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**Subject:** RE: Revised GunPolicy.org funding application [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Kate,

This is great news – thank you.

I'll be in touch again early next week. In the meantime, if you have any documents to send me, I can turn them around this weekend if needed.

The PSAAG meeting is going very, very well. It's wonderful to have Pacific voices here from various PICs.

Cheers,

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Wellington, Thursday

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Dear Philip

I'm happy to advise that we have this week received financial approval to support the GunPolicy.org funding application to the value of AUD 50,000 for financial year 2009-10.

This is great news and we've very excited to support this important step in helping to reduce armed violence both in the Asia Pacific region, and globally.

I know that you are in NZ this week for the IANSA regional meeting so will give you a call next week to discuss funding logistics / the draft agreement, etc. We should also have an update from DFAT at that time re: the proposed side event launch of the website at BMS4.

Thank you again for the funding application and for your broader efforts on this issue.

Kind regards,  
Kate

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**From:** Philip Alpers [mailto:alpers@gunpolicy.org]  
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**To:** Kate Hacking  
**Subject:** Revised GunPolicy.org funding application

Kate,

As requested, herewith today's revision of the **GunPolicy.org** funding application to AusAID (attached).

Cheers,

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## **GunPolicy.org Global Armed Violence Web Knowledge Base**

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**Funding Application (AUD\$50,000)**

to the

**AusAID Crisis Prevention, Stabilisation and Recovery Group**

### **The Need**

The Web is littered with unsourced, often unreliable armed violence prevention and small arms-related policy information. Although a number of institutions and advocacy groups do provide accurate, sourced material for their own localities or areas of interest, the average Web searcher can find these difficult to sift, select and compare. This is especially true in regard to various United Nations initiatives, UNPoA implementation and current practice compared to other Member States.

The need identified by **GunPolicy.org**, a project currently hosted *pro bono* at the Sydney School of Public Health, is to provide an international, evidence-based and carefully sourced Web information service which, by virtue of its position within the academy and limited links to advocacy, generates the trust required to ensure rapid uptake of the material provided.

The aims of this project are **global**. They include:

- **Monitoring** progress and 'best practice' using only evidence-based data, with no added opinion
- **Measuring** and publishing key indicators, problem areas, interventions, failures and successes
- **Comparing** the current status and progress of 300 jurisdictions, first in Oceania and SE Asia
- **Providing** reliable, accessible information for governments, civil society and news media

### **The Applicant**

Since 1997, the non-partisan resource hub **GunPolicy.org** has delivered small arms policy-related news to a global audience on a daily basis. These fill the 'Gun Policy News' components of our current site.

More recently, we accepted the challenge of UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon to provide evidence-based 'measurability' Indicators to inform and support implementation of the UN small arms Programme of Action (UNPoA). These new features, due to be unveiled at the UN in June, make up the 'Facts' section of our much-expanded, and as-yet-unpublished web site. To date these include 40 detailed, narrative Country Pages, plus Data Pages for more than 260 jurisdictions around the globe.

On our own initiative, the **GunPolicy.org** team now adds 'comparability' between UN Member States as a central feature of our contribution to UNPoA implementation and monitoring mechanisms.

This resource draws advocates together at the nexus between armed violence reduction, firearm injury prevention, community development, public health, conflict prevention, human rights and conventional arms reduction. In collaboration with a range of leading information providers, **GunPolicy.org** supports global efforts to reduce armed violence, as promoted by the United Nations and the Geneva Declaration.

## Track Record

Philip Alpers has participated in each major conference related to the global United Nations campaign to reduce gun violence since 1997, often as NGO representative on a government delegation. In 1999, he led a successful campaign to persuade the International Olympic Committee to roll back plans for combat shooting as an Olympic exhibition sport. Following several years' work on firearm injury prevention in the United States and a two-year appointment as Senior Fellow to the Harvard Injury Control Research Center, Philip's published field work on gun-running in Papua New Guinea and Oceania established him as a specialist on small arms trafficking and firearm regulation in the Pacific.

London-based research director Marcus Wilson joined **GunPolicy.org** full-time in August 2008.

## Contribution

A core-support contribution of AUD\$50,000 towards our programme of work is requested from AusAID. This represents █████ of our provisional budget for 2010-11, or nearly █████ of our current budget shortfall.

## Deliverables

This proposal seeks funding to:

- 1) Rapidly update our existing Web site Country Pages on 40 nations across the Pacific and South East Asia. These Country Pages are already written in draft form, but many rely on dated information. Most are informed by research conducted by several authors in 2002-2005, but some still rely on data from a 1999 UN survey. For this part of the project we have budgeted AUD\$16,000 to engage and support a locally-based researcher to ensure that the Country Pages for our two nearest regions are as up-to-date as possible before the Web site is launched at the Fourth UN small arms Biennial Meeting of States (BMS4) in June. By making Oceania and South East Asia the two best-documented UNPoA regions in the world on a single Web site, we aim to assist and improve national reporting.
- 2) Expand across 300 world jurisdictions our country-by-country data comparisons, including:
  - Clause-by clause parsing of firearm legislation, import/export restrictions and other regulation
  - Small arms stockpiles, gun death, injury and crime, armed violence as a barrier to development
  - Country comparisons of public health interventions in place, such as gun owner licensing, firearm registration, background checks, age limits, domestic violence provisions, etc., etc.
  - Assessments of UNPoA implementation conducted both by Member States and civil society
  - An analysis of the Arms Trade Treaty process, including ATT-related votes as they emerge
  - Extensive sources of evidence-based information for more detailed research and advocacy

From the contribution requested from AusAID, we would apportion AUD\$18,000 towards this world-wide expansion of UNPoA measurability, implementation and monitoring.

3) Add to our Web site a charting capability to display instantly comprehensible, bar-graph comparisons across all UN Member states and, where appropriate, federal jurisdictions. We anticipate that this will become the most useful, and commonly consulted feature of our Web knowledge base, not just for diplomats and governments, but also for researchers, students and journalists world-wide. The remaining AUD\$16,000 balance of this funding application to AusAID would be used to help develop this centrepiece functionality.

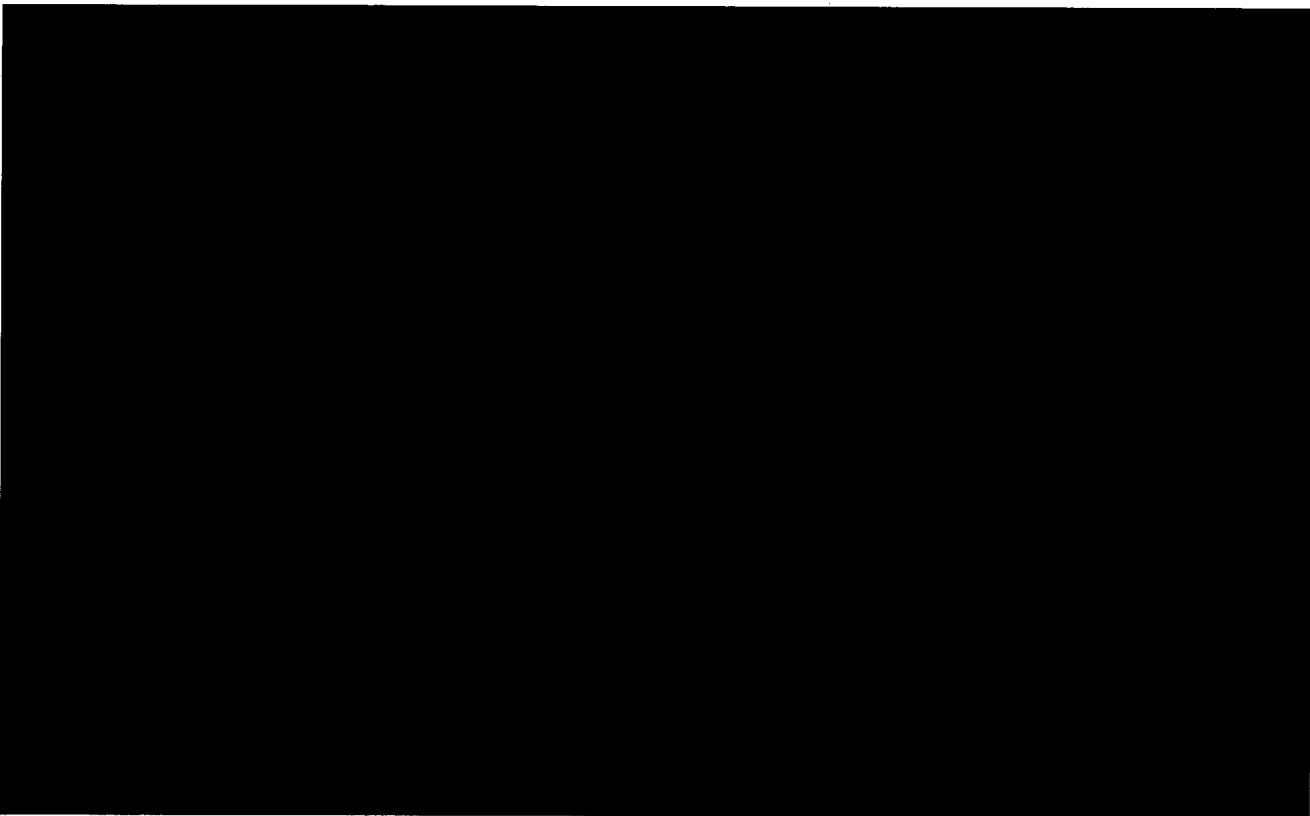
4) Support core information-delivery functions. As all **GunPolicy.org** researchers take shifts to compile Gun Policy News feeds, the funds applied for would also subsidise this 13-year-old daily news service.

**Other Funding**

Funders in Switzerland, the UK and USA have already promised, or indicated the renewal of, grants totalling AUD\$68,000 to support our next 15-month programme of work. Recently spent contributions include AU\$15,000 from AusAID via Oxfam, and AUD\$39,000 from the Small Arms Survey in Geneva.

Although this project currently faces a considerable budget shortfall, we are confident that the Web site expansion made possible in 2010-11 by seed funding from AusAID and others will trigger cascading contributions from additional donors. These include governments and development agencies aiming to assist UNPoA implementation in their own regions of interest in time for the Review Conference in 2012.

On the other hand, by way of risk management, our project of work is also designed to ensure that any serious budget shortfall will slow, but should not prevent the eventual publication of material assembled.



## Information Partners

In recent years, the **GunPolicy.org** Web site has attracted an impressive array of Information Partners, sampled here →

For more information on each, see [www.gunpolicy.org/about.php](http://www.gunpolicy.org/about.php)

Among others who benefit from Gun Policy News are Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch, Center for Defense Information, States United to Prevent Gun Violence, Norwegian Initiative on Small Arms Transfers, British American Security Information Council and the Federation of American Scientists.

Additional academic institutions using **GunPolicy.org** feeds include the Centre for Gun Policy and Research at Johns Hopkins, the Harvard Injury Control Research Center and the Graduate Institute of International Studies, Geneva.

"GunPolicy.org is unique and indispensable. I use it daily, and rely on it more than any other single resource to keep abreast of significant events, both in the United States and around the world. As a long-time academic researcher and policy advocate in this field, I never write a report without reviewing my GunPolicy files. I am very excited by the site's new features. There is, again, nothing else like it."

- Prof Garen Wintemute, University of California, Davis

Gun Policy News sends daily news bulletins to a wide variety of arms control advocates, including every national gun control organisation and scores of regional groups. Especially in regions where conflict-related armed violence remains a major barrier to human security and development, NGOs make good use of **GunPolicy.org**:

"In Africa, advocates of armed conflict prevention have depended on Gun Policy News for years. Its e-mails, and now its Web site provide daily information, but also ensure that our efforts are heard about by others. Improvements are needed to reach the global south more effectively, and Philip has plans to fill these needs. This is a project which helps arms control campaigners wherever they are."

- Adele Kirsten, former national coordinator, Gun Free South Africa

At key hubs of the international movement to curb the proliferation of small arms, **Gunpolicy.org** is also welcomed as an important component by UN agencies, national institutions and global advocacy groups:

"As the news lifeblood of this campaign, daily bulletins from **GunPolicy.org** are essential morning reading for advocates and governments alike. In 2010, the year of BMS4, **GunPolicy.org** becomes even more important to the global movement to reduce the suffering caused with small arms. We rely on it."

- Rebecca Peters, director, International Action Network on Small Arms (IANSA)

This project continues to expand, and to make a real difference to the range of information assets available to armed violence prevention advocates.



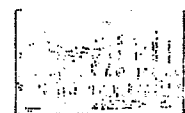
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