

Firearm Relinquishment Grant Program

Introductory Webinar

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AGENDA

- Background
- Eligibility / Permissible Activities
- Application Timeline and Process
- Application Tips
- Selection Criteria and Scoring
- Questions



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Assembly Bill 178

\$40 million in one-time funding to support firearm relinquishment efforts.

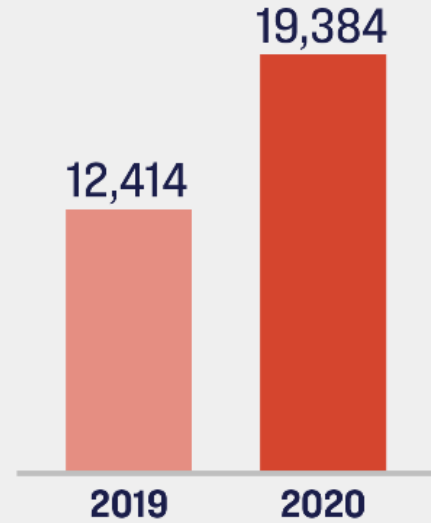


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CAUSE OF DEATH FOR CHILDREN

In 2020, guns were the leading cause of death for American children, outpacing deaths from car crashes, cancer, and COVID-19.



GUN HOMICIDES ROSE 34% FROM 2019 TO 2020

2020 saw the single largest one-year increase in gun homicides on record. This came on the heels of years of steadily rising homicides, which increased 31% from 2014 to 2019.



75%

OF HOMICIDES INVOLVE A GUN

One-third of all gun deaths are homicides, and guns are used in more than 75% of all homicides in the United States.



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Source: Giffords Law Center
Based on data from CDC

ELIGIBILITY

- All superior courts
- Contract with at least **one** Law Enforcement Agency (LEA)
- At least 30% of funding to LEA
- Support new or expanded firearm relinquishment program
- Deadline to Apply – **October 21, 2022**



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ELIGIBILITY

“Law enforcement agency” is defined as probation departments, sheriff’s offices, police department, or multiagency teams including some or all of these agencies in a jurisdiction.



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PERMISSIBLE COURT ACTIVITIES

- Process cases
- Help with completing forms
- Consult and update case management systems and firearms-related systems
- Regional planning, coordination, or collaboration with neighboring courts, LEA, or other partners
- Data collection and reporting



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PERMISSIBLE COURT ACTIVITIES

Implement Senate Bill 320

- Conduct compliance hearings
- Provide notice to LEA and prosecuting agencies
- Coordinate the relinquishment of firearms and ammo with LEAs
- Create or update local protocols



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PERMISSIBLE LAW ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES

- Process and serve court orders
- Inform individuals how to properly relinquish firearms and ammunition
- Investigate whether an individual has relinquished their firearm and removing them when necessary
- Update case management systems
- Report firearm disposition information to the DOJ



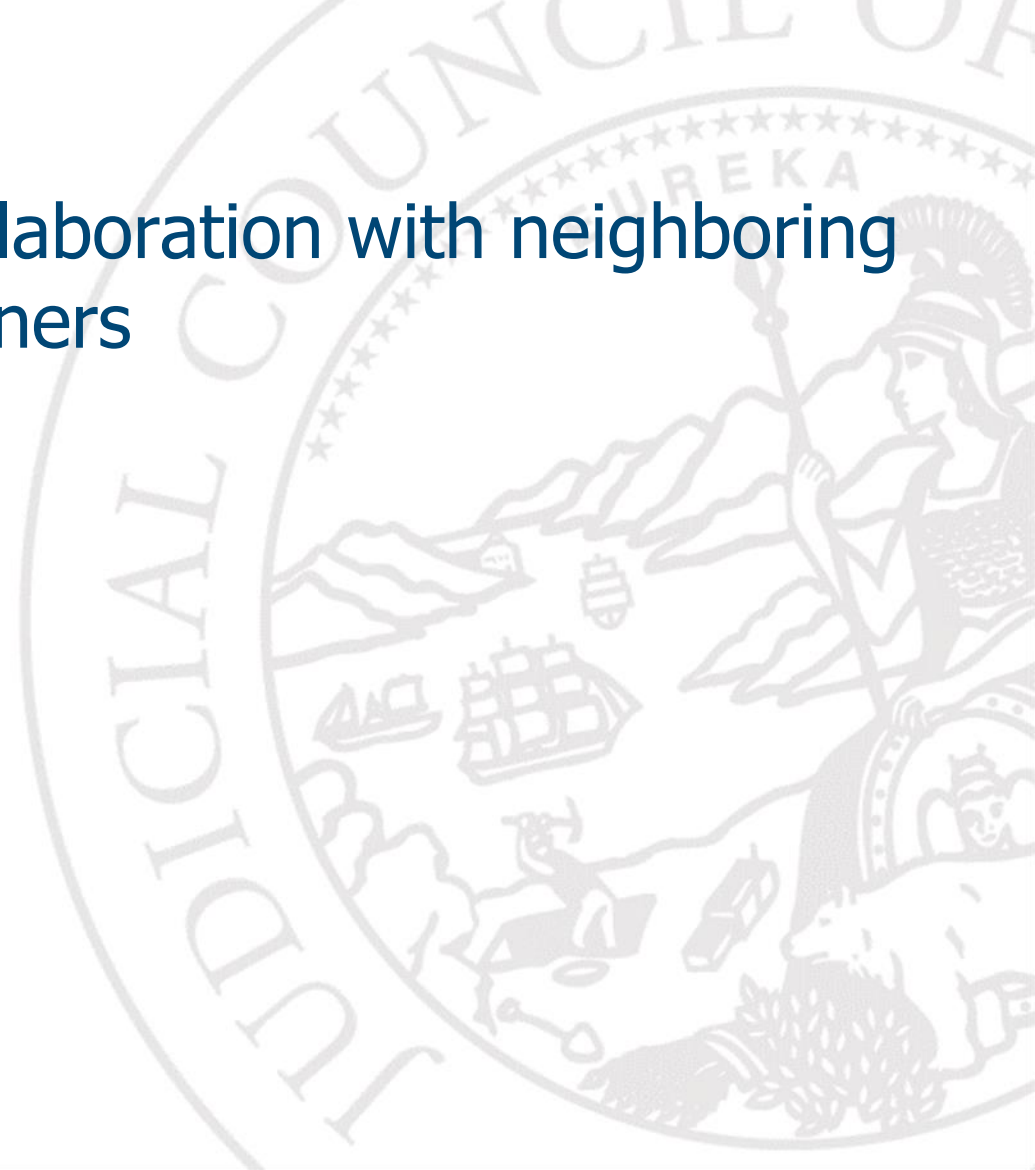
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DATA COLLECTION AND REPORTING

Quarterly Reports must be submitted including:

- The number of filings addressed by type of order;
- The number of firearm-related background checks conducted;
- The range and average number of days from the firearm and ammunition prohibition by the court to removing or confirming relinquishment;
- The number of individuals who relinquish firearms voluntarily;
- The number of firearms relinquished;
- To whom the firearms were relinquished;
- The number of firearms removed by law enforcement and their disposition; and
- Any other data required by the Judicial Council.



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APPLICATION TIMELINE AND PROCESS

Dates	Activity
Sept 12, 2022	Memorandum sent to all Presiding Judges and Court Executive Officers
Sept 22, 2022	Informational webinar for potential applicants
Oct 21, 2022	Applications due
Oct 24 – Nov 21, 2022	Review Process
Jan 20, 2023	Judicial Council Meeting
Jan 23-27, 2023	Issue Award Notifications
Feb 1, 2023	Grant period begins



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APPLICATION TIMELINE AND PROCESS

- Begin meeting with local law enforcement agencies to develop application and budget.
- Budget – 3-year budget sheets for court and each law enforcement partner.
- The application **must** be electronically certified by the court and participating law enforcement partners before submission.



APPLICATION TIPS

- Create a free Submittable account
- Invite Collaborators
- Suggest drafting narrative responses in Word first
- Save frequently
- Make sure certifications are checked and verified
- Upload Budget
- Submit to send application.



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APPLICATION TIPS: INVITING COLLABORATORS




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OPERATIONS AND PROGRAMS DIVISION
CENTER FOR FAMILIES, CHILDREN & THE COURTS

AB 178 Firearm Relinquishment Grant Program

Ends on October 21, 2022

The Budget Act of 2022, Assembly Bill 178, appropriated \$40 million to be allocated to the Judicial Council to support firearm relinquishment efforts statewide. The Judicial Council of California, Center for Families, Children & the Courts, invites superior courts to apply for the AB 178 Firearm Relinquishment Grant. This funding is available to support court-based firearm relinquishment programs to ensure the consistent safe removal of firearms from individuals who become prohibited from owning or possessing firearms and ammunition pursuant to court order.

 [Manage Collaborators](#)

PURPOSE

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APPLICATION TIPS: BUDGET AND SUBMISSION

F. PROJECT BUDGET

This grant is reimbursement-based. Courts must submit monthly invoices for approved allowable expenses incurred. Grant funds will be disbursed on a monthly basis once staff has determined that the claims comply with all grant reporting requirements. **The applicant must complete a project budget as part of the application to be considered.**

Upload the completed budget for your program. *

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Select up to 5 files to attach. No files have been attached yet. You may add 5 more files.

Acceptable file types: .xls, .xlsx

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SELECTION CRITERIA AND SCORING

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FIREARM RELINQUISHMENT GRANT PROGRAM
GRANT APPLICATION REVIEWER RATING AND SCORING SHEET
FOR FISCAL YEARS 2022–23 THROUGH 2024–25

Date of Review: _____

Applicant Court: Superior Court of California, County of _____

Total Funds Requested: _____

No. of Requests for DVROs filed since January 1, 2019: _____

No. of Requests for GVROs filed since January 1, 2019: _____

GRG Group Number: _____

GRG Reviewer Number: _____

SUMMARY OF SCORES FOR GRANT APPLICATION PROPOSAL

1. Strength of Program Activities (80 points) _____

2. Evaluation (10 points) _____

3. Budget (10 points) _____

TOTAL POINTS (100 points): _____

Each of the above categories contain questions that are assigned a point value. Grant funding recommendations will not be based on numeric scores alone. The Judicial Council will also consider geographic diversity including population and court size. Priority will be given to 1) firearm relinquishment activities related to domestic violence restraining orders, gun violence restraining orders, or any other civil protective order, and 2) courts with higher numbers of requests, per capita, for domestic violence restraining orders or gun violence restraining orders filed. The final number and amount of grant funding is subject to approval by Judicial Council.



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Scoring

Strength of Program Activities – 80 points

Evaluation – 10 points

Budget – 10 points

Total 100 points

Plus Priority:

- Diversity in geographic location and court size
- Firearm relinquishment activities for civil restraining orders
- Courts with higher numbers of requests per capita for DVROs and GVROs filed

SELECTION CRITERIA AND SCORING

Each scoring criteria relates to a question or section in application.



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PROJECT NARRATIVE	SCORING CRITERIA	SCORE	COMMENTS
Strength of Program Activities			
15 points (Question 3a)	A. Description of how funding will be used to support new or expanded firearm relinquishment activities.		
15 points (Question 3b)	B. Description of the structure of the program.		
15 points (Question 3c)	C. Description of the roles and responsibilities of the court and each partner law enforcement agency.		
15 points (Question 3a-c)	D. Description of permissible activities that support the goals of the grant program to ensure the consistent safe removal of firearms from individuals who are prohibited from owning or possessing firearms and ammunition pursuant to court order.		
10 points (Question 3d)	E. Description of any anticipated implementation challenges and proposed plans to address them.		

PROVIDED FOR REFERENCE ONLY



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Of Current Interest

Firearm Relinquishment Grant Program: Apply by October, 21

\$36 million is available to superior courts to support firearm relinquishment efforts. Please submit your application online using the following [link](#) by Friday, October 21, 2022. For instructions on how to submit your application using Submittable please visit: [How can I submit?](#) Any questions regarding the application should be emailed to firearmsgrant@jud.ca.gov.

A webinar on the grant program is scheduled for September 22, 2022, and you can sign up for it at this link: [Register](#). A recording of the webinar will be posted on the Judicial Resources Network.

Additional Resources:

- AB 178 Firearm Relinquishment Grant Program [Application](#)
- Firearm Relinquishment Grant [Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- Grant Application Reviewer Rating and Scoring [Sheet](#)

Quick Links

- » [Families Change](#)
- » [Publications](#)
- » [What's Happening in Court?](#)

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QUESTIONS

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