

PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION ON CRIME AND DELINQUENCY
Violence Intervention and Prevention Grant Program
School Safety and Security Committee

Funding Announcement: 2021 Violence Intervention and Prevention Grant Program

Applications: 40 Applications

Project Period: January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2023

Description and Recommendation:

On September 3, 2021, PCCD announced the availability of \$24 million in state funding over a 24-month period from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2023 to support FY 2021 Violence Intervention and Prevention (VIP) Grants.

The purpose of VIP funding is to provide grants and technical assistance to address community violence throughout the Commonwealth. For purposes of this funding announcement, 'community violence' is defined as intentional interpersonal violence (e.g., gun violence, group violence) in areas of Pennsylvania with high rates of violent crime using Uniform Crime Report offense data or similar local crime statistics. Funding is intended to prioritize support for effective local intervening and preventive measures to stop gun and group violence that is occurring across the state.

Community-based organizations, institutions of higher education, municipalities, district attorneys, and counties were eligible to apply.

PCCD reviewed 340 initial funding requests received as of the October 15, 2021 deadline. Staff and the VIP Workgroup are recommending approval of 40 applications requesting a total not to exceed \$15,708,048 in state VIP funds, pending resolution of any outstanding programmatic and/or fiscal concerns.

NOTE: This first round of awards will be followed by presentation of recommendations from PCCD staff and the VIP Workgroup for a second and final round of 2021 VIP grants in January 2022 at the conclusion of an outreach and coordination phase for a subset of additional recommended projects.

<p>1Hood Media Academy</p> <p>Allegheny County <i>(Pittsburgh)</i></p> <p>Amount: \$350,000</p>	<p>1Hood Media Academy seeks a \$350,000 grant for a new gun violence prevention campaign for greater Pittsburgh. The project will engage two cohorts of youth and young adults with training and resources to work as media activists committed to widening violence prevention from individual to community responsibility. With training in media design and production, ground-level prevention efforts, mediation, and behaviors that perpetuate gun violence, they will conduct campaigns in their own communities and on social media, where much of the gun violence originates and escalates. PCCD funds will be used to hire a full-time Manager, a Training Coordinator, and Consultant Specialists. Each youth participant will receive weekly stipends for 26 weeks. The project will train two cohorts of 15 youth (ages 14–24) to inform, inspire, and organize youth, to increase intolerance of gun violence and take action to prevent and diminish its occurrence. Every participant will persist in their education, and grow as skilled activists, creatives, and influencers who will reach thousands. They will also meet with</p>
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	<p>prevention experts, media specialists, and decision-makers to gain meaningful input for their efforts and host an annual violence prevention conference. By engaging the same group of youth over each of two years, the project allows time for youth to develop peer networks and achieve their goals. 1Hood will also provide mentors and ensure this experience coincides with their school-time and curricula.</p>
<p>ACHIEVEability Philadelphia County <i>(West Philadelphia, Haddington, Cobbs Creek, Carroll Park, Overbrook)</i> Amount: \$1,042,410</p>	<p>ACHIEVEability is requesting \$1,042,410 to implement the 60th Street Strong Coalition. In partnership with seven local, minority small business owners, ACHIEVEability will launch an anti-violence program to engage youth (14-26) through paid apprenticeships with local businesses for 3-6 months (20 hours/week) paired with professional development, soft-skill trainings, and permanent job placement. The Coalition will also provide wraparound services and supports to address trauma, housing, education, transportation, grooming, childcare, financial stability, and conflict resolution. In addition, the Coalition will support coaching and mentorship initiatives, as well as monthly 'Safe Streets' engagement activities to open lines of communication with residents, connect with at-risk youth, and foster community ownership of 60th Street and surrounding areas. Funds will support stipends for youth; coaching team to deliver wraparound services; stipends for businesses to provide supervision and serve as mentors; youth supplies (transportation, grooming, childcare, food, professional attire); professional development trainers & materials; Safe Street Events; and tablets to track work offsite.</p>
<p>Allegheny County Allegheny County <i>(Wilkinsburg, Penn Hills, McKees Rocks, Stowe, McKeesport, Homestead, Duquesne, Clairton, Rankin, Braddock)</i> Amount: \$1,496,000</p>	<p>Allegheny County is requesting \$1,496,000 to implement Cure Violence (CV) in the communities most impacted by gun violence. PCCD's support, in addition to other funding that the county has secured, will expand CV to 6 sites. Each site will have a community-based organization to implement CV, employing staff with close ties to the communities they serve. These staff (Violence Interrupters and Outreach Workers) will apply their trust with high-risk individuals to establish contact, develop relationships, and work with the people most likely to be involved in violence. Funds will pay for costs associated with 30 Violence Interrupters; 12 Outreach Workers; 5 Supervisors; 5 project site leads; Laptops, local travel, activities, and rent; Contract with Cure Violence for training, technical assistance, and quality assurance; and indirect costs.</p>
<p>Antioch Christian Fellowship Philadelphia County <i>(West Philadelphia - West Market, University City; Southwest Philadelphia - Kingsessing; Fairmount North - Strawberry Mansion; Northeast Philadelphia - Frankford)</i> Amount: \$150,000</p>	<p>Antioch Christian Fellowship, a non-denominational church in West Philadelphia, is requesting \$150,000 to expand the capacity of the organization's team and services through its 'Level Up' program. Through VIP funds, the organization aims to implement broader and more effective endeavors to reduce gun violence and recidivism rates in the City of Philadelphia while providing a safe haven for young people and transforming them into future leaders. Project activities will target high-risk teens and young adults between the ages of 13 and 25, with a focus on youth in West Philadelphia and other high-risk sections of the city. Over a two year period, funds will cover the salary for a full-time counselor/youth social worker, a part-time math and reading specialist, a part-time workshop specialist on various topics such as PTSD, family coping and life-skills, anti-retaliation negotiations; and the planning of workshops.</p>

<p>Asociacion de Puertorriquenos en Marcha, Inc. (APM)</p> <p>Philadelphia County <i>(Philadelphia 24th and 26th Police Districts; Eastern North Philadelphia)</i></p> <p>Amount: \$1,335,524</p>	<p>The Asociacion de Puertorriquenos en Marcha (APM) is requesting funding to support the implementation of a targeted holistic approach to the prevention of youth violence where highly qualified and trained staff connect directly with individuals and families to nurture/promote positive family environments; enhance the foundations of a child’s academic, social and behavioral development; to create protective community environments; and to provide therapeutic treatments and interventions to lessen the harms of violence exposure and prevent its continuation. Funds will support the training cost of outreach Connectors, a Program Supervisor, 4 TA-CBT/PE trained licensed Therapist, 2 Case managers, and 4 Connectors; and includes supplies, laptop and cellphones, and 10% administrative cost. This new team will engage families in APM’s CUA, Early Childhood Education, and two Community School partnerships and grow to cover the 24th and 26th Police Districts in its entirety.</p>
<p>Bench Mark Program</p> <p>Lancaster County <i>(Lancaster City; Conestoga Valley School District)</i></p> <p>Amount: \$143,968</p>	<p>Bench Mark Program is requesting up to \$143,968 to support the expansion of its wrap-around service model with the addition of a trained case manager who will specialize in supporting youth involved in gun violence and group violence. This case manager will help these youth navigate their juvenile justice, academic, and community-based resource obligation, thereby decreasing their chances of recidivism and ending the perpetuation of violence. Funds will cover the cost of a full-time case manager; a part-time consultant (Bench Mark Director of Operations); continuing education (i.e. accredited gun-violence prevention training) for the organization’s entire staff team; equipment to support this work including laptops and cell phones; a \$0.56/mile reimbursement for travel while transporting students; and office supplies or classroom supplies needed for instruction.</p>
<p>Carnegie Library of Homestead</p> <p>Allegheny County <i>(Homestead; Munhall; West Homestead; Whitaker; West Mifflin; Lincoln Place; New Homestead)</i></p> <p>Amount: \$346,820</p>	<p>The Carnegie Library of Homestead (CLoH) is requesting up to \$346,820 to support the Library’s comprehensive Youth Development and Restorative Justice Program, where trained counselors and program coordinators mentor at-risk youth to develop conflict-resolution skills to reduce violent crime amongst teens in the community. Funds will support coordinators’ and counselors’ salary costs; employment benefits; supplies; Community Partner Instructors from organizations like the Carnegie Science Center; and program membership fees. By funding this project over two years, CLoH anticipates building positive, peer-to-peer relationships with at-risk community youths and establishing a method to reduce violent conflicts. CLoH facilitates meetings that proactively implement a restorative approach to conduct violations by youths and foster conflict resolution. CLoH provides positive reinforcements to attract teen participation through various Library and Athletic Club programs and offers free memberships to the Athletic Club and diverse cultural, social, and educational programs.</p>
<p>Center for Employment Opportunities (CEO)</p> <p>Allegheny, Dauphin, and Philadelphia Counties</p>	<p>The Center for Employment Opportunities (CEO) is requesting funds to support the implementation of Group Violence Intervention (GVI) programming in its Pittsburgh office, and to enhance a supportive service network and trauma-informed care approach in its Philadelphia, Harrisburg, and Pittsburgh offices. In Pittsburgh, funds will support a portion of staff salaries, along with participant wages. Key staff include the work crew Site Supervisor, along with the</p>

<p><i>(Pittsburgh; Harrisburg; Philadelphia)</i></p> <p>Amount: \$1,435,375</p>	<p>Business Account Manager/Job Developer, Job Coach/Retention Specialist, P2E Instructor, Regional Director, and Site Director. Proposed costs also include staff fringe at an average of 31.5%, participant benefits and taxes at 21%, training, supplies and operating expenses, equipment, and indirect costs of 10%. Funds will also be used to implement Credible Messenger Initiative (CMI) programming into our Harrisburg and Philadelphia offices, including two full-time Supportive Services Specialists, eight Emerging Leaders Program members, and a portion of the two Site Directors and one Constituent Advancement Manger’s salaries; employee benefits of these positions at an average of 25%; professional development training for CMI participants; supplies and operating expenses, and indirect costs of 10%.</p>
<p>Chester Biddy Basketball Association</p> <p>Delaware County <i>(City of Chester)</i></p> <p>Amount: \$25,000</p>	<p>Chester Biddy Basketball Association is a 501(c)(3) non-profit community organization that contributes to the development of youth, ages four to 14, participating in the competitive organized sports program. The organization is requesting \$25,000 to provide social emotional gun prevention workshops to youth participants. Funds will support the purchase of equipment, workshop facilitators and referees, renting of space to facilitate workshops as well as tournament fees, materials youth will need for workshops and out of workshop reflection, and food to provide youth during or after workshop completion as some workshops may occur after school during dinner hours. A portion of the grant funds will go toward character achievement awards and certificates. Some funds will also be allocated to personnel in charge of ordering (equipment, materials, food) and document collection (attendance records and receipts).</p>
<p>City of Harrisburg</p> <p>Dauphin County <i>(Harrisburg)</i></p> <p>Amount: \$500,000</p>	<p>The Community Services Division of the Harrisburg Bureau of Police is requesting \$500,000 over a two-year span to continue the collaborative partnership for violence reduction between the Dauphin County Human Services Department, the City of Harrisburg, and the Harrisburg Bureau of Police. The next phase of this effort focuses on initiating and continuing execution and evolution of the Group Violence Intervention (GVI) strategy. The City will expand resources for the Community Service Aide Program and increasing partnerships with sustainable, community-based nonprofit programs in Harrisburg. Funds will cover the salary and benefits for an independent contractor to provide technical assistance; support the training costs of evidence-based gun violence intervention strategies for the Community Service Aides to provide outreach, street mediation, and violence interruption; and cover the cost of supplies to support their work, including mentorship program needs/activities, computer software, and sponsorship efforts.</p>
<p>Coalition of African & Caribbean Immigrants – Philadelphia (AFRICOM)</p> <p>Philadelphia and Delaware Counties</p>	<p>AFRICOM is requesting funds to expand a youth/children project that was implemented in 2019-2020 focused on engaging African and Caribbean Immigrant Communities against gun violence through soccer, youth leadership development and grassroots capacity building. The project focuses on building the capacities of the Lone Star Youth Soccer Academy to provide soccer and leadership skills to over 100 children. The project, which is growing by the number of participants creates safe spaces, friendship, comradery among children and families. The program offers</p>

<p><i>(Southwest Philadelphia, North Philadelphia, Delaware County,)</i></p> <p>Amount: \$50,000</p>	<p>excellent opportunities to outreach to families and address topics like gun violence prevention, safety, and elimination of gun trauma. It includes intersectional activities like soccer practices and competitions, youth leadership development retreats, and conversations to eliminate cultural, ethnic, and community barriers. Funds will support costs associated with project activities, including jerseys, soccer balls, insurance, hygiene products, transportation, stipends for coaches, tickets to events, and operating expenses.</p>
<p>Community Solutions CDC</p> <p>Philadelphia County <i>(Philadelphia – ZIP codes 19143, 19104, 19131, 19132, 19124, 19136, 19121, 19111, 19140)</i></p> <p>Amount: \$332,500</p>	<p>Solutions CDC is requesting up to \$332,500 to support umbrella activities for five organizations (Black Men Unifying Black Men, Helping Our Own Daily, Kay’s Special Experience, Victim’s Impact Services, Men of Courage) that will be trained in administering the Cure Violence Model of gun violence reduction. Funds will support the program costs for five organizations at \$25,000 each per year for two years. Solutions CDC program costs entail managing the project and training organizational participants. The project will run for two years.</p>
<p>Eddie’s House</p> <p>Philadelphia County <i>(Philadelphia – ZIP codes 19122, 19131, 19139)</i></p> <p>Amount: \$150,000</p>	<p>Eddie's House is requesting \$150,000 to expand trauma-informed mentoring, community and family engagement to children/young adults and their families who have experienced trauma or are at risk of experiencing trauma, including those who are low-income, homeless, in foster care, involved in the criminal justice system, unemployed, experiencing a mental illness or substance abuse disorder or not enrolled in or at risk of dropping out of an educational institution. Funds will be used expand staffing for the organization’s Life Empowerment and Achievement Program (L. E. A. P). This program is designed to help individuals and families support move from abandonment, trauma, hopelessness to independent successful and empowered living with hope for their future. The program is delivered using "motivational education" and credible messengers, community navigators, mentors and a Case Manager (Life Support Specialist) are used to support the transition to independent success and empowered living with hope for their future. Integrated into this program is Career/Entrepreneur exploration and job readiness certification. Funds will be used to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expand number of participants from 30 to 50 per year (an entire family count as 1 participant); • Educate parents about the impacts of adverse childhood experiences; trauma and toxic stress and effective parenting skills (using RPM3 model); • Create and maintain a Safe Physical and Emotional Environments for the participants served; and • Provide additional professional training for Clinical and Non-Clinical Staff to effectively utilize Trauma-Informed Screening, Treatments and Supports.
<p>Erie County District Attorney’s Office</p> <p>Erie County <i>(City of Erie; Erie County)</i></p> <p>Amount: \$1,642,743</p>	<p>The Erie County District Attorney’s Office is requesting a total of \$1,642,743.44 for the 24-month period to support the full implementation of supportive services necessary for the UnifiedErie’s Group/Gun Violence Reduction Strategy (GVRS). Funds will support the holistic and coordinated efforts of law enforcement’s targeted intervention strategies, street outreach and re-entry and intervention programming for high risk offenders, including the following activities/expenses:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A return to full scale implementation of the Erie County Reentry Services & Support Alliance (ECRSSA): full time Program Manager, Caseworker, Intake Caseworker, GVRS Caseworker, Client Advocate, benefits and program expenses and client expenses. • Infrastructure to support the Creative Community Connectors, Blue Coats, including: Program Manager, Administrative Assistant, 2 full time Coordinators, benefits and program expenses to expand outreach beyond the school settings and into the neighborhoods. • Law enforcement support to conduct surveillance/security measures associated with the planning & implementation of a GVRS "Call In" meeting and ongoing social media monitoring of high-risk offenders. • Criminal investigation assistance in accessing mobile devices involving violent crimes. • Research partner outcome tracking/reporting. • Grant administration.
<p>Freedom Neighborhood One</p> <p>Bucks County <i>(Bristol Township)</i></p> <p>Amount: \$25,000</p>	<p>Freedom Neighborhood One (FNO) requests \$25,000 for the Youth Ambassador Program (YAP). YAP is a 16-week program that equips students with the knowledge, skills and experience to become peer mediators. The goal is to empower student leaders to create a culture of open communication and peaceful solutions. The YAP program, developed by community members, in partnership with school professionals, is designed to give kids the skills to de-escalate. In addition, YAP provides workforce development coaching and wellness education. This multi-faceted approach addresses violence and victimization in three ways by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing job skills, increasing youth's ability to compete for jobs while decreasing unsupervised time when they are more likely to be exposed to risky activities; • Training students to become experts at their own wellness and model these skills for peers; and • Providing tangible conflict resolution skills applicable in community environments. <p>Upon completion of the program, youth ambassadors are invited to join the Ambassadors Alumni Network, FNO's continuing engagement mechanism for youth.</p>
<p>H.I.S. Ministry</p> <p>Dauphin County <i>(Harrisburg - Allison Hill; Uptown; South Harrisburg)</i></p> <p>Amount: \$50,000</p>	<p>H.I.S. Ministry is requesting \$50,000 to support additional developmental training to ex-offenders and men in the Harrisburg and Dauphin County area who have been convicted of violent crimes. Funds will support the daily operation of part-time program facilitator as well as supplies to support the program and participants, including workbooks and session supplies, printing, postage, travel and participants' food. By funding this project, the organization anticipates providing Developmental Training to 96 men, especially those recently released from prison, and men who are on parole and probation. This training will target the effect of crime, why these crimes are being committed, who is affected by this crime and how to decrease these crimes in the community to prevent recidivism and future violence. By learning to identify their emotions correctly they will be able to express what they are feeling in a productive manner before they act out violently.</p>

<p>Hand2Paw</p> <p>Philadelphia County <i>(Germantown; Strawberry Mansion; Southwest Philadelphia; North Philadelphia; Kensington)</i></p> <p>Amount: \$150,000</p>	<p>Hand2Paw is requesting up to \$150,000 to support the implementation of a violence prevention component to its Unleashing Opportunities paid youth internship program to increase recruitment, retention and training of youth most impacted by gun and community violence. Funds will cover the cost of 4-month paid internships for 10 at-risk youth; hire a part-time Program Facilitator; and include program supplies, including T-shirts, computers and software, food for youth participants, cleaning supplies and animal care supplies. By funding this project, the organization anticipates being able to prevent participating youth from engaging in violent behavior and offer immediate interventions and resources to youth impacted by violence.</p>
<p>Homewood Community Sports</p> <p>Allegheny County <i>(Pittsburgh - Homewood)</i></p> <p>Amount: \$50,000</p>	<p>Homewood Community Sports, in collaboration with Street Ministry Institute, is seeking \$50,000 for community sports, mentoring and enrichment to deter youth from gun or group violence. Funds will support coaches, trainers and facilitators, two program coordinators, and supplies, activities, awards, outings, equipment and transportation. By funding this project, the organization anticipates establishing safe spaces where we focus on conflict resolution and mediations to prevent homicide and gun violence in Homewood.</p>
<p>Horizons Greater Philadelphia</p> <p>Philadelphia and Delaware Counties <i>(Germantown; Nicetown; Tioga; North Philadelphia; Mount Airy; Lansdowne)</i></p> <p>Amount: \$381,000</p>	<p>Horizons Greater Philadelphia is requesting \$381,000 over two years to support the implementation of trauma-informed services for students and families within its network in Philadelphia and Delaware Counties (City of Philadelphia and Lansdowne). Funds will support six part-time, licensed counselors for each of four affiliate sites, training for teachers and staff members on trauma-informed teaching strategies, enrichment programming focused on helping students develop conflict-resolution, responsible decision-making and de-escalation skills and two-year administrative costs.</p>
<p>I'm FREE – Females Reentering Empowering Each Other, Inc.</p> <p>Philadelphia County <i>(Philadelphia – ZIP code 19122)</i></p> <p>Amount: \$49,991</p>	<p>I'm FREE is requesting funding to strengthen pre-release and reentry programs, interventions, services, and supports for women convicted of, or who are victims of firearm-related violence. The organization will identify women who have been exposed to interpersonal and/ or community violence to participate in "FREE to Heal", a gender-responsive and trauma-informed healing intervention using creative, non-threatening therapeutic modalities in conjunction with Sankofa Healing Studio. Funds will support the Program Coordinator, Admin and Peer Support Specialist, Consultants, Supplies, Incentives and Transportation for Participants, Other Expenses, and indirect costs for a total of \$49,991.</p>
<p>Inner Strength Foundation</p> <p>Philadelphia County <i>(North Philadelphia; South Philadelphia; Southwest Philadelphia)</i></p> <p>Amount: \$250,000</p>	<p>Inner Strength Foundation, a 501(c)(3) Philadelphia-based non-profit, respectfully requests a grant of \$250,000 from the PCCD to support trauma-sensitive and restorative healing practices through our Inner Strength mindfulness and self-care program. Inner Strength teaches productive conflict resolution, anger management, forgiveness, and anxiety reducing tools so that teens can manage difficult emotions and resist the conditioned response of violence, bullying, or retaliation. A grant from the PCCD would enable expansion of services to more youth in 12 Philadelphia high schools, the majority of which have experienced a high incidence of gun violence. The Foundation would also train school staff so they can use Inner Strength emotional regulation tools in their classroom to better support at-risk teens. Funds would support two PTE</p>

	<p>instructors and one FTE Outreach and Train-the-Trainer Manager; Instructor & Trainer – Trauma-Sensitive Mindfulness Certification; development and production of outreach/program material; marketing and advertising; finance, HR, and compliance; and a Program Evaluation Consultant for data collection and analysis.</p>
<p>Jarrell Christopher Seay Love and Laughter Foundation</p> <p>Philadelphia County <i>(Philadelphia – ZIP codes 19104, 19131, 19139, 19142, 19143)</i></p> <p>Amount: \$50,000</p>	<p>The Jarell Christopher Seay Love and Laughter Foundation is requesting \$50,000 to provide trauma informed counseling services to men, boys and other family members grieving a loved one. The Foundation has identified Healing Hurt People, a project of Drexel University as a partner. Funds will support costs associated with counseling and wraparound services, staff time to identify bereaved individuals through media searches, community contacts and social media, and family events to provide a respite from continued stress. Events may include trips, festivals or game nights. By funding this project, the organization anticipates being able to decrease the number of retaliatory strikes.</p>
<p>Love Now Media</p> <p>Philadelphia County <i>(North Philadelphia; West Philadelphia; Grays Ferry; Germantown; Olney)</i></p> <p>Amount: \$50,000</p>	<p>Love Now Media of CultureTrust Greater Philadelphia is requesting \$50,000 to lead eight love storytelling programs in eight communities that have been significantly impacted by gun violence. The programs include film screenings, discussions, and an interactive storytelling exercise. Through these workshops, the organization will empower participants with an understanding of narrative ownership, the impact of storytelling, trauma-informed listening, and media literacy. Love Now Media will engage four Black Male leaders to co-lead the workshops with a specific focus on engaging, empowering, and offering healing to Black men and boys. Funds will support the cost of training Black Male workshop leaders who will each receive stipends; Program management Program coordinator independent contractor; and fiscal administration; training materials; participant gift cards; transportation, food, and supplies; short documentary/documentation which will be made available on YouTube to be shared by interested organizations.</p>
<p>Neighborhood Resilience Project</p> <p>Allegheny County <i>(Pittsburgh)</i></p> <p>Amount: \$500,000</p>	<p>The Neighborhood Resilience Project is seeking \$500,000 to support and expand the already existing Trauma Response Team of the organization. The Trauma Response Team cares for the acute needs of family and friends of homicide victims of gun violence across all of Allegheny County. With this funding, the organization will look to increase the current number of full-time staff members from three to six, care for the Trauma Response Vehicle, which is taken to each deployment to a homicide, and provide financial support to Trauma Response Leaders in the target communities. With this funding, the organization anticipates being able to support 1,000 additional people over the next two years.</p>
<p>Neighborhood United Against Drugs</p> <p>Philadelphia County <i>(Southwest Philadelphia – 12th Police District)</i></p> <p>Amount: \$50,000</p>	<p>Neighborhood United Against Drugs (NUAD) is requesting \$50,000 dollars to implement a violence prevention risk reduction intervention designed to help changes the behaviors of young men at risk of committing violent act against other persons. Each year, NUAD provides four separate eight-week group level interventions to a group of 15 men ages 18 to 45. By the end of each year, 60 men would have been exposed to the training. Funds will support costs associated with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One Program Director and two Group Facilitators working as consultants recruiting program participants, facilitating group

	<p>sessions, referring individuals to needed services, and planning other special event activities;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Haircuts for the 60 program participants over the course of the program period; • Training for the Group Facilitators; • SEPTA bus passes, gifts cards and other incentives for program participants; • Space rental for the weekly group sessions and the end of the year graduation; • Refreshments at the group sessions; • Office supplies; • Liability insurance; and • Indirect cost for fiscal management.
<p>Panther Community Foundation (Chester Panthers)</p> <p>Delaware County <i>(City of Chester)</i></p> <p>Amount: \$50,000</p>	<p>The Panthers Community Foundation (PCF) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit foundation operating and providing services in the City of Chester that contributes to the development of youth ages four to 14 participating in the competitive organized sports program. PCF is requesting \$25,000 annually to expand its current portfolio of sports activities and youth programming to include lectures, listening sessions and mentoring interventions to reduce gun and other criminal activity. More specifically PCF will provide organized sports, mentoring and education around conflict resolution, gun violence and gang prevention. Funds will support stipends for mentors; operating cost related to learning and listening sessions; and sports equipment to update and replace damaged or old gear and equipment.</p>
<p>Philadelphia Community Empowerment Through Soccer (DBA Kensington Soccer Club)</p> <p>Philadelphia County <i>(Philadelphia Police Districts #22, #24, #25, and #26)</i></p> <p>Amount: \$150,000</p>	<p>Kensington Soccer Club is requesting \$150,000 to expand and deepen the impact of its Teen Leadership Initiative to reach more teens and add a young adult cohort. The organization will work with Kensington-area teens and young adults to develop their leadership roles in the community, improve their outcomes both in and out of school, enhance their job readiness through soccer coaching and civic engagement, and counsel those who are most at risk of becoming victims or perpetrators of violence. Funds will support a second Program Director to serve the doubling number of participants; cover the cost of a much needed Social Worker to work closely with young adults who are most at risk of violence; pay an Administrative Assistant to handle the program's logistics and data management; run soccer programs that create community and celebrate positivity and conflict-resolution; and train our participants on conflict resolution and job readiness training including coach, referee, and CPR certification.</p>
<p>Power of Paint Art Academy</p> <p>Philadelphia County <i>(Millcreek; Parkside; Haddington; Overbrook; Nicetown; Tioga; Paschall; Kingsessing; Hunting Park; Fairhill)</i></p> <p>Amount: \$150,000</p>	<p>Power of Paint Art Academy & Management's "Paint Greater Than Initiative" is requesting up to \$150,000 to support a violence prevention and intervention program where trained staff will use art and therapeutic approaches, via outreach and referral services, to improve the quality of life for individuals who are victims and/or perpetrators of violence. Program objectives include building trauma, mental health, and violence resiliency and reducing inequities caused by social determinants of health and wellness. Funds will support travel and training costs, salary and benefits for five part-time staff, including the Program Manager, a licensed therapist, and three Youth Mentors who will be trained as Peer Prevention Specialists; Consultants; as well as program supplies, activities, equipment, and other operating expenses to support the work of the organization.</p>

<p>Resolve Philly</p> <p>Philadelphia County <i>(Kensington; Harrowgate; Brewerytown; Southwest Philadelphia; Germantown; Olney; Logan)</i></p> <p>Amount: \$240,000</p>	<p>Founded in 2018, Resolve develops and advances journalism built on equity, collaboration, and the elevation of community voices and solutions. Resolve is requesting \$240,000 to support the continuation and growth of Equally Informed Survivors, a free bilingual SMS news and information text-line that serves the information needs of those directly impacted by gun violence by answering individualized questions, connecting them with available programs, services, and resources, and providing a link to local newsrooms. Funds will support Resolve staff who operate the text line, the technology that powers the text line, Resolve community engagement staff who build relationships that bring people into the line, marketing and advertising, consulting with trauma informed social workers to ensure our work does not reintroduce harm, opportunities for events that gather our survivor community together to celebrate life and create moments of joy.</p>
<p>TechCORE2</p> <p>Philadelphia County <i>(Mantua; Sharswood; Strawberry Mansion; Brewerytown; Francisville; West Philadelphia – ZIP codes 19139 and 19141; Germantown)</i></p> <p>Amount: \$50,000</p>	<p>TechCORE2 Nonprofit Corp. is requesting up to \$50,000 to support the implementation of a community “Coding” program where skilled college tech majors and industry professionals will provide training, coaching and mentoring to K-12 and “Opportunity” youth at risk of perpetrating an incident of gun violence or being a victim due to lack of goals, directions, skills and/or safe environment. Funds will support the training costs of the instructors; cover the cost of several consultants, including a Program Coordinator, College Student Instructors and include supplies to support their work, including laptops. By funding this project, we anticipate being able to preempt homicide and shooting incidents occurring in areas of North, West, Southwest and Germantown and offer year-round mentoring and training outlets.</p>
<p>The Kingsley Association</p> <p>Allegheny County <i>(Pittsburgh – Lincoln-Larimer; Garfield; Homewood; East Liberty; Highland Park)</i></p> <p>Amount: \$700,000</p>	<p>The Kingsley Association is requesting funds to support expansion of its Teen LEAD program – a year-long learning experience for at-risk teens ages 13-19 in East End communities of Pittsburgh to help them to apply life skills learning, build a positive self-image, recognize personal leadership characteristics, and gain part-time employment. Program expansion will include health and fitness activities, trauma-informed interventions that facilitate wellness of self, family, and community, youth engagement in positive non-law enforcement interactions with police officers, and holistic school and community engagement practices to educate the community on law enforcement’s role in the program and to address violence prevention by focusing on issues such as policing and prosecution, disinvestment, and marginalization of community voices. Funds will support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Salaries for a Teen LEAD Coordinator and 2 Program Assistants; • Contracted services for personal training by C Howard; sports coaching by the Police Activities League; youth & community engagement facilitation by the Larimer Consensus Group; trauma-informed interventions for youth and families by OMA Pittsburgh/Art in the Garden; and speaker stipends; • Teen LEAD Program curriculum components; transportation; KC memberships; food/incentives/awards; banquet; scholarships; college visits/tours; bus passes; summer employment stipends; and • Indirect Costs.

<p>The Salvation Army – Reading</p> <p>Berks County <i>(Reading)</i></p> <p>Amount: \$238,062</p>	<p>The Salvation Army Reading is requesting \$238,062 to support the implementation of trauma-informed group sessions where contracted behavioral health professionals will provide trauma-informed support to children and their families affected by gun violence. A trained social worker will be imbedded in Reading’s afterschool program to identify children in need of the trauma-informed support. Funds will support the salary of a full-time social worker. Other costs include benefits for the social worker; travel; one laptop; food, crafts, educational supplies; and 10% in indirect expenses. An additional cost would be for the behavioral health specialist leading the trauma-informed groups and training of staff on trauma-informed support. Other costs include utilities, property, liability, phone, and postage.</p>
<p>Union Housing Development Corporation</p> <p>Philadelphia County <i>(Sharswood; Strawberry Mansion; Brewerytown; Francistown)</i></p> <p>Amount: \$ 149,943</p>	<p>Union Housing Development Corporation (UHDC) was founded in 1967 to administer a 132-unit a subsidized housing complex, Beckett Gardens in the 19121 zip code of North Philadelphia. UHDC is requesting \$149,943 to support the development and implementation of a safe passages program. The organization will utilize VIP funds to (1) Collaborate with Morocco’s Rising (MR), a street outreach and security team, to provide safety support to the 15-block area surrounding Beckett Gardens. MR employs community members with former neighborhood gang affiliations and uses their “indigenous knowledge” to support community safety through foot patrol and outreach work. MR will be connected to the Philadelphia Cure Violence model to increase their skills as first line credible messengers. (2) The MR team will identify lower risk 9-12th grade students for participation in the BLife Academy, an out of school program informed by CUB’s Transformative Emotional Academic Community Healing (TEACH) model, another PCCD-funded program that works with at-risk youth and their families in a community based out of school time (OST) program that screens for victimization, academic deficits and behavioral concerns. Funds will support costs associated with: (1) support for the Program Director of the 9-12th grade OST program director; (2) support for two MR outreach and security team members; (3) support for a case navigator for the lower risk youth in the OST program; (4) safe passages supplies for the MR team including walkie-talkies, uniforms, supplies for community forums.</p>
<p>Uplift Center for Grieving Children</p> <p>Philadelphia County <i>(West Philadelphia – ZIP codes 19139 and 19143; North/Northwest Philadelphia – ZIP code 19144; North Philadelphia – ZIP codes 19120 and 19132)</i></p> <p>Amount: \$250,000</p>	<p>Uplift Center for Grieving Children is requesting up to \$250,000 to further the implementation of evidence-based strategies and innovations to support victims of violence and to minimize the negative effects of gun violence on children and families in Philadelphia. Funds will support: the expansion of programs that train caregivers in coping and resilience skills for themselves and their families, including a Resilient Parenting Coordinator and two part-time clinicians to facilitate groups; the extension of the Philly HopeLine, a free helpline offering on-demand mental health supports, including a HopeLine Coordinator and two additional part-time clinicians to staff the line; and growth of community collaborations with complementary grassroots organizations, including a Partnership Coordinator, and laptops and training for new staff. By funding this expansion, Uplift anticipates providing vital mental health services to more youth and families across Philadelphia, eliminating waitlists, reaching more communities, and providing immediate access to more participants, which will increase</p>

	<p>participants’ emotional resiliency, reduce social isolation, and help develop stronger peer and adult attachments. The Resilient Parenting for Bereaved Families program will increase parental coping skills and provide tools to reduce adult and child behavioral issues, which are proven to decrease the risk of drug and alcohol abuse in youth and caregivers, which is correlated with violent behavior.</p>
<p>Upper Darby Township Delaware County <i>(Garrettford; Drexel Hill; Westbrook Park; Stonehurst)</i> Amount: \$308,122</p>	<p>The Upper Darby Township is requesting \$308,122 to establish a community policing center to serve the needs of the residents on the west side of the Township. By funding this project, youth on the west side of town will have a place to go for homework help, group activities, referrals to resources for families and life skills classes. This program, modeled after the Safe and Successful Youth Initiative, aims to provide a place for at-risk youth to go after school and get the skills needed to become productive citizens. Currently, there is no free place for the youth to go in the area. Trained outreach workers will collect referrals from the school district and police department to identify at risk youth and speak to parents about youth participation. Funds will support rental of space; one full-time staff; two Outreach Workers; Supplies for activities; Computers; School bus rental.</p>
<p>We Love Philly Philadelphia County <i>(Philadelphia ZIP codes 19131, 19133, 19121, 19142, 19134)</i> Amount: \$50,000</p>	<p>We Love Philly is requesting \$50,000 to help with the creation of three State approved pre-apprenticeship programs at One Art Community Center. Funds will support the creation of a Digital Media pre apprenticeship program in collaboration with Philly CAM, an urban agriculture pre apprenticeship program in collaboration with One Art Community Center, and an Urban Development pre apprenticeship program in collaboration with JEVS and Orleans Technical Institute. Funds will support the cost of a full-time employee that will lead the urban Development pre-apprenticeship program. The project will combat violence in our community through transformative programming that re-imagines and re-centers the role of community in untapping youth potential and autonomy. With the pending Keystone Graduation Requirement for the Graduating Class of 2023, a goal is to certify and solidify One Art Community Center and We Love Philly as a pre-apprenticeship program hub that provides Philadelphia youth with an avenue towards earning elective credits and fulfilling the alternative pathway requirement for graduating high school.</p>
<p>West Chester University of Pennsylvania Chester and Montgomery Counties <i>(Coatesville; Pottstown; Norristown; Reading)</i> Amount: \$1,520,092</p>	<p>West Chester University of PA (WCU) is requesting \$1,520,092 to increase access to evidence-based, trauma-informed behavioral health care for youth and young adults in Coatesville, Pottstown, Norristown, and Reading, medically underserved cities with high rates of violent crime. CMHS mental health care providers will deliver mobile therapy via telehealth or in-person at sites in target communities, depending on client preference and need. Funds will be used for training in Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for youth and Prolonged Exposure for adults; travel reimbursement for training and mobile therapy; PsyD Mobile Student Therapists and Social Work and Psychology Graduate Assistants; salary for a 24-month full-time Pennsylvania-licensed psychologist (VIP Mobile Therapy Supervisor and Community Coordinator) and Administrative Assistant; mobile therapy supplies (e.g., therapy fee waivers, Zoom Healthcare Licenses, mobile</p>

	<p>devices); salary for faculty effort from the principal investigator and co-investigators; benefits for personnel; and indirect costs. By funding this project, we expect to deliver evidence-based trauma treatment and make social service referrals for 200 victims and witnesses of community violence in four Southeastern PA hotspots, and to evaluate the impact of the intervention on reducing retaliatory aggression and preventing violent offences among mobile therapy clients.</p>
<p>Why Not Prosper, Inc. Philadelphia County <i>(Germantown)</i> Amount: \$250,000</p>	<p>Why Not Prosper is requesting \$250,000 to support the implementation of a two-part anti-violence program. For the first part of the program, trained outreach workers will connect directly with individuals at risk of perpetrating an incident of gun violence, who will then be offered an opportunity to participate in a pilot program with community partner organization, Creative Mind Production, to learn high-demand, professional photography skills in hands on classes, creating viable, self-sustaining career opportunities for them. The hard-won experiences of the instructors will craft an atmosphere where the students can comprehend the intricacies and problem-solving techniques needed to be successful. The second part of the program will be a Community Response Network consisting of a team of highly trained, formerly justice-involved peers, who lead a local network of trained crisis intervention volunteers who will provide trauma-informed emotional healing support and referral services for those whose lives have been impacted by gun violence. Funds will support salaries of the Program Director, Coordinator, and Case Manager; cover the cost of several consultants, including the camera operator and instructor, Stipends for CRN Peers; Program materials including photoshop licenses, cameras, PPE and Community Response Network materials; and operational overhead. By funding this two-part project, we anticipate being able to preempt incidents of gun violence occurring in the Germantown area of Philadelphia and offer trauma-informed, resilience promoting activities with members of the community impacted by those incidents of gun violence.</p>
<p>Youth Mentoring Partnership Philadelphia and Chester Counties <i>(Philadelphia ZIP codes 19131, 19143, 19106; Coatesville – ZIP code 19320)</i> Amount: \$500,000</p>	<p>Youth Mentoring Partnership (YMP) is requesting up to \$500,000 to support the maintenance, enhancement and expansion of its mentoring, safe haven and social-emotional learning (SEL) programs for middle and high school youth 11-19 years of age. These programs allow trauma informed staff to collaborate, provide curriculum and foster communication with community schools, teachers, coaches, civic leaders and law enforcement so we may support and insulate youth who are at risk of exposure to and/or perpetrating gun violence. Funds will support hiring of a Project & Volunteer Recruitment Coordinator; offsetting a portion of the costs associated with a Program Researcher, five trauma-informed site staff, and related employee benefits; funding SEL & Trauma sensitive programming/app development consultants; program operations, supplies and materials to support their work, including laptops and cellphones, uniforms, student recognition items, etc.</p>
<p>Youth Sentencing & Reentry Project</p>	<p>The Youth Sentencing & Reentry Project is requesting \$495,498 over two years to support the continued delivery of its holistic reentry advocacy and support for young people charged in the adult criminal justice system, and Juvenile Lifers. Funds will support YSRP client-partners to return home from incarceration with the best</p>

<p>Delaware, Montgomery, and Philadelphia Counties <i>(Philadelphia, Montgomery, and Delaware Counties)</i></p> <p>Amount: \$495,498</p>	<p>chances of accessing physical and emotional healthcare, stable housing, educational opportunities, and meaningful work. A subset of youth client-partners and Juvenile Lifers will engage in collective healing and liberatory work through Intergenerational Healing Circles (IGHCs), which are offered in monthly sessions for up to 10 participants (one men’s group and one women’s group per month). Funds will support Reentry Coordinator staff positions, who serve as case managers to youth and former Juvenile Lifer client-partners preparing to return home post-justice system-involvement (partial salaries and benefits for 3 Reentry Coordinators; facilitators for the Intergenerational Healing Circles; incentives for up to 45 client-partners to reach their self-defined goals; participation incentives for young people and former Juvenile Lifers in IGHCs; and a portion of overhead costs.</p>
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