

2024 REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
California Firearm Violence Research Center
Research Grant Award Program
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)
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1. Does this funding allow any indirect costs?

No. Indirect expenses are unallowable with this funding.

2. Does research focused on reentry and prevention of recidivism fit under the funding program's definition of violence prevention?

Yes. We recognize that violence and violence-related harms can take multiple interrelated forms and may require integrated solutions that address various levels of the social ecology and/or levels of prevention.

The key question for us is going to be – to what extent will the proposed project contribute to knowledge and evidence on the causes, consequences, and/or prevention of violence and/or improvements in safety and equity outcomes, particularly among populations or communities experiencing the greatest burdens of violence and structural or systemic inequities. We encourage you to adequately justify the ways in which your proposal will contribute to these goals.

3. Can I apply for only one year of research/funding?

Yes, proposed projects can be shorter than two years but may not exceed two years.

4. Is this grant opportunity exclusively for researchers within the UC system, or are individuals and organizations outside of the UC system also eligible to apply?

This funding opportunity is **not** restricted to University of California (UC) campuses. To be eligible, principal investigators (PIs) and co-principal investigators (co-PIs) must be employed (or enrolled) at two- or four-year institutions of higher education (including community colleges) or other qualified nonprofit research institutions located in California.

5. Given that subawards are not allowed, can a co-PI from another institution be paid as a purchased service in the budget, or is there another way to bring a co-PI from another institution on to the project?

Yes, a co-principal investigator (co-PI) from a different institution than the Lead PI can be paid as a purchased service. For this funding opportunity, the organization applying for and receiving funds directly from us will be the Lead PI. Since subawards are not allowed, key investigators functioning as consultants or co-PIs for purchased services, will have a fully developed scope of work, but all decisions related to research integrity,

deliverables, etc. will rest with the Lead PI. The Lead PI will also serve as the primary point of contact. Proposals should include a discussion of roles/responsibilities that clearly delineates scope of work commensurate with that of a Lead PI and work commensurate with another PI.

For UC campuses: If co-PIs are at different institutions and one is a University of California (UC) institution, the application must come from the University of California PI. UC funding will **only** be made via interlocation transfer which is a campus-to-campus accounting transfer. This is not a Multiple Campus Award, nor is it sponsored research. Note that, specific to this question of multiple PIs, UC purchased service agreements do not confer intellectual property rights. We encourage PIs to discuss this issue with potential co-PIs when considering submitting a proposal with multiple PIs.

- 6. I completed my M.P.H. at University X, and ideally, I will begin the Dr.PH program in fall of 2025. I am also an employee at University X. To summarize, I am not a current student, but I am an employee. My question is whether I am eligible to receive grant funding for my doctoral program project?**

Unfortunately, you do not meet the eligibility criteria at this time. To be eligible for funding for this grant award program as a graduate student co-PI, applicants must be currently enrolled as a student in a graduate degree program at the anticipated start date of the award (October 2024).

For further context, proposals to support the research of a postdoctoral scholar or graduate student must be submitted with a PI and a co-PI. The PI must be the faculty advisor of the postdoctoral scholar/graduate student and they must be located at the same research institution. The postdoctoral scholar or graduate student must serve as the co-PI on the proposal.

This is the third cycle of grant award program funding from our Center, and we anticipate future funding will be made available on a recurring basis. We encourage you to apply in the future once you have initiated your graduate program.