

PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION ON CRIME AND DELINQUENCY  
SCHOOL SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMITTEE

Violence Intervention & Prevention (VIP) Competitive Grants  
Project Summary and Analysis

Funding Announcement: FY 2023-24 Violence Intervention & Prevention Competitive Grants

Applications: 64 Applications

Project Period: April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2027

Description and Recommendation:

On November 30, 2023, PCCD announced the availability of \$40 million in state funding over an up-to 36-month period to support FY 2023-24 Violence Intervention and Prevention (VIP) Competitive Grants.

The purpose of VIP funding is to provide grants and technical assistance to address community violence throughout the Commonwealth. For the purpose 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.

Community-based organizations, institutions of higher education, municipalities, district attorneys, and counties were eligible to apply. Eligible applicants could submit one proposal under one of two 'tracks': 1) VIP Grants, or 2) Coordinated Community Violence Intervention (CCVI) Strategies projects. Under the VIP track, the maximum award amount was based on the organization's current operating budget, with no applicant able to request more than 50% of their operating budget, up to \$950,000 total, over an up-to-36-month project period. There was no match requirement under the VIP track. Under the CCVI Strategies track, the maximum award amount was \$3 million in total over an up-to-36-month project period. There was a match requirement under the CCVI Strategies track, of at least 10% match funding in Year 2 and 25% match in Year 3. Match funding could be cash, in-kind, or a combination of both.

Under this solicitation, PCCD utilized a SurveyMonkey initial request process with a required proposal narrative and budget template for each track. PCCD reviewed 276 request forms and related application materials received via SurveyMonkey as of the January 31, 2024 deadline. PCCD conducted an initial review to verify applicant eligibility. After the eligibility review, 19 applicants under CCVI and 255 under VIP, totaling 274, were moved forward for the formal scoring and review process. Formal scoring and review of the applications occurred during February 2024, with reconciliation meetings conducted in late February through early March. The VIP Workgroup met on March 21, 2024 for consideration of recommended applications.

Staff and the VIP Workgroup are recommending approval of 1 CCVI application and 63 VIP applications, totaling 64 applications, not to exceed \$40,526,988 in state VIP funding, pending the resolution of any outstanding programmatic or fiscal concerns.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>NOTE: These 64 projects requested a total of \$40,526,988. PCCD anticipates final budget totals will adjust slightly for VIP projects following completion of staff fiscal reviews to determine final award amounts.

**VIP Grants**

<p><b>Achieve Now – Philadelphia, PA</b></p> <p><b>Philadelphia County</b></p> <p><b>Amount: \$242,150</b></p>	<p>Achieve Now is requesting \$242,150 to implement the final two years of a 30-month literacy pilot to increase the number of children that experience academic success from two of Philadelphia’s low-income communities. The programming includes literacy intervention to provide on-site small group instruction to all students in kindergarten and first-grade classrooms at two partner schools. Over the course of the two-year project, Achieve Now expects to serve 40-50 kindergarten and first grade students annually with a specialized curriculum (12 classrooms in Year 1 and 18 classrooms in Year 2).</p> <p>Funding will be used to support staff reading specialists; video screens and tablets for use in the classroom; teaching materials and printing; and consultants for the curriculum.</p>
<p><b>Albert Einstein Healthcare Network</b></p> <p><b>Philadelphia County</b></p> <p><b>Amount: \$946,242</b></p>	<p>Albert Einstein Healthcare Network is requesting \$946,242 to support the expansion of their Trauma Intervention Program (TIP). Einstein implemented the Trauma Intervention Program (TIP), a hospital-based violence intervention program based on Drexel’s Healing Hurt People Program, to provide an integrated care model of trauma-focused healing services (therapeutic and supportive case management) to victims of violent injury (stabblings, shootings, assaults) as well as bystanders who may display acute symptoms of trauma.</p> <p>Funding will be used for staff salaries and benefits, including a Program Manager, Trauma Intervention Specialist, two Peer Specialists, and partial salary/benefits for the Medical Director. Funds will also support database costs to track client management.</p>
<p><b>Bench Mark Program</b></p> <p><b>Lancaster County</b></p> <p><b>Amount: \$355,483</b></p>	<p>Bench Mark Program is requesting \$355,483 to establish a community-based gun-violence diversion program providing one-to-one mentoring services for high-risk youth who have been impacted by gun crime but not charged themselves. These high-risk youth living adjacent to gun-related crimes experience significant trauma, are most likely to perpetuate retaliatory violence, and are least likely to engage in available social services, rendering them “severely underserved.” The project will expand community-based referrals for high-risk youth by establishing new referral pathways for the School District of Lancaster, Lancaster City Police, Lancaster County Department of Juvenile Probation, and other community-based partners. Bench Mark intends to serve 28 high-risk youth through this grant period.</p> <p>Funding will be used to support salary and benefits of a Program Director, and two new Violence Prevention Professionals (mentors); mileage reimbursement; as well as supplies and operating expenses.</p>
<p><b>Berks County Adult Probation and Parole Department</b></p> <p><b>Berks County</b></p> <p><b>Amount: \$950,000</b></p>	<p>The Berks County Adult Probation &amp; Parole Department is requesting \$950,000 to support the implementation of cognitive behavioral programming and evidence-based practices (risk/needs assessments, core correctional practices, and case planning) targeted toward individuals currently under supervision who were convicted of a firearm-related offense. The goal of the project is to reduce firearm related re-offending and the number of violent victimizations. Additionally, the</p>

	<p>project seeks to improve decision-making and long-term positive behavior change for those convicted of a firearm-related offense.</p> <p>Funding will be used to support salaries/overtime and benefits for two staff to supervise firearm-specific caseloads and facilitate cognitive behavioral groups as well as costs associated with project-related trainings and conferences.</p>
<p><b>Bible Center Church – The Oasis Project</b></p> <p><b>Allegheny County</b></p> <p><b>Amount: \$156,838</b></p>	<p>Bible Center Church-The Oasis Project is requesting \$156,838 to support the Oasis Project's out-of-school-time program to further develop and deliver an evidence-based violence prevention program. Through this grant-funded project, social and emotional learning and Too Good for Violence lessons will be provided to over 280 students ages 5-13 in Allegheny County each year.</p> <p>Funding will be used to support a portion of salary/benefits of staff dedicated to assisting students with their video projects; Too Good for Violence curriculum and related training for three sites; event-related supplies and expenses; a consultant and professional development speakers; and indirect costs.</p>
<p><b>Boys &amp; Girls Club of Chester</b></p> <p><b>Delaware County</b></p> <p><b>Amount: \$533,639</b></p>	<p>The Boys &amp; Girls Club of Chester is requesting \$533,639 to expand its violence prevention programming for older youth (12-18 years old) by expanding Teen Club Friday program hours, career exploration programming, and Saturday hours and programming. The Boys &amp; Girls Club of Chester will utilize Positive Action, Smart Girls, and Passport to Manhood curricula at their clubs to reach this age group. Each year, the Boys &amp; Girls Club expects to serve an additional 30 youth in summer programming and 60 additional youth in school-year programming.</p> <p>Funding will be used to support salaries and benefits for a Prevention Coordinator, Youth Development Counselors, and a Business/Data Manager; transportation costs for educational tours and programming; supplies and operating expenses; consultants for workshops; and indirect costs.</p>
<p><b>Brazo de Oro Foundation</b></p> <p><b>Philadelphia County</b></p> <p><b>Amount: \$943,536</b></p>	<p>The Brazo de Oro Foundation is requesting \$943,536 to support a community violence prevention program that will serve up to 250 middle and high school youth and their families from the Kensington and Frankford neighborhoods of Philadelphia by providing after-school and weekend activities and programming targeting the underserved Latino community. The project includes collaborating with various partners including the Community College of Philadelphia, La Liga Del Barrio, Dance Philly, Tune Up Philly, and Operation Save Our City.</p> <p>Funding will be used for salaries and benefits of a Project Manager and Mental Health Therapist; supplies and operating expenses; lighting improvements; food for collaboration events; supplies for community clean-up events; participant incentives; consultants; and indirect costs.</p>
<p><b>CASA of Berks County</b></p> <p><b>Berks County</b></p>	<p>CASA of Berks County is requesting \$139,319 to support the implementation of the Youth in Transition Counseling Program (YTCP). Through YTCP, volunteer licensed mental health therapists will be recruited and connected directly with foster youth and former foster</p>

<p><b>Amount: \$139,319</b></p>	<p>youth between the ages of 15 to 21 who are at risk of violence perpetration and/or victimization. The program consists of 25 licensed therapists providing mental health counseling to 25 foster youth over the two-year pilot program.</p> <p>Funding will be used to support a part-time staff salary/benefits; travel for conferences and recruitment activities; supplies and operating expenses; consultants; and indirect costs.</p>
<p><b>Centro Hispano Daniel Torres, Inc.</b> <b>Berks County</b> <b>Amount: \$792,517</b></p>	<p>Centro Hispano Daniel Torres, Inc. is requesting \$792,517 to utilize evidence-based approaches to enhance positive parenting practices, expand positive youth development programming, provide wraparound services, and generally provide more support to Latino youth and their families. This includes partnering with other agencies to provide a variety of programming.</p> <p>Funds will be used to support salaries/benefits for eight staff members, including Community Navigators, a Program Director, a Communications Manager, an Abriendo Puertas Manager, and a part-time Youth Coordinator; training and travel-related expenses; costs associated with a leadership program; supplies and operating expenses; food and supplies for family engagement events; consultants for training and evaluation; bilingual public outreach and marketing costs; and indirect costs.</p>
<p><b>Cheder Chabad – Philadelphia</b> <b>Delaware County</b> <b>Amount: \$380,000</b></p>	<p>Cheder Chabad of Philadelphia is requesting \$380,000 to support their school-wide violence prevention programming through social and emotional support services. The goal is to provide targeted support through the addition of a guidance counselor, support staff, and coordinators to foster a culture of mentorship, conflict resolution, and emotional well-being.</p> <p>Funding will be used to support the salaries of a Guidance Counselor, other support staff, and coordinators; supplies and operating expenses; and consultants with expertise in mental health, counseling, and youth development.</p>
<p><b>Congreso de Latinos Unidos, Inc.</b> <b>Philadelphia County</b> <b>Amount: \$950,000</b></p>	<p>Congreso de Latinos Unidos, Inc. is requesting \$950,000 to support the expansion of their crime victim services to provide victims with therapeutic services to address trauma. This also includes providing more gun violence prevention legal services to survivors. Congreso intends to increase support for victims and surviving family members by increasing their capacity to provide more trauma-informed counseling, legal services, and access to supportive services such as housing and workforce supports.</p> <p>Funding will be used for salaries and benefits of a Legal Victims Attorney, a Victims Advocate, a Bilingual Therapist, and admin staff; client and staff travel costs; training and conferences; supplies and operating expenses; program supplies; and gift cards.</p>
<p><b>Council for Relationships</b> <b>Philadelphia County</b></p>	<p>Council for Relationships is requesting \$663,089 for violence prevention strategies centered on trauma-informed mental health care. This includes extending support to individuals, children, and families within</p>

<p><b>Amount: \$663,089</b></p>	<p>Philadelphia schools as well as nonprofit community organizations to equip teachers, community partner leaders, and case managers/other human service staff to address signs of trauma as well as understand links between trauma, violence, and victimization. Council for Relationships will also provide direct therapy services within schools and nonprofit organizations to ensure accessible mental health support for those affected by trauma. Specific project activities include individual and family counseling, group therapy, community outreach, training and consultation, and educational workshops.</p> <p>Funding will be used to support salaries and benefits of seven staff including a Program Director, Specialist, three Therapists, a Clinical Intern Supervisor, and Data &amp; Evaluation Manager; educational materials; technology and communications; and data collection.</p>
<p><b>County of Chester, Department of Workforce Development</b></p> <p><b>Chester County</b></p> <p><b>Amount: \$758,318</b></p>	<p>The County of Chester is requesting \$758,318 to expand current career exploration opportunities at the Chester County Prison as well as start a transitional program at the Chester County Youth Center to provide at-risk individuals with education, training, and support. The program would provide career awareness activities, including industry-recognized certifications, trade-specific lab hours, PA Academic, Career and Technical Training (PACTT) employability and soft-skills training, cognitive behavioral therapy, workshops, and individualized follow-up support for one year.</p> <p>Funding will be used to support salaries and benefits of facilitators and a Reentry Coordinator; supplies and operating expenses; industry-recognized credentials; software and IT costs; Thinking for Change training costs; consultants; and indirect costs.</p>
<p><b>Cranaleith Spiritual Center</b></p> <p><b>Philadelphia County</b></p> <p><b>Amount: \$343,750</b></p>	<p>Cranaleith Spiritual Center is requesting \$343,750 to support Track 1 and Track 2 of the Women Promoting Transformation and Healing Initiative, a collaboration between Cranaleith Spiritual Center and Women Empowered International. Track 1 provides support to mothers and caregivers by providing a safe space for them to process their experiences. The curriculum includes storytelling, mindfulness, breathwork, nature immersion, journaling, and embodiment and movement. Track 2 focuses on female youth (ages 15-17) who are at-risk of or impacted by gun violence. This track provides year-round programming. The goal is to serve 75 youth/families annually over the course of the three-year project.</p> <p>Funding will be used to support salaries and benefits of a Program Manager, Youth Specialists, an Outreach Coordinator, Data Clerk, and workshop facilitators; stipends for participants; costs associated with family-bonding activities and community projects; program-related supplies; and indirect costs.</p>
<p><b>Dauphin County Commissioners</b></p> <p><b>Dauphin County</b></p> <p><b>Amount: \$950,000</b></p>	<p>The Dauphin County Commissioners are requesting \$950,000 to provide an enhancement to the existing Harrisburg City Group Violence Intervention Strategy Initiative (GVI). The project includes engaging with community collaborators, evaluating and funding services, and training providers. Multiple partners are included in this enhancement including the Harrisburg Bureau of Police, National Network for Safe</p>

	<p>Communities, the Dauphin County Criminal Justice Advisory Board, Dauphin County Probation &amp; Parole, among others for a county-wide collaboration.</p> <p>Funding will be used for a small portion of overtime for police/probation; training costs; background checks; incentives for participants and related expenses; transportation costs; consultant costs for a Project Manager, Outreach Coordinator, and GVI Consultant and costs associated with supporting these roles; costs associated with outreach and community engagement; funds to support Credible Messengers and Violence Interrupters; assessment costs; food; and other project-related expenses.</p>
<p><b>East End Cooperative Ministry</b></p> <p><b>Allegheny County</b></p> <p><b>Amount: \$545,720</b></p>	<p>East End Cooperative Ministry is requesting \$545,720 to offer violence prevention programming to K-12 students in Pittsburgh Public Schools. This includes facilitation of in-school violence prevention education, one-to-one mentoring, after-school and out-of-school-time programming, youth outreach, youth activities, and youth advocacy. The goal is to reach over 4,000 students over the 36-month project period.</p> <p>Funding will be used to support salaries and benefits for a Children &amp; Youth Program Director, Children &amp; Youth Coordinator, a Specialist Project Coordinator, and Youth Outreach Workers; travel for program outings; training for professional development; supplies and operating expenses; consultant costs for workshops; and indirect costs.</p>
<p><b>Eastern University</b></p> <p><b>Montgomery County</b></p> <p><b>Amount: \$949,389</b></p>	<p>Eastern University is requesting \$949,389 to support the implementation of a mental health pipeline of counselors within the Pottstown School District by placing mental health counseling graduate students as interns in the district's schools. This will increase the number of students with access to quality trauma-informed support services and decrease the number of violent behaviors among students within the community and school. This project includes a partnership with The Lincoln Center for Family and Youth to aid in project implementation.</p> <p>Funding will be used for salaries and benefits of an Admin Assistant as well as Co-Principal Investigators; local travel reimbursement for interns; supplies and operating expenses; consultant costs to provide a Clinical Supervisor and Project Director; payment to interns; and indirect costs.</p>
<p><b>Ed Snider Youth Hockey &amp; Education</b></p> <p><b>Philadelphia County</b></p> <p><b>Amount: \$900,000</b></p>	<p>Ed Snider Youth &amp; Hockey Education is requesting \$900,000 to support the enhancement of its out-of-school time programming to incorporate anti-violence and prevention lessons into existing life-skill lessons. Current programming is a blend of academic achievement, life-skills, hockey, post-secondary education readiness, and career exploration. Additionally, Ed Snider Youth &amp; Hockey Education will partner with the Police Athletic League of Philadelphia and Allied Universal Security Services to provide members of the community with annual neighborhood-wide anti-violence awareness events. The goal is to serve around 1,600+ youth over the project period.</p> <p>Funding will be used to support salaries and benefits; staff training; student transportation; hockey equipment; supplies and operating expenses; and costs associated with the community events.</p>

<p><b>Educators 4 Education Charitable Foundation</b></p> <p><b>Delaware County</b></p> <p><b>Amount: \$225,000</b></p>	<p>Educators 4 Education Charitable Foundation is requesting \$225,000 to provide 90 at-risk young males (ages 15-21) with a year-long comprehensive work experience and mentorship wraparound program. This includes paid workforce development, professional development, and financial literacy programming.</p> <p>Funding will be used to support partial salaries and benefits of the Project Coordinator and CEO; supplies and operating expenses; educational course and registration fees; consultant costs for program-specific facilitators and trainers; and youth wages and incentives.</p>
<p><b>Episcopal Community Services</b></p> <p><b>Philadelphia County</b></p> <p><b>Amount: \$874,042</b></p>	<p>Episcopal Community Services is requesting \$874,042 to launch a comprehensive neighborhood revitalization project focused on violence prevention through residential block cleaning in West Philadelphia. Comprehensive weekly cleaning for 275 prioritized blocks will be completed by dedicated crew members earning living wages, providing employment opportunities for those with barriers to work, including justice-impacted individuals. Project activities also include community engagement and outreach efforts, such door-to-door interactions, block parties, and additional activities to build community support and awareness.</p> <p>Funding will be used for staff, including a Project Manager; outreach materials; costs associated with the block parties including permits and refreshments; office space; costs associated with the cleaning services including training, wages, tools, and supplies; and an administration fee for grant oversight.</p>
<p><b>Erie County District Attorney's Office</b></p> <p><b>Erie County</b></p> <p><b>Amount: \$835,978</b></p>	<p>The Erie County's District Attorney's Office is requesting \$835,978 to support the expansion of resources to address youth and individuals with mental health issues that are at risk for engaging in violence. The goals of the project are to increase access and connections to support services and assistance for transitioning clients, promote quality of life, and create safer communities.</p> <p>Funding will be used to support salaries and benefits for a Youth/Family Case Manager and Mental Health Case Manager; local travel for clients; supplies and operating expenses; client expenses; consultants to support community surveillance, security, data collection and evaluation; and grant administration.</p>
<p><b>Expressive Path Inc.</b></p> <p><b>Montgomery County</b></p> <p><b>Amount: \$189,000</b></p>	<p>Expressive Path, Inc. is requesting \$189,000 to provide interactive violence prevention education for the Norristown Area School District and the surrounding community. They will conduct 40 violence prevention creative art workshops with middle and high school students, adapting student artwork into interactive violence prevention sites in the vein of a scavenger hunt. They expect to reach 400 students in schools and 10,000+ visitors to anti-violence prevention sites throughout Norristown. The program aims to reduce student anxiety and aggression as they learn to use art and words as their voice instead of violence.</p> <p>Funding will be used to support stipends for teachers, staff, and assistants running the workshops; website, app development, and</p>

	<p>support for marketing the program on social media platforms; creative art supplies; educational materials; and costs related to art installations.</p>
<p><b>Fab Youth Philly</b> <b>Philadelphia County</b> <b>Amount: \$412,290</b></p>	<p>Fab Youth Philly (FYP) is requesting \$412,290 for a 36-month project to support the implementation and expansion of their newest workforce development program: the Lifeguard Certification Training Program. Funds will support 40 teens each year in West Philadelphia and Kensington neighborhoods to participate in a paid Learn to Swim Program and Lifeguard Certification Training Program. Participants in the program will then serve as lifeguards to Philadelphia City Pools, allowing for the opening and expansion of public pools to further provide activities to youth during the summer months when school is out of session. Opening and expanding public pools in Philadelphia has been highlighted by both city officials and activists as a promising strategy for preventing community violence. Further, the program will provide a life-long skill to the teens that participate as well as a supply an immediate job opportunity that benefits the community at large.</p> <p>Funding will be used to support a percentage of the staff's salary and benefits related to implementing the Lifeguard Program and the Learn-to-Swim program; swimming supplies and equipment for trainees; and administrative costs.</p>
<p><b>Hand2Paw</b> <b>Philadelphia County</b> <b>Amount: \$250,000</b></p>	<p>Hand2Paw is requesting \$250,000 to support the expansion of their Unleashing Opportunities (UO) program, an intensive six-month paid internship for eight young adults (18-24 years old) from marginalized communities who want to work with animals. Participants in the program work 24 hours a week to learn animal care skills, attend social-emotional workshops, and learn financial literacy. Using animal-assisted interventions, the Hand2Paw curriculum enhances coping skills, emotional regulation, and conflict resolution skills. In the later months of the internship, participants complete externships at an animal organization and can be hired by partner employees.</p> <p>Funding will be used to partially support the salary of Hand2Paw's Program Director and Program Facilitator; fully support all interns' salaries; support public transportation vouchers and food for UO interns; and related administrative expenses.</p>
<p><b>Heights Philadelphia</b> <b>Philadelphia County</b> <b>Amount: \$950,000</b></p>	<p>Heights Philadelphia is requesting \$950,000 to sustain and expand its advising programming, which supports low-income, Black and Brown middle and high school students in Philadelphia to achieve economic mobility through college and workforce success. This advising program currently serves 3,000 students within the School District of Philadelphia and covers topics ranging from Self-Exploration, Postsecondary Planning, Academic Success, and College/Career Exposure. The program seeks to reduce the occurrence of violence among the student population, increase graduation rates, and improve the high school graduate workforce readiness and college matriculation rates. Grant funding will support the organization's goal of providing services to 5,000 school students by 2029.</p> <p>Funding will be used to support three Coordinator positions and their benefits; partially support the salaries and benefits of the Advising</p>



	<p>Director, Managing Director of High Schools, and the Vice President of School-Based Programming; educational materials on community resources, conflict resolution and violence prevention; mailing costs; and associated office supplies.</p>
<p><b>Homeless Children’s Education Fund</b></p> <p><b>Allegheny County</b></p> <p><b>Amount: \$638,201</b></p>	<p>The Homeless Children’s Education Fund (HCEF) is requesting \$638,201 to expand and enhance educational supports designed with and for children, youth, and families experiencing homelessness. Funds will support HCEF’s Mobile Learning program, which provides tutoring for students not currently at a shelter or housing agency, as well as the Teen CEO program, which provides workforce development for older youth transitioning into adulthood. Funding will also be used to support the design and build of Winnie’s STEAM Machine, HCEF’s second mobile learning classroom, to be used in the Mobile Learning program, which will provide science, technology, engineering, art and mathematics (STEAM) learning to vulnerable populations to address learning gaps.</p> <p>Funding will be used to support the salary and benefits of a new Education Support Coordinator and a Teen Outreach Coordinator; the partial salary of the Chief Executive Officer and Senior Director of Programs to oversee the program’s implementation; travel expenses related to the mobile classrooms; STEAM equipment and related technology to outfit the mobile classroom; consulting with violence intervention and prevention experts to optimize HCEF’s educational approach and provide professional development opportunities to staff; and indirect costs.</p>
<p><b>Jewish Family and Children’s Services of Greater Philadelphia</b></p> <p><b>Philadelphia County</b></p> <p><b>Amount: \$949,854</b></p>	<p>JFCS of Greater Philadelphia is requesting \$949,854 to implement an Alternative to Violence (A to V) education, prevention, and intervention program focusing on providing programs and services to youth from under-resourced Philadelphia neighborhoods. The initiative will build on JFCS of Greater Philadelphia’s intervention programs, which provide at-risk youth with mentorship and case management supports (i.e., Camp Mariposa for youth impacted by family members with substance use disorders and Helping Hands Summer Work Ready Program, which is a paid work preparedness program for Philadelphia teens). Funding will support year-round programming to provide youth with essential conflict resolution skills and socio-emotional learning. JFCS expects to support 60-75 youth through three Helping Hands summer sessions; up to 45 youth at 18 Camp Mariposa sessions and 17 teens at 14 Teen Camp Mariposa sessions; and 300 youth ages 12-18 annually through community prevention programs.</p> <p>Funding will be used to support the salary and benefits of program personnel, including a Program Manager, a dedicated full-time Case Manager, and administrative support; stipends of JFCS staff mentors; space rental and occupancy costs; transportation for program attendees; and consultants to provide socio-emotional and prevention learning opportunities for program participants.</p>
<p><b>Launch of Philadelphia, Inc.</b></p> <p><b>Philadelphia County</b></p>	<p>Launch of Philadelphia, Inc. is requesting \$906,820 to provide trauma-informed counseling, prosocial activities, and career education opportunities to at-risk middle school youth in Southwest Philadelphia</p>

<p><b>Amount: \$906,820</b></p>	<p>who have been exposed to trauma (e.g., loss of a loved one due to violence, homicide or incarceration). Youth will be referred to the program by community partners, including Philadelphia’s 12<sup>th</sup> Police District, Tiden Middle School, the Juvenile Justice Center of Philadelphia, and Methodist Services. Prosocial activities will be provided after school to a maximum of 35 participants through both Fall and Spring enrichment sequences (12-week periods) to grow food with Student Farmers, make good nutritional and mental health choices through Somatic Stories Mind-Body workshops, and receive training on professional culinary skills with Ambrosia Foods.</p> <p>Funding will be used to support the full-time salary and benefits for a Program Director; two part-time Therapists to provide trauma-informed counseling; culinary and student farm instruction; monthly mind-body workshops; travel for program participants; kitchen equipment to support the culinary component of the programming; food supplies; parental/family engagement activities; and administrative costs.</p>
<p><b>Mighty Writers</b> <b>Philadelphia County</b> <b>Amount: \$800,000</b></p>	<p>Mighty Writers is requesting \$800,000 to support ongoing core anti-violence prevention after-school programs in four Philadelphia locations disproportionately impacted by systemic poverty and gun violence. Mighty Writers provides free, year-round out-of-school time literacy programs focusing on social and emotional learning to promote the power of writing and critical thinking. Their after-school programs, mentorship, and workshops provide safe space for at-risk youth to finish homework, practice writing, and foster creativity during after-school hours for youth. Grant funding will help reach approximately 2,000 at-risk youth ages 7-17 across four writing centers across the life of the project, with the goal to help increase writing proficiency to grade level. In addition, they aim to enhance their programming by offering a new trauma-informed, anti-violence writing program to youth directly impacted by gun violence.</p> <p>Funding will partially support the salaries and benefits of full-time, site-specific Literacy Directors and Managers; partially support the salaries of a Senior Writer, Program Outreach Coordinator, and Volunteer Coordinator; cover consultant fees to teach specialized mindfulness and writing programs to the highest-risk youth groups involved in juvenile justice; and program supplies and related expenses.</p>
<p><b>Monroe County Office of the District Attorney</b> <b>Monroe County</b> <b>Amount: \$695,286</b></p>	<p>The Monroe County Office of the District Attorney is requesting \$695,286 to implement the county’s 2024 Gun Violence Strategic Plan using evidence-based prevention strategies with a community-wide approach to prevent gun violence. Monroe County is experiencing an increase in gun violence and has opted to take a CDC/public health approach to firearm prevention. Funds will first support a youth community needs assessment and focus groups to determine county-specific needs to address gun violence. Funds will also be used to support the hiring of a Coordinator for the Community Partnership for Gun Safety Initiative, who will promote gun safety through outreach, marketing, and education. The project entails several activities, including the development of a landing page on the District Attorney/Sheriff’s Office website, training for law enforcement officers in Crisis Intervention, creating educational videos on safe firearm practices, and developing an online gun safety certification course for beginners.</p>

	<p>Funding will be used to partially support the salary and benefits of a Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Coordinator salary; hire a consultant to serve as the county's Gun Safety Coordinator; hire a consultant to conduct the needs assessment and forums, including incentives for participants; support costs of gun safety and CIT trainings; gun locks; rentals for community events and trainings; and administrative costs.</p>
<p><b>Mothers in Charge</b> <b>Philadelphia County</b> <b>Amount: \$905,190</b></p>	<p>Mothers in Charge, Inc. is requesting \$905,190 to address the need for trauma-informed healing and restorative practices in Philadelphia by expanding the organization's Prevention, Intervention, and Education (PIE) programs. By funding this project, Mothers in Charge anticipates being able to preempt homicide and shooting incidents occurring in communities in Philadelphia as well as offer immediate support for members of the community impacted by those incidents of violence. Funding will allow Mothers in Charge to expand its work in gun violence prevention through individual and group programming to address anger management, gun violence awareness, and its repercussions on families and the community at large.</p> <p>Funding will partially support the salary and benefits of the Executive Director, Director of Programs, a Program Coordinator, two part-time Violence Interrupters, and an Outreach Caseworker; cover costs associated with peer grief support sessions; as well as operating costs and supplies.</p>
<p><b>Movement Alliance (Youth Art &amp; Self-Empowerment Project)</b> <b>Philadelphia County</b> <b>Amount: \$949,910</b></p>	<p>The Movement Alliance, on behalf of the Youth Art &amp; Self-Empowerment Project (YASP), is requesting \$949,910 to provide Restorative Justice Diversion (RJD) facilitation for system-involved youth and their families referred by the District Attorney's Office (DAO) of Philadelphia, and to expand the availability of Restorative Justice Diversion programming in the City by increasing the capacity of victim services organizations. The proposed project is a continuation of YASP's Healing Futures Program current work in partnership with Victim/Witness Services of South Philadelphia (VWSSP), and an expansion of that programming to increase restorative justice accessibility to immigrant and limited English communities.</p> <p>Funding will partially support the salary and benefits of the Healing Futures staff and the staff of the VWSSP implementing the program; transportation of program participants; food and program supplies; fiscal sponsorship fees (Movement Alliance Project); training in restorative justice for staff; consultants for interpretation and translation; and office supplies.</p>
<p><b>New Kensington Community Development Corporation</b> <b>Philadelphia County</b> <b>Amount: \$949,927</b></p>	<p>NKCDC is requesting \$949,927 to expand the Cure Violence Program that they are implementing within Philadelphia's Kensington neighborhood. The project aims to reach young Black and Hispanic males, aged 16-24, at high risk for gun violence involvement to provided needed services, including emergency housing and short-term employment. The project will build on previous three-year violence reduction initiative to address the systems affecting social drivers of crime and promote a sense of safety.</p>

	<p>Funding will support the salary and benefits of a Violence Intervention Specialist/Outreach Worker, Case Manager/Social Worker, and Community Health Worker; partially support the salary and benefits of the Vice President of Programs to oversee the program; provide training for staff; as well as program-related operating and supply costs.</p>
<p><b>New Leash on Life USA</b> <b>Philadelphia County</b> <b>Amount: \$539,392</b></p>	<p>New Leash on Life USA is requesting \$539,392 to support its Young Adult Reentry/Diversion (YARD) Program, a primary intervention addressing the gun violence epidemic by directly targeting the factors, behaviors, and attitudes that lead to gun violence. Funds will expand this diversion program to serve an annual cohort of 28 young adults (ages 18-24) through workshops, paid workforce development and other financial supports, as well as individualized case management. By funding this project, New Leash on Life USA will be able to work with young adults facing their first criminal charge – the majority (59%) of whom face gun possession or other gun-related charges.</p> <p>Funds will partially support the salary and benefits of current staff providing program oversight, including a Lead Vet Tech/Adoption Coordinator and the Administrative Assistant/Volunteer Coordinator; travel and meals for meetings and participants in the program; incentives for participants; dog training workshop facilitation; student intern stipends; and administrative costs.</p>
<p><b>North10 Philadelphia</b> <b>Philadelphia County</b> <b>Amount: \$826,820</b></p>	<p>North10 Philadelphia is requesting \$826,820 to expand its out-of-school time program to provide targeted interventions for high school students in one of the highest rates of community violence in the city. The expanded program will enhance behavioral health supports to include trauma-informed counseling, anti-violence education, and referrals to community resources, along with college and career readiness programming. Currently, 85 students are enrolled in the program, and the intention is to expand to 40 more high school students and provide specialized programming intentionally designed to reflect their interests and equip them with tools to be successful in their postsecondary endeavors.</p> <p>Funding will be used to support the salary and benefits of a High School Case Manager and partially support a High School Program Coordinator and Athletics Manager; partially support security services and janitorial services and the Director of Youth Programs; facilities costs; general supplies for students in the program; field trips; as well as behavioral health and post-secondary workforce development consultants.</p>
<p><b>NorthEast Treatment Centers, Inc.</b> <b>Philadelphia County</b> <b>Amount: \$950,000</b></p>	<p>NorthEast Treatment Centers, Inc. (NET) is requesting \$950,000 to provide anti-violence intervention strategies to youth in zip codes of Philadelphia with elevated rates of extreme poverty, gun-related crime, violence, and other indicators of community need. NET provides a range of behavioral health and social services to children, adolescents, and families through a continuum of evidence-based and trauma-informed services. Funding will increase the number of youth and families engaged by NET by expanding its role as a community hub at both the MLK Recreation Center and Hank Gathers Rec Center by connecting participants with violence intervention and trauma-informed programming and supports. Funding will also expand recruitment and</p>

	<p>referrals through existing NET initiatives, such as the Intensive Behavioral Health Services, Community Umbrella Agencies, Evening Reporting Center, and Community Intervention Center, among other NET programs. NET will also partner with the C.R.E.E.D. Mentoring Program, George L. Cannon II House of Hope, and the McClain Foundation on programming and outreach efforts.</p> <p>Funding will support the salary and benefits of a Program Supervisor and a Program Coordinator; food and supplies to support programming; support for various consultants; and administrative costs.</p>
<p><b>Northern Children’s Services</b> <b>Philadelphia County</b> <b>Amount: \$950,000</b></p>	<p>Northern Children’s Services is requesting \$950,000 to sustain and expand its Youth Promoting Peace Program (YP3), a violence reduction and prevention initiative. The proposed project will expand from youth ages 14-24 to include youth 11-13 years old through strategic partnerships with Intensive Behavioral Health Services schools in North Philadelphia. YP3 was launched in spring 2023 as a new violence reduction and prevention initiative through Community Behavioral Health (CBH), which provides mental health and substance abuse services for Philadelphia County Medicaid recipients. It is currently staffed with a Family, Peer &amp; Violence Supervisor and a Family, Peer &amp; Violence Specialist, both of whom are responsible for building participant and volunteer recruitment, planning and implementation, group and curricula facilitation, data collection, and building external partnerships. This application seeks funding to build upon that model and expand to include 200 more participants.</p> <p>Funding will be used to add two new full-time Family, Peer &amp; Violence Reduction Specialists, including salary and benefits; stipends for adult and youth cohorts; cover travel costs of program participants and support field trips; food and educational supplies related to program events; and administrative costs.</p>
<p><b>People Advancing Reintegration (PAR) – Recycle Works</b> <b>Philadelphia County</b> <b>Amount: \$721,444</b></p>	<p>PAR-Recycle Works is requesting \$721,444 for a three-year program to expand the number of individuals participating in their transitional employment program, which provides job skills training and permanent job placement for people returning to society from prison. PAR-Recycle Works was founded in 2015 with a mission to provide transitional employment within their electronics recycling business to reentrants. Since 2016, PAR has collected, recycled and diverted over two million pounds of recyclables away from area landfills, helping to improve the environmental stability of the region. Funds are being sought to double the number of individuals within the program, so that by 2027, PAR cumulatively will have served close to 400 program participants, resulting in a 70-75% graduating to permanent full-time employment.</p> <p>Funding will be used solely to support program participants’ salaries during their time in the program. They anticipate serving 161 individuals returning from prison during the course of the project.</p>
<p><b>Philadelphia Chinatown Development Corporation</b> <b>Philadelphia County</b></p>	<p>The Philadelphia Chinatown Development Corporation (PCDC), in partnership with the North Philly Project and Asian American Communities United, is requesting \$552,797 to conduct a three-year Black &amp; Gold program designed to provide wraparound services for</p>

<p><b>Amount: \$552,797</b></p>	<p>Asian American Pacific Islanders (AAPI) and Black youth under 18 living or going to school in Philadelphia's Chinatown (19107), Strawberry Mansion (19121 and 19132) and Poplar (19123) neighborhoods. The proposed Black &amp; Gold program will address community violence by providing a safe space for AAPI and Black youth to engage in meaningful and educational activities to keep them off the streets; provide mental health support to induce positive change on lifestyle behaviors to reduce gun violence; connect participating youth to career development resources and workshops; and build a sense of cohesion and community via various community events.</p> <p>Funding will be used to support the salary and benefits of full-time Program Coordinators; partially support the salary and benefits of a Program Director for oversight and administration; support part-time staff for oversight and programming; travel for program participants and field trips; office supplies; athletic equipment and trainers; space rental; stipends for chaperones, speakers, translators, and participants; and administrative costs.</p>
<p><b>Philadelphia Community Empowerment through Soccer/Kensington Soccer Club</b></p> <p><b>Philadelphia County</b></p> <p><b>Amount: \$400,000</b></p>	<p>The Philadelphia Community Empowerment through Soccer/Kensington Soccer Club (PCETS/KSC) is requesting \$400,000 to continue and expand teen and adult youth programs in the Kensington area. This includes organizing and running teen and young adult year-round soccer leagues for hundreds of high school students through structured and meaningful guidance. Currently, many youth lack a safe, welcoming place to participate in recreational sports. Through the program, participants will learn skills including teamwork goal-setting, mentoring, and positive reinforcement supervised by adult coach-mentors and staff trained to work in a trauma-informed manner.</p> <p>Funding will partially support the salary and benefits of the Executive Program Director, Teen and Adult Program Director, Intervention and Prevention Coordinator, Adult Soccer Team Director, and the Soccer Technical Director; support coaches' training and staff training for project implementation; field and gym rentals; travel for participants; and administrative costs.</p>
<p><b>PHILLY TRUCE Foundation</b></p> <p><b>Philadelphia County</b></p> <p><b>Amount: \$84,219</b></p>	<p>PHILLY TRUCE is seeking \$84,219 to bring its PEACE PATROL initiative, a violence reduction program that employs justice-impacted men to provide community-led visible deterrence efforts within Philadelphia's Kensington neighborhood. The primary goal of the program is to substantially reduce instances of gun violence and enhance the overall sense of security within the impacted area. Furthermore, the initiative aims to build trust and collaboration between the community and law enforcement, fostering a united front against violence and crime.</p> <p>Funding will be used to support the salary of Peace Patrol staff members and partially support the salary of a Project Coordinator; equipment; and administrative costs.</p>
<p><b>PHMC Health Center on Cedar</b></p> <p><b>Philadelphia County</b></p>	<p>PHMC's Health Center on Cedar is requesting \$950,000 to expand the role of Care Concierges within their campus in West and Southwest Philadelphia. Care Concierges help facilitate patients' access to services</p>

<p><b>Amount: \$950,000</b></p>	<p>that address healthcare and social determinants of health needs. This funding will allow Care Concierges to conduct community outreach activities outside of the Cedar campus to further increase service access among individuals with critical needs.</p> <p>The immediate benefit of this referral system is the quick identification of social determinants of health that make individuals more likely to experience worse health outcomes, including violence, and connecting these individuals to a wide range of easily accessible resources. PHMC expects to provide resources to a minimum of 2,500 community members quarterly and to reach at least 5,000 people with a quarterly electronic newsletter and hard copy calendar of events and resources.</p> <p>Funding will be used to support the salary and benefits of an Outreach Manager and a Coordinator; partially support the salary and benefits of a Director; travel associated with site visits with community-based and partner organizations; supplies; software and equipment; outreach materials; and other project-related expenses.</p>
<p><b>Progressive Change CDC</b> <b>Philadelphia County</b> <b>Amount: \$126,350</b></p>	<p>Progressive Change CDC is requesting \$126,350 to support the implementation of a partnership program developed with the Apologues and the West Philadelphia Corridor Collaborative to provide support to survivors and victims of gun violence. The proposal includes a 14-month Art Heals therapy program to be offered to at least 60 families of victims of gun violence upon referral from established partnerships with the Philadelphia Police Department, violence interrupters, and local community groups. Families will be paired with a facilitator and an artist who will work with them to translate their emotions and storytelling about their loved one into themes that an artist will use to design a custom portrait to help families process their loss while honoring their loved one with a work of art. Portraits will be unveiled at a group event, conducted quarterly, to provide further supports for families. In addition, the proposal seeks to establish a fund to further off-set the cost of funeral expenses for participating families.</p> <p>Funding will be used to support the salary of a part-time staff person and partially support the salaries of other full-time staff to assist with the program; stipends for artists; space and equipment rental; and promotional materials.</p>
<p><b>Reading Allowed</b> <b>Philadelphia County</b> <b>Amount: \$484,919</b></p>	<p>Reading Allowed is requesting \$484,919 to expand their Structured Literacy Tutoring program serving struggling readers in Philadelphia schools and communities, helping students stay engaged in school and out of the criminal justice system. This program includes three components: 1) In-School and Community-based Literacy Tutoring, 2) Individual Tutoring, and 3) Training Scholarships in Structured Literacy Certification. The goal of this program is to improve the outcomes of struggling readers at near-term risk of poor academic outcomes and long-term risk of justice involvement.</p> <p>Funds will support hiring five Wilson Certified Consulting Instructors certified to provide structured literacy tutoring in one-on-one and small group settings; a Program Manager/Family Liaison to coordinate with schools, families, and tutoring consultants; expanding the role of a Data Support Program Manager; and hiring a Wilson Certified Coach to</p>

	provide on-site coaching support and on-site and virtual professional development to the program's Consulting Instructors.
<p><b>Resolve Philly</b></p> <p><b>Philadelphia County</b></p> <p><b>Amount: \$570,359</b></p>	<p>Resolve Philly is requesting up to \$570,359 to enhance and expand its Equally Informed Survivors (EIS) initiative in four neighborhoods in Philadelphia most impacted by gun violence (Germantown, Kensington, Strawberry Mansion, Tioga-Nicetown). Established in 2021, the EIS initiative provides free bilingual SMS (text message) information to individuals affected by gun violence and aims to deepen connections in target neighborhoods through community engagement efforts. Grant funding will expand Resolve's EIS text line, including piloting a neighborhood-targeted text line for Germantown via the Germantown Info Hub (GIH), a hyperlocal neighborhood newsroom operated by Resolve. The project will also enhance and scale community engagement efforts to additional neighborhoods affected by gun violence through participation in community events, hosting workshops, publishing free Equally Informed Philly community newsletters, and supporting Info Hub Captains to engage and pay community leaders to contribute to messaging and outreach strategies.</p> <p>Funding will cover the costs of a Digital Editorial Lead to manage the text line and Resolve staff members trained in community engagement and organizing. In addition, funds will support resources for in-person survivor gatherings, creating opportunities for individuals to share their stories more broadly and in various artistic formats. Finally, funds will support costs for maintaining the SMS platform's technology, subscription, and data fees, as well as investment in video equipment.</p>
<p><b>Rising Hope for Change, Inc.</b></p> <p><b>Delaware and Philadelphia Counties</b></p> <p><b>Amount: \$278,700</b></p>	<p>Rising Hope for Change (RHFC) is requesting \$278,700 to implement evidence-based prevention and intervention strategies to reduce the likelihood of youth involvement in violence and mitigate the impacts of violence on families and communities in Southwest Philadelphia (zip codes 19142, 19143, 19023, 19050). These include 1) Youth Empowerment Workshops covering topics like conflict resolution, anger management, and education/career strategies; 2) Family Engagement Programs providing resources, support, and guidance to families facing challenges related to violence; and 3) Community Collaborations engaging community organizations, schools, local law enforcement, and healthcare providers to coordinate violence prevention and response efforts.</p> <p>Funding will support costs associated with training of outreach workers and violence interrupters, supplies and equipment, as well as personnel costs, including a Project Manager, Community Outreach Coordinator, and Program Coordinator.</p>
<p><b>Rock to the Future</b></p> <p><b>Philadelphia County</b></p> <p><b>Amount: \$500,000</b></p>	<p>Rock to the Future is requesting \$500,000 to provide free music and mentoring programs in under-resourced areas of Philadelphia impacted by poverty and crime for teens and young people who are at-risk of becoming victims and/or perpetrators of violence. Grant funding will support Rock to the Future providing high-quality, consistent music and mentoring programs for 300+ youth and teens (ages 10-21) in high-crime neighborhoods across Philadelphia through community</p>



	<p>partnerships during out-of-school-time, including serving youth in incarceration, reentry, and diversion.</p> <p>Funds will support paid internship and skill development programs as well as trauma-informed and restorative personal development strategies for youth. Funding will also support personnel involved in delivery of these programs and services, including a Site Director, Ready for the Future Coordinator, Chief Music Officer, and a Music Instructor, as well as consultants to provide professional development opportunities for staff, students, families, partners, and community members related to anti-violence, trauma-informed care, restorative practices and conflict resolution, and coping strategies.</p>
<p><b>Ruth's Way Inc.</b> <b>Allegheny County</b> <b>Amount: \$96,073</b></p>	<p>Ruth's Way, Inc. is requesting \$96,073 to implement the Achievement Consultation Program, which aims to bridge the gap that exists around mental health and mental health services for Black girls across Allegheny County and surrounding communities. The program utilizes both social and individual programming, providing individual and family consultations through monthly, hour-long one-on-one sessions as well as facilitating a series of four strategic curricula through group activity sessions (known as "Fabulous Forums").</p> <p>Funding will support costs associated with case management for youth and families, including hiring a full-time Case Management Achievement Consultant, an Achievement Consultation Program Manager, and a Forum Facilitator Achievement Consultant.</p>
<p><b>Schuylkill Hope Center</b> <b>Schuylkill County</b> <b>Amount: \$689,070</b></p>	<p>Schuylkill Hope Center (formerly known as Schuylkill Women in Crisis) is requesting up to \$689,070 to expand community outreach and education programs focused on gun safety and the intersections of gun violence with domestic violence. The Center will add a gun safety module to its education syllabus for both student and adult groups and will promote safety and awareness messaging through the organization's social media and communication platforms. In addition, the Center will create an informational packet and educational resources for law enforcement agencies within the county regarding recognizing potential domestic violence-related situations involving firearms and best practices for handling weapons relinquishments pursuant to Protection From Abuse (PFA) orders.</p> <p>Funds will support staffing and personnel costs associated with the delivery of programming, education, and advocacy services.</p>
<p><b>Temple University Hospital</b> <b>Philadelphia County</b> <b>Amount: \$935,000</b></p>	<p>Temple University Hospital, Inc. is requesting up to \$935,000 to support the continuation of the Trauma Victim Advocacy Program (TVAP), a hospital-based violence intervention program (HVIP) launched in 2019 that aims to mitigate the effects of community violence by supporting violently-injured patients' social and emotional needs immediately following their victimization, quickly linking them to a broad network of victim service agencies, and providing timely mental health counseling. TUH treats the most gunshot victims of any Level 1 trauma center in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, treating 910 patients for gunshot injuries at TUH's trauma center in 2022 (40% of all shooting victims in Philadelphia that year).</p>

	<p>Funds will be used to cover the salaries and benefits for personnel, including a Victim Advocate Supervisor, two full-time Victim Advocates, two part-time Victim Advocates; travel and training costs; and supplies and operating expenses related to project personnel and activities.</p>
<p><b>The Camel Project</b> <b>Berks County</b> <b>Amount: \$273,829</b></p>	<p>The Camel Project (TCP) is requesting \$273,829 for a 36-month program to provide training sessions to educate and empower students, educators, parents/families, and community leaders about the dynamics and impacts of bullying. TCP will expand services provided at Reading School District's Northwest Middle School by hiring additional trainers and allotting more time overall to service delivery in the school. In addition, the project will expand community outreach and collaboration efforts, making referrals to appropriate school and community-based resources for students, staff, and families to effectively address academic, career, and social/emotional issues consistent with school and district policies.</p> <p>Funds will partially support the salary and benefits of a full-time Lead Trainer as well as three part-time Staff Trainers, as well as personnel responsible for program measurement, evaluation, and quality control. In addition, grant funds will offset costs associated with project-related travel (mileage), equipment, supplies, and operating expenses (including marketing and web-based technology costs to support social media outreach strategies to help the program reach its intended audiences, as well as training/professional development for Staff Trainers and TCP board members).</p>
<p><b>The DREAM Program Inc.</b> <b>Philadelphia County</b> <b>Amount: \$490,530</b></p>	<p>The DREAM Program ("DREAM") is requesting \$490,530 to launch an additional 12 DREAM sites throughout Philadelphia, in close partnership with affordable housing management agencies. Each DREAM participant receives three core program offerings provided at no cost to youth and families served: 1) Weekly "Village Mentoring" during the academic year (combination of one-on-one and team-based mentoring); 2) Afterschool enrichment, providing homework help and a safe space for out-of-school-time developmental activities as well as local and regional adventure trips; and 3) Summer camp programming, including neighborhood-based day camp as well as an overnight camp experience at Camp DREAM, an outdoor-focused adventure base. Through this investment, it expected that DREAM will expand by four additional sites per year, with programming reaching an additional 220 youth at elevated risk of gun violence victimization and involvement. Grant funds will provide seed funding to launch 12 additional year-round sites in Philadelphia, as well as support quality enhancement efforts for the Village Mentoring model. This includes scaling a Mentor-in-Training (MiT) program that was successfully piloted to keep teens engaged in DREAM and guide them into leadership roles in the organization and their neighborhoods. DREAM will also partner with Search Institute, a leader in positive youth development research, to test and measure violence prevention focused mentoring enhancements.</p> <p>Funds will support site start-up costs including program staff salaries and stipends for teenagers to engage in DREAMs work-ready Mentor-in-Training program. By funding this project, we anticipate being able to implement year-round youth violence prevention strategies. This funding</p>

	<p>is needed to seed-fund new sites and ensure programming is accessible and at no-cost to the families and youth we serve.</p>
<p><b>The Kingsley Association</b> <b>Allegheny County</b> <b>Amount: \$950,000</b></p>	<p>The Kingsley Association is requesting \$950,000 to support the enhancement of its Teen L.E.A.D. program, a year-long out-of-school-time program to engage 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 prepare for high school and transition to post-secondary life. The Teen L.E.A.D. program’s referral processes will accept up to 50 youth residing in a target neighborhood who meet specific eligibility criteria (juvenile justice involvement, current citation by law enforcement, suspended/expelled from school, truancy, reported discipline problems at school and/or home, experiencing social/peer isolation or bullying, and/or experiencing violence at school or home). Program participants will attend three meetings per week (afternoon/evening sessions) for 12 weeks during Spring and Fall sessions to work through components of the Teen L.E.A.D. curriculum, which uses the Developmental Assets Framework as its foundation and covers topics like public speaking, financial literacy, postsecondary or job prep, leadership, healthy relationships, social media, bullying, entrepreneurship, and civic engagement. During Summer sessions, participants will attend an 8-week full-day program. The program will be enhanced with new Individualized Development Plans (IDPs) for youth focused on goal setting, as well as integrating new “Manhood 101 &amp; Sisterhood 101” curriculum exploring concepts related to gender and healthy relationships through a partnership with UPMC Children’s Hospital. Program participants will also be encouraged to engage as volunteers with the City of Pittsburgh’s anti-gun violence initiatives.</p> <p>Funds support the salaries and benefits of project-related personnel, including the Senior Director of Program and Services, two full-time Teen LEAD Coordinators and one part-time Coordinator, and four Teen LEAD Youth Workers. Funding will also support travel and transportation costs (Uber/Lyft rides for participants and family members unable to pay for public transportation), supplies and operating expenses needed for the program, and indirect costs.</p>
<p><b>The Pittsburgh Contingency (RefocusED)</b> <b>Allegheny County</b> <b>Amount: \$500,000</b></p>	<p>The Pittsburgh Contingency is requesting \$500,000 on behalf of RefocusED to enhance and expand a successful youth violence prevention program pilot of a “Youth Anti-Violence Mental Health Initiative.” RefocusED and project partners will work with children between the ages of five and 14 years old living within three “Homicide Hotspots” in Allegheny County. Programming will focus on helping children to understand and manage their emotions, begin to heal from the trauma and violence they have experienced, learn ways to navigate conflict without violence, and become confident young leaders and positive role models. The initiative will include an afterschool program for grades 1-8, a summer camp for ages 6-14, and a K-5 elementary school program, and is expected to reach approximately 500 youth.</p> <p>Funds will support a Project Manager, Imagine Further Collective (Program Provider), as well as costs related to independent data collection, analysis, evaluation, and reporting for five sites, as well as other operating costs.</p>

<p><b>Three Rivers Youth</b></p> <p><b>Allegheny County</b></p> <p><b>Amount: \$926,557</b></p>	<p>Three Rivers Youth (TRY) is requesting \$926,557 to expand school-based diversion programs for middle and high school students in grades 6-12 who violate school district policies on school grounds or at school sponsored activities, as well as students with high risk factors associated with substance use/misuse and violence. The program will place Diversion Specialists in schools to work with students identified and referred to the program, leveraging evidence-based practices and curricula in individual and group sessions to address various issues that are contributing to violent behaviors. The program will also offer staff mentoring to students, leadership development, and peer mentorship opportunities for additional support, along with parent/family support components to address any additional issues at home.</p> <p>Funds will support salary and benefits for project-related personnel, including four new positions (a full-time Supervisor, two full-time Diversion Specialists, a part-time Parental Specialist) as well as partial costs associated with TRY’s Drug &amp; Alcohol Director, who will oversee the program. Funding will also be used for staff development, travel/mileage, curriculum, Life Skills Training, as well as supplies and operating expenses.</p>
<p><b>Timoteo Philadelphia</b></p> <p><b>Philadelphia County</b></p> <p><b>Amount: \$137,000</b></p>	<p>Timoteo Philadelphia Inc. is requesting \$137,000 to enhance its “More Than Sports” initiatives by implementing a more robust mentoring program for young people in Philadelphia. The three-level mentoring approach (“Triangle Offense Talk – Round Table Discussions on Mentorship”) will offer mentorship conversations and touch points with Timoteo staff, volunteer coaches, and youth participating in programs. The organization will also add three more initiatives to its “More Than Sports” portfolio focused on improving police and community relations as well as providing life skills to improve postsecondary readiness (college and career).</p> <p>Funds will support the cost of running 12 “More Than Sports” mentorship trainings, round table discussions, mentorship retreats for coaches and staff, and re including recruitment and outreach for these offerings, staffing and consultants, and administrative costs. These include personnel salary and benefits for part of an Executive Assistant position, travel for college visits and job placement sites as needed, workshop supplies, and related programming costs and expenses (including offsetting participant-related costs).</p>
<p><b>Transitions of PA</b></p> <p><b>Union, Snyder, and Northumberland Counties</b></p> <p><b>Amount: \$171,789</b></p>	<p>Transitions of PA (Transitions) is requesting \$171,789 to support the implementation of Positive Action, an evidence-based curriculum for youth to improve academic performance, character, and behavior. Transitions will focus on working with justice-involved youth, first in Union County in the project’s first year, then expanding to Snyder and Northumberland Counties in Years 2 and 3. The project aims to reach youth who have already participated in violent behavior or behavior that indicates a likelihood of future violence – a current gap in prevention programming. In addition, Transitions will provide transformation and healing through the provision of trauma-informed counseling and advocacy services to youth identified in the program who have experienced violence.</p>

	<p>Funds will be used to purchase the curricula and train staff on how to present Positive Action (through consultant fees for Positive Action's Train-the-Trainer program). In addition, funds will support salaries and benefits for project-related personnel, including the Finance Director and Grants/Compliance Director, Outreach Coordinator, Education Specialists, Counseling Staff, and a Programs Director. Funding will also cover travel-related expenses for providing Positive Action in Snyder and Northumberland Counties, as well as supplies (Positive Action kits) and operating expenses.</p>
<p><b>Turning Point of Lehigh Valley, Inc.</b> <b>Lehigh and Northampton Counties</b> <b>Amount: \$562,080</b></p>	<p>Turning Point of Lehigh Valley, Inc. is seeking \$562,080 to expand the organization's prevention services to students in Lehigh and Northampton Counties to help empower youth to understand the dynamics of relationships, including understanding healthy and unhealthy relationships. The initiative will collaborate with Community in Schools (CIS) to facilitate direct student referrals from school guidance teams and staff through the Student Assistance Program (SAP) and other avenues.</p> <p>Funds will be used to hire a full-time Child/Teen Advocate and a full-time Youth Prevention Advocate who will be deployed to various schools to provide personalized counseling and deliver prevention education. Funds will also support travel to schools for programming, supplies and operating expenses, training related costs, consultants (accounting and audit services, fiscal reporting), and indirect costs.</p>
<p><b>Urban Affairs Coalition (We Embrace Fatherhood)</b> <b>Philadelphia County</b> <b>Amount: \$25,250</b></p>	<p>Urban Affairs Coalition is requesting \$25,250 on behalf of We Embrace Fatherhood to support organizational capacity building to expand its community-based programming focused on mentorship, health and well-being, and trauma-informed conversation. The organization will focus early efforts on long-term planning as it shifts from being a sponsored program to an independent nonprofit organization. The project will also aim to increase the number of trained program leaders who can provide trauma-informed training as part of the organization's community-based work, as well as implementing new mentorship programs and "fathering circles" (trauma-informed programming and conversation for men struggling with active parenthood). Ultimately, the project expects to increase the number of individuals served as well as the number of community partners engaged through grant funding.</p> <p>Funding will support staffing costs for a part-time Events Coordinator and part-time Administrator, costs associated with spaces for events and programming, as well as consultant-related expenses for Trauma-Informed Practices Instructors, legal counsel, and logistical assistance for project-related activities.</p>
<p><b>Valley Youth House Committee, Inc.</b> <b>Northampton County</b> <b>Amount: \$949,740</b></p>	<p>Valley Youth House is requesting \$949,740 to reduce violence and its impact on high school students within the Allentown School District through a comprehensive strategy to reduce risk factors for violence and increase protective factors. The project will partner with Valley Youth House and the Mindful Child Initiative to implement multiple components, including screening for identified students to evaluate trauma and risk for violence; implementation of Too Good for Violence (TGFV) and Cognitive Behavioral Intervention for Trauma in Schools</p>

	<p>(CBITS) curricula; individual school-based mental health counseling; and mindfulness training for staff and students.</p> <p>Funds will support salaries and benefits two full-time School-based Counselors/Therapists as well as part of a full-time Supervisor and a full-time Director position. In addition, funding will cover travel to and from schools and project sites as well as supplies and operating expenses (curriculum materials, office supplies, etc.). Finally, funds will cover contracted costs for implementing mindfulness activities as well indirect costs.</p>
<p><b>Why Not Prosper, Inc.</b></p> <p><b>Philadelphia County</b></p> <p><b>Amount: \$536,214</b></p>	<p>Why Not Prosper is requesting \$536,214 to support the implementation of the Why Not Prosper Violence Prevention Program. The goal of this program is to bring resources and supportive services to communities in North and Northwest Philadelphia that have been impacted by community-level gun and group violence. The proposal includes providing targeted outreach using credible messengers in communities experiencing high levels of violence; using a Rolling Engagement Van (REV) to provide weekly visits and monthly events to provide community-level education around violence prevention, trauma and healing, and resilience; using the REV twice a week to provide outreach, workforce development, reentry-related services, case management and referrals; and work with community partner organization, Creative Mind Productions, on professional photography workshops that are offered as a diversion service through their Shoot Cameras NOT Guns CMP for individuals arrested for low-level crimes.</p> <p>Funding will partially support the salary and benefits of the program director; partially support the salary of an outreach director, three outreach workers, a workforce development coordinator, and a case manager; transit passes for participants; travel costs associated with mobile outreach; office supplies; consultant expenses; and administrative costs.</p>
<p><b>YMCA of Greater Brandywine</b></p> <p><b>Chester County</b></p> <p><b>Amount: \$816,750</b></p>	<p>The YMCA of Greater Brandywine (YGBW) is requesting \$816,750 to strengthen, expand, and implement upstream gun violence prevention programming focused on youth, families, and communities with an elevated risk of gun violence in Chester County. Focusing on three branches of the YMCA system (Brandywine, Oscar Lasko, Jennersville), the project will expand the outreach and capabilities of the YMCA's existing youth programs (i.e., provide additional supports for early childhood intervention for children and families impacted by violence; expand direct and indirect gun violence programming within the Out-of-School Time Support and 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Initiative programs), as well as reestablish the Y Achievers program, to address the risk factors related to violence. By funding this project, YMCA of Greater Brandywine will engage more youth in their community with violence risk factors, offer youth and families community, education, support, connection to further supports to mitigate risk factors, and reduce gun violence.</p> <p>Funding will partially support the salary and benefits of existing staff to implement the program at each of the three YMCA locations; staff training and travel; gun violence prevention materials; a training</p>

	<p>consultant for gun violence training; program supplies; YMCA memberships; and administrative costs.</p>
<p><b>YMCA of Indiana County</b> <b>Indiana County</b> <b>Amount: \$928,813</b></p>	<p>The YMCA of Indiana County is requesting \$928,813 to expand their existing Big Hearts Little Hands Mentoring (BHLH) program (similar to Big Brothers, Big Sisters), which is the only mentoring program in the county for at-risk youth with year-long wraparound supports. This program is a comprehensive, multi-faceted community-based program where trained mentors connect directly with at-risk youth. Funding will be used to expand the mentoring program in terms of number of children engaged and enrolled in the program; the areas served; accessibility; and expand program offerings.</p> <p>Funding will be used to partially support the salary and benefits of a Director of Youth, Family and Educational Programs, a program coordinator, lead mentors, and a volunteer coordinator; training and certification of staff; travel for staff and participants (field trips and after school bus); activity costs for summer camps and field trips; office supplies for certain staff; and software to track clearances.</p>

**Coordinated Community Violence Intervention (CCVI) Strategies**

<p><b>Promise Neighborhoods of the Lehigh Valley</b></p> <p><b>Lehigh County</b> <i>(Allentown)</i></p> <p><b>Amount: \$1,571,805</b></p>	<p>The Promise Neighborhoods of Lehigh Valley is requesting \$1,571,805 to launch and implement the Zero Gun Violence Allentown Collaborative as a collective impact effort to develop a community-wide action plan to reduce gun violence in Allentown. The goal of this project is to unify the community around a single vision and set of priorities to reduce gun violence; increase project partner capacity and competence in trauma-informed practices; expand violence prevention, interruption and response capacity in Allentown; increase referrals and utilization of trauma-informed programs and services; expand mental health treatment, particularly delivered by community health workers and therapists of color; document models for sharing power and decision making with community members directly impacted by gun violence; expand community engagement in anti-violence efforts; and develop a curriculum/replication guide and approach that shares leadership with community experts with lived experience.</p> <p>Funding will be used to support staff salaries and employee benefits for a Program Director, Program Manager, and Communications Manager; Community Fellows who will support coordinated outreach and referral among project partners, and community engagement; a Research Consultant who will be responsible for the needs assessment and project evaluation; consultants to support grants management, communications and public awareness, facilitation/training services and advisory services; compensation to community residents with lived experiences with gun violence for participation and leadership roles in the Collaborative; travel costs for trainings; supplies and operating expenses; and other program-related expenses.</p> <p>Project partners include Lehigh Valley Health Network, Lehigh University, and Mother 2 Mother, Inc. Additional project partners include the City of Allentown, Allentown Police, Lehigh County District Attorney, Allentown School District, the United Way, and other community-facing organizations and leaders.</p>
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