

**Gang Resistance Education And Training (G.R.E.A.T.) Program  
Regional Training Centers  
Frequently Asked Questions**

**1. What is the deadline for applications?**

All applications are due by 8:00 p.m. e.t. on January 15, 2009. Applicants are urged to submit applications at least 72 hours prior to the due date of the application to allow time to receive the validation message from Grants.gov and to correct any problems that may have caused a rejection notification. If you experience difficulties submitting your application or do not get a confirmation message from Grants.gov, report the problem to David Adams at 1-202-514-5309. Your problem report must be received prior to the actual deadline to submit applications.

**2. How do I apply for this funding?**

All applications must be submitted via Grants.gov ([www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov)). For technical assistance with submitting the application, please contact the Grants.gov Customer Support Hotline at: 1-800-518-4726 or [support@grants.gov](mailto:support@grants.gov). Grants.gov Support Hotline hours of operation are Monday-Friday, 7:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m., e.t. Please read the instructions provided in the announcement regarding "How to Apply" on page 6 of the announcement. We highly recommend that applicants start the registration process for Grants.gov as early as possible to prevent delays in submitting an application package.

**3. Who is eligible to apply for this grant program?**

Applicants are limited to state, local, or tribal jurisdictions and their respective law enforcement agencies with an active G.R.E.A.T. Program in their community. For-profit (commercial) organizations, non-profit organizations, and institutions of higher education, with demonstrated experience in providing regional and local training and a thorough knowledge of the G.R.E.A.T. Program, may partner with a law enforcement agency with an active G.R.E.A.T. Program in their community. For-profit organizations must agree to waive any profit or fees for services.

**4. Are tribal organizations (American Indian Tribes and Alaska Native Tribes and/or tribal organizations) eligible to apply?**

Yes. All tribal applications must be accompanied by a current authorizing resolution of the governing body of the tribal entity or other enactment of the tribal council or comparable government body. If the grant will benefit more than one tribal entity, a current authorizing resolution or other enactment of the tribal council or comparable government body from each tribal entity must be included. If the grant application is being submitted on behalf of a tribal entity, a letter or similar document authorizing the inclusion of the tribal entity named in the application must be included.

**5. What is a G.R.E.A.T. Regional Training Center?**

G.R.E.A.T. Regional Training Centers (RTC) provide support to existing and new agencies teaching the G.R.E.A.T. program. The main functions of the RTCs are to promote the program in their region and to coordinate G.R.E.A.T. Officer Trainings (GOTs).

**6. Does an applicant have to have an active G.R.E.A.T. program to apply for the RTC opportunity?**

Because promoting the Program and recruiting new agencies to teach the program is a major function of the RTC, a thorough knowledge of the Program, as well as an active great program, is required to be eligible to host an RTC. Non-profit organizations and for-profit

organizations wishing to apply must partner with a local law enforcement agency having an active G.R.E.A.T. program.

**7. Does the RTC train officers to teach the G.R.E.A.T. program?**

G.R.E.A.T. Officer Trainings (GOTs) are conducted by a select group of G.R.E.A.T. officers, educators, and gang experts who serve as instructors as the National Training Team (NTT), for all GOTs. The RTC coordinates with the national G.R.E.A.T. program support provider (currently the Institute for Intergovernmental Research (IIR)) to schedule and host multiple training classes throughout the year. The RA is present at all trainings and is there to ensure that all materials and equipment are in place for the instructors, before the training begins and is on site to provide support as needed.

**8. The solicitation states that “at a minimum” the person that will serve as the Regional Administrator (RA) must have “been a certified G.R.E.A.T. officer for not less than 5 years.” Can other knowledge, skills, and abilities be substituted for this requirement?**

This requirement was included to ensure that individuals serving as the RA have a thorough knowledge of the program. It has been determined since the solicitation was posted that other skills may be substituted for the requirement of being a “certified G.R.E.A.T. officer for five years.” These skills may include, but need not be limited to, managing the local G.R.E.A.T. grant and/or supervising G.R.E.A.T. officers, for the local law enforcement agency. The RA must have a thorough knowledge of the program and one of the best ways to have this knowledge is to be a G.R.E.A.T. officer. However, it is possible to possess this knowledge without having served as a local G.R.E.A.T. officer or as a member of the National Training Team (NTT), as originally required in the solicitation. Applicants that are proposing to have an RA that does not meet the “5-year” requirement should clearly describe why their candidate would be an effective RA.

**9. The solicitation states that the RA must “have been an active G.R.E.A.T. officer in the last three years.” Can other skills be substituted for this requirement?**

Yes. The position of the RA is an administrative position. The RA may manage the RTC grant, files semi-annual progress reports, supervises the Regional Administrative Assistant (RAA), performs other administrative duties, and is responsible for marketing the G.R.E.A.T. program to other law enforcement agencies, school administrators, etc. within their respective regions. Other skills may be substituted for the requirement of being an active G.R.E.A.T. officer. These other skills can include having managed the local G.R.E.A.T. Program, supervising G.R.E.A.T. officers or other supervisory duties. RAs should be in a leadership/management position within the host agency’s command structure, and must be capable of presenting to groups of various sizes, meeting and conversing about G.R.E.A.T. with law enforcement agency heads, such as sheriffs, police chiefs, or agency command staff and school administrators. The RA must be able and willing to travel around their region and outside the region, as needed, to coordinate training or promote G.R.E.A.T. at various events

**10. When is the funding start date?**

Proposed project start dates should be July 1, 2009.