

The Gun and Gang Violence Research Grant program provides time limited grant funding that is available for a period of three years, for projects/programs that focus on gang-related academic research.

Program Overview

Funding from up to \$75,000 per fiscal year (2025/2026 to 2027/28) is available for new gun and gang research projects, and up to three for eligible longer-term projects.

Research projects must be Alberta-based and meet at least one of the following objectives:

- Enhance efforts to prevent gun and gang violence.
- Disrupt and combat gun and gang violence.
- Increase awareness and understanding of issues related to gun and gang violence.

Possible Examples of Eligible Projects

- Research projects involving gang prevention and gang exit.
- Research projects involving reasons for joining a gang.
- Research projects involving gang membership, activities, and values.
- Research projects involving gang dynamics and demographics.
- Research projects involving financial and/or economic analysis of gun and gang activity.

Researchers may use qualitative or quantitative methods, or a combination of both.

Eligible Applicants

Applicants must be located in Alberta and represent one of the following:

- A student, researcher, or professor stationed at a recognized Alberta Post-Secondary Institution.

Eligible Expenses

Funding is for direct project costs only and limited to the period of the proposed funding. The following activities are eligible as project costs:

- Staffing salaries (e.g., research assistant).
- Staff accommodation (e.g., for attending conferences or for data collection).
- Staff travel (e.g., for attending conferences or for data collection).
- Evaluation and report writing; not exceeding 10% of the total budget per year.
- Program Materials or Equipment to support the delivery of the initiative (e.g., workbooks, pamphlets, tools, public safety equipment, etc.).
- Office supplies.

Additional expenses not listed above must be approved by PSES staff.

Ineligible Projects & Activities

- Projects that plan to send grant monies to another organization for third party use (e.g., flow-through funding; setting up grants and loans).
- Retroactive expenses incurred prior to the commencement of the grant agreement term date.

Amount of Funding Available

Funding from up to \$75,000 per year (2025/2026 to 2027/28) for research projects, for up to three years for eligible projects (up to \$225,000).

NOTE: Funding is limited and not all applications will be funded.

Evaluation

Research projects that receive funding will be required to present findings to Alberta Public Safety and Emergency Services (PSES), in the form of presentations and reports. Those awarded the GGVAF research grant must set aside up to 10% of the funding request for evaluation and presentation of results.

Supporting Documents Required when Applying

- Completed research application
- Research ethics approval from a recognized Research Ethics Board.
- All data collection instruments or methods to be used to conduct the Research, including but not limited to interview guides, focus group guides, surveys, questionnaires, risk assessment tools, psychometric/psychological tests, and medical tests
- Criminal record checks for all members of the research team

NOTE: Incomplete and/or late applications will not be considered. Please contact our office if you need help completing the application.

CONTACT: For questions regarding application or program details, email goa.pses-ssiiresearchunit@gov.ab.ca.

Please keep a copy of your application for your records.

Reporting

- Successful applicants will be required to submit a final report and a presentation following the end of the grant term.

Financial Reporting

- An Actuals Financial Report is required upon the end of the grant year and term (template will be provided).