Rural Violent Crime Reduction Initiative (RVCRI)
Review of the Field & Final Report

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*Proposals are due no later than Friday, September 15th at 5:00PM EST*

BACKGROUND
LISC Safety & Justice provides training and technical assistance (TTA) to place-based crime prevention efforts in cities around the country. This includes TTA activities associated with one TTA award from the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) under the Rural Violent Crime Reduction Initiative. Grantee sites assigned to LISC Safety & Justice for TTA support include a variety of community and law enforcement partnerships to reduce and prevent crime. All Local RVCRI grantees are local law enforcement agencies, working alongside community-based partners, to develop responses to the drivers of crime in persistent problem areas in their jurisdictions. Initial program efforts are underway and scheduled to continue through late 2025. Program priorities include use of research and data to guide decision-making; ongoing community engagement; and integrating crime responses with broader neighborhood revitalization activities.

PROJECT SCOPE OF WORK
LISC seeks a consultant or organization to engage the field of RVCRI grantees (both BJA awarded grantees and direct subaward grantees of LISC) to better understand common themes around programmatic successes, challenges, and lessons learned that may be shared, through development of a written report, with BJA, LISC and the broader Safety & Justice field. A publicly available version of the report will likely be highlighted as a key knowledge-sharing product on the LISC Safety & Justice program webpage. Expectations of the consultation or organization will include:

▪ Conducting planning calls and/or meetings with LISC and/or BJA to discuss the scope and timeline for the written report and grantee capacity to respond to requests for information;
▪ Engaging LISC’s portfolio of RVCRI grantees throughout the grant term (process to conclude by June 2025); and;
▪ Developing written report (incorporating LISC and BJA feedback) that 1) reviews and summarizes crime reduction strategies selected by grantees 2) highlights program implementation successes, challenges, and sustainability opportunities 3) suggests key components and partnerships for future, similar rural violent crime reduction efforts.

SELECTION CRITERIA
LISC shall enter into contracts only with responsible contractors who possess the ability to perform the tasks outlined in this RFP within the maximum allotted budget ($50,000.00). LISC will select a proposal that demonstrates the applicant has had experience successfully completing similar projects and that clearly shows how the applicant will meet the tasks and goals outlined above. LISC will select the proposal that best reflects the priorities of the RVCRI program and is best suited to the needs of the field.
Proposals should describe a plan of action as well as relevant technical knowledge or skill, such as previous experience working with BJA and federal training and technical assistance providers along with engagement of federal grantees in the field. LISC will also consider evidence of whether the consultant has been designated by a local or state government as a small, minority, or woman-owned business during the selection process.

**HOW TO APPLY**

Please submit the following to John A. Connelly, Senior Program Officer, at jconnelly@lisc.org

1. A summary of recent and relevant projects and relevant academic expertise including experience working with underserved or underrepresented communities;

2. Proposed payment schedule based on major deliverables/phases of this project;

3. Resumes and/or description of qualifications/background of key staff involved in deliverables; and

4. Names, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses of three professional or academic references.