile offenders from state juvenile correctional institutions.
- To restore the losses suffered by the victims of crimes.

Objectives are defined by statements of specific, measurable aims of program activities.⁸ Objectives detail the tasks that must be completed to achieve goals.⁹ Descriptions of objectives in the proposals should include three elements:¹⁰

1. Direction – the expected change or accomplishment (e.g., improve, maintain);
2. Timeframe – when the objective will be achieved; and

⁶ Justice Research and Statistics Association, Juvenile Justice Evaluation Center. (2003, June). *Juvenile Justice Program Evaluation: An overview (Second Edition)*. Retrieved from <http://www.jrsa.org/njiec/publications/program-evaluation.pdf>. See also New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services. *A Guide to Developing Goals and Objectives for Your Program*. Retrieved from .

⁷ *Id.* at p. 4.

⁸ National Center for Justice Planning. Overview of Strategic Planning. *Where Do We Want to Be? Goals and Objectives*. Retrieved from <http://ncjp.org/strategic-planning/overview/where-do-we-want-be/goals-objectives>.

⁹ *Id.*; see *supra* fn 1.

¹⁰ Justice Research and Statistics Association, Juvenile Justice Evaluation Center. (2003, June). *Juvenile Justice Program Evaluation: An overview (Second Edition)* p. 5. Retrieved from <http://www.jrsa.org/njiec/publications/program-evaluation.pdf>.

3. Target Population– who is affected by the objective.

Examples of program objectives:¹¹

- By the end of the program, young, drug-addicted juveniles will recognize the long-term consequences of drug use.
 - To place eligible juveniles in an intensive supervision program within two weeks of adjudication to ensure offender accountability and community safety.
 - To ensure that juvenile offenders carry out all the terms of the mediation agreements they have worked out with their victims by program completion.

Qualitative Data

Data/information that is based on written or spoken narratives. The purpose of qualitative data/information is to explain and gain insight and understanding of events through collection of narrative data/information.

Quantitative Data

Data/information that is based on numbers and mathematical calculations. The purpose of quantitative data is to explain, predict, and/or control events through focused collection of numerical data.

¹¹ *Id.*

Appendix D: Grantee Assurance for Non-Governmental Organizations

The Organized Retail Theft Vertical Prosecution Grant Program Request for Proposals (RFP) includes requirements that apply to non-governmental organizations (NGOs)¹² providing services with grant funds. Grantees are responsible for ensuring that all contracted third parties continually meet these requirements as a condition of receiving funds. The RFP describes these requirements as follows:

Any non-governmental organization that receives Organized Retail Theft Vertical Prosecution Grant Program Grant funds (as either a subgrantee or subcontractor) must:

- Have been duly organized, in existence, and in good standing for at least six (6) months prior to the effective date of its fiscal agreement with the BSCC or with the Organized Retail Theft Vertical Prosecution Grant Program grantee;
 - Non-governmental entities that have recently reorganized or have merged with other qualified non-governmental entities that were in existence prior to the six (6) month date are also eligible, provided all necessary agreements have been executed and filed with the California Secretary of State prior to the start date of the grant agreement with the BSCC or the start date of the grantee subcontractor fiscal agreement;
- Be registered with the California Secretary of State's Office, if applicable;
- Have a valid Employer Identification Number (EIN) or Taxpayer ID (if sole proprietorship);
- Have a valid business license, if applicable;
- Have no outstanding civil judgments or liens;
- Have any other state or local licenses or certifications necessary to provide the services requested (e.g., facility licensing by the Department of Health Care Services), if applicable; and
- Have a physical address within California. (An agent for service of process with a California address is insufficient.)

Completing the NGO Assurance (Following Page)

1. Provide the name of the Applicant Agency (the Grantee),
2. List all contracted parties (if known),
3. Check Yes or No to indicate if each contracted part meets the requirements
4. Sign and Submit to the BSCC

NOTE: If the name of the contracted party is unknown or if there will be no contracted parties. Write N/A in the "Name of Contracted Party" field and sign the document.

¹² For the purposes of this RFP, NGOs include nonprofit and for-profit community-based organizations, faith-based organizations, evaluators (except government institutions such as universities), grant management companies, and any other non-governmental agency or individual.

**Organized Retail Theft Vertical Prosecution Grant Program
Non-Governmental Organization Assurances**

Name of Applicant:

Name of Contracted Party	Address	Email / Phone	Meets All Requirements
			Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
			Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
			Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
			Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

*Grantees are required to update this list and submit it to BSCC any time a new third-party contract is executed after the initial assurance date. Grantees shall retain (on-site) applicable source documentation for each contracted party that verifies compliance with the requirements listed in the RFP. The BSCC will not reimburse for costs incurred by any third party that does not meet the requirements listed above and for which the BSCC does not have a signed grantee assurance on file.

A signature below is an assurance that all requirements listed above have been met.

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

This document must be signed by the person who is authorized to sign the Grant Agreement.

NAME OF AUTHORIZED OFFICER	TITLE	TELEPHONE NUMBER	EMAIL ADDRESS
STREET ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE (Blue Ink Only)			DATE

Appendix E: Letter(s) of Commitment

If the success of the applicant's proposed activity, strategy, or program relies on the participation of an outside agency or organization (i.e., an entity other than the applicant), the applicant must include a Letter of Commitment. Letter(s) of Commitment should reflect that the outside agency or organization is aware of the proposed project, is committed to ensuring the success of the project, and agrees to participate.

[To be submitted on letterhead of the OUTSIDE ENTITY]

To: Board of State and Community Corrections
Re: The Organized Retail Theft Vertical Prosecution Grant Program
Date: [must be within 3 months of proposal submission]

This letter is being submitted to document that [NAME OF THE OUTSIDE ENTITY] agrees to partner on the Organized Retail Theft Vertical Prosecution Grant Program proposal being submitted by [NAME OF APPLICANT].

As a part of this grant, [NAME OF OUTSIDE ENTITY] agrees to [DESCRIBE THE NATURE OF THE PARTNERSHIP, I.E. WHAT THE OUTSIDE ENTITY IS AGREEING TO DO, ETC.].

Signed by,

Name, Title

[must be the Executive Officer, Department Head, or other Authorized Representative of the Outside Entity]

Appendix F: Certification of Compliance with BSCC Polices on Debarment, Fraud, Theft and Embezzlement

It is the policy of the BSCC to protect grant funds from unreasonable risks of fraudulent, criminal, or other improper use. As such, the Board will not enter into contracts or provide reimbursement to applicants that have been:

1. debarred by any federal, state, or local government entities during the period of debarment; or
2. convicted of fraud, theft, or embezzlement of federal, state, or local government grant funds for a period of three years following conviction.

Furthermore, the BSCC requires grant recipients to provide an assurance that there has been no applicable debarment, disqualification, suspension, or removal from a federal, state or local grant program on the part of the grantee at the time of application and that the grantee will immediately notify the BSCC should such debarment or conviction occur during the term of the Grant contract.

BSCC also requires that all grant recipients include, as a condition of award to a subgrantee or subcontractor, a requirement that the subgrantee or subcontractor will provide the same assurances to the grant recipient. If a grant recipient wishes to consider a subgrantee or subcontractor that has been debarred or convicted, the grant recipient must submit a written request for exception to the BSCC along with supporting documentation.

By checking the following boxes and signing below, applicant affirms that:

I/We are not currently debarred by any federal, state, or local entity from applying for or receiving federal, state, or local grant funds.

I/We have not been convicted of any crime involving theft, fraud, or embezzlement of federal, state, or local grant funds within the last three years. We will notify the BSCC should such debarment or conviction occur during the term of the Grant contract.

I/We will hold subgrantees and subcontractors to these same requirements.

A grantee may make a request in writing to the Executive Director of the BSCC for an exception to the debarment policy. Any determination made by the Executive Director shall be made in writing.

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE			
This document must be signed by the person who is authorized to sign the Grant Agreement.			
NAME OF AUTHORIZED OFFICER	TITLE	TELEPHONE NUMBER	EMAIL ADDRESS
STREET ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE (Blue Ink Only)			DATE
X			

Appendix G: Governing Board Resolution

Before grant funds can be reimbursed, a grantee must either (1) submit a resolution from its Governing Board that delegates authority to the individual authorized to execute the grant agreement or (2) provide sufficient documentation indicating that the prospective grantee has been vested with plenary authority to execute grant agreements (e.g., County Board of Supervisors delegating such authority to an Agency head).

Below is assurance language that, at a minimum, must be included in the resolution submitted to the Board of State and Community Corrections.

WHEREAS the ***(insert name of Local Government)*** desires to participate in the Organized Retail Theft Vertical Prosecution Grant Program funded through the State Budget Act and administered by the Board of State and Community Corrections (hereafter referred to as the BSCC).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the ***(insert title of designated official)*** be authorized on behalf of the ***(insert name of Governing Board)*** to submit the grant proposal for this funding and sign the Grant Agreement with the BSCC, including any amendments thereof.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that grant funds received hereunder shall not be used to supplant expenditures controlled by this body.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the ***(insert name of Local Government)*** agrees to abide by the terms and conditions of the Grant Agreement as set forth by the BSCC.

Passed, approved, and adopted by the ***(insert name of Governing Board)*** in a meeting thereof held on ***(insert date)*** by the following:

Ayes:

Notes:

Absent:

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Typed Name and Title: _____

ATTEST: Signature: _____ Date: _____

Typed Name and Title: _____