

National Homicide Review Training and Technical Assistance Project

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. What is a Homicide Review?

A Homicide Review is a process that combines crime incident reviews with public health death reviews into one multi-disciplinary process. A homicide review is a meeting where stakeholders from multiple sectors come together to discuss a recent homicide and identify opportunities for prevention, intervention, and suppression of future crimes. Homicide Review members look for strengths, gaps, and weaknesses in criminal justice and social service policies and systems. At the crux of any homicide review is the belief that homicides can be prevented through inter-agency problem solving and data sharing. The Milwaukee Homicide Review Commission, the lead training agency for this grant, has held homicide reviews since 2005.

2. Where can I learn more about the Milwaukee Homicide Review Commission?

You can read about the history and successes of the Milwaukee Homicide Review Commission online at www.milwaukee.gov/hrc.

3. How do I know if my jurisdiction is eligible for the program?

Any urban jurisdiction with demonstrated need and capacity can apply. *Urban jurisdiction* is loosely defined as non-rural, cities or metropolitan areas. *Demonstrated need* can include high homicide rates, increasing number of homicides by year or by population. *Demonstrated capacity* can include past efforts to reduce homicides using a combination of prevention and suppression activities.

4. How can my jurisdiction sign up for one of the Milwaukee-based trainings?

Online registration can be found [here](#).

5. What are the costs to participate in this program and which expenses will be reimbursed?

COPS funds will be used to pre-pay or reimburse most participant expenses. There are no training registration fees, lodging costs, or ground transportation costs (e.g., shuttle to/from airport and hotel/training sites). All participants will receive a meal allowance (using federal per diem rates). Participants must comply with the reimbursement procedures for the per diem.

6. How can my jurisdiction receive in-person or long-distance technical assistance?

To request assistance contact Mike Totoraitis at 414-286-6276 or mtotor@milwaukee.gov.

7. Which staff should attend the training?

Command staff, Inspectors, Sergeants, Lieutenants, Prosecutors and other staff (e.g., researchers, Mayor's Office or Health Department) working on homicides, sensitive crimes (including domestic violence), and shootings. We recommend 1-2 staff attend the same training.