



FY 2021 GUN VIOLENCE REDUCTION PROGRAM
Funding Announcement Summary
May 2021

Introduction

Since 1978, the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) has supported justice system improvements, victim services and compensation, and other initiatives responsive to the needs of practitioners, communities, and the Commonwealth. Central to PCCD’s mission is a commitment to increase the safety of our communities, including addressing the crisis of gun violence in Pennsylvania.

The goal of PCCD’s ***FY 2021 Gun Violence Reduction Grants*** program is to promote immediate safety for individuals living and working within neighborhoods in the City of Philadelphia and other municipalities in Pennsylvania with the highest rates of shootings and homicides. This funding announcement will prioritize support for nonprofit organizations working at the neighborhood and community level to prevent and reduce gun violence, especially those that have not previously received funding from PCCD.

Overview of FY 2021 Gun Violence Reduction Grant Program & Application Process

1. *How much funding is available through the FY 2021 Gun Violence Reduction Grants program?*

A total of \$5,000,000 in state Gun Violence Reduction funds is being announced to support this initiative.¹ Eligible applicants can request up to \$225,000 to support proposed project activities over a 33-month period (October 1, 2021 – June 30, 2024). Note: Due to the limited availability of funds, applicants are strongly encouraged to only request the amount of funding necessary for direct project activities so that PCCD can maximize available resources.

2. *Who can apply for funding?*

Eligible applicants include nonprofit community-based organizations² as well as local units of government located and operating in municipalities identified by PCCD as having the highest rates of gun violence within Pennsylvania. (Note: Entities that have previously received PCCD Gun Violence Reduction Grant funding or FY 2020 Community Violence Prevention/Reduction Grant funding are not eligible to apply for funds under this solicitation.)

For nonprofit organizations seeking funding to support projects in Philadelphia, priority consideration will be given to eligible applicants working in neighborhoods/police districts with the highest number of shootings and homicides.³ Priority consideration will also be given to eligible applicants that have not previously received grant funding from PCCD.

Note: Eligible applicants can submit one request each under this Funding Announcement.

3. *What types of programs and activities can be supported through this grant program?*

Eligible applicants may request up to \$225,000 in funds over a 33-month period to support the implementation of effective and/or promising programs to reduce the number and impacts of

¹ Contingent upon availability of funding in FY 2022-23 and FY 2023-24 budgets.

² Entities must be legally organized to receive funds from PCCD.

³ Please see PCCD’s [Philadelphia Gun Violence Data Dashboard](#) for more information.

shootings, homicides, and/or firearm-related crime on community members within the community, with a focus on activities that could likely have immediate impacts on promoting public safety. Projects should not focus on upstream prevention or other long-term prevention models.

Proposed projects may include, but are not limited to, the following activities and approaches:

- a. Street outreach and violence interruption programs utilizing credible messengers to providing immediate crisis response services and long-term supports for individuals, families, and neighborhoods impacted by gun violence.
- b. Community-designed strategies to increase availability of safe routes and transportation options for youth and adults in areas with high rates of gun violence (*e.g., Safe Corridors, Safe Passages preventing incidents to/from schools, recreation centers, etc.*).
- c. Identification, outreach, and engagement of individuals who are most likely to be victims and/or perpetrators of gun violence and providing tailored supports (*e.g., case management, service planning, providing referrals to community-based agencies and partners focused on meeting individual education, employment, behavioral health, and other basic needs*).
- d. Improve coordination of care for individuals who have experienced firearm-related injuries using a healing-centered, trauma-informed “Warm Handoff” model (*e.g., hospital-based violence intervention*).
- e. Strengthen pre-release interventions, services, and supports for individuals convicted of firearm-related offenses and provide comprehensive reentry programs for returning citizens.
- f. Trauma-informed approaches to support gun violence victims/survivors and their family, friends, and loved ones.
- g. Community-driven crime prevention through environmental design (CPTED) strategies that invest in a neighborhood’s physical environment and create safe and healthy spaces for community members (*e.g., low-cost blight reduction, treatment of vacant lots, etc.*).
- h. Other violence prevention, intervention, and/or response strategies that demonstrate promise in meeting the goals of this program.

Given the limited availability of PCCD funds, applicants are encouraged to consider building and leveraging partnerships that can allow for additional dollars and resources to support program activities (*i.e., local, federal, or private funding*). These can include, but are not limited to, partners in education, workforce development, social service providers, law enforcement and public safety, etc. Applicants are also encouraged to coordinate their proposed activities with existing gun violence-related initiatives within their communities, including those supported through local, state, and federal funds.

Eligible applicants located in Philadelphia selected for funding by PCCD will work closely with PCCD staff and the Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General to align activities and share information. Organizations selected for funding will also be invited to participate in a Statewide Community of Practice facilitated by PCCD’s Office of Gun Violence Prevention.

4. What activities and expenses can be supported with grant funding?

Funding can support expenses associated with direct project activities and program implementation, including but not limited to the following:

- Salaries and benefits for personnel (full-time or part-time), including overtime;
- Contractors/consultants;
- Facilitating referrals to community-based service providers and programs (including incentives and/or stipends for participants);
- Supplies and equipment;
- Training;
- Travel/transportation expenses; and
- Other activities necessary to meet the needs of programs and participants.

Funding will not support activities associated with research and evaluation, such as data analysis, focus groups, etc. In addition, grant funds may not be used for:

- Construction;
- Land acquisition;
- Lobbying and political contributions;
- Honoraria or bonuses; and
- Vehicles.

Initial Funding Request Form & Next Steps

Eligible organizations should submit an initial request for funding using an online form (SurveyMonkey). You can access the request form here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PCCD2021GunViolence>

Applicants selected in the initial round of requests will then be asked to complete a formal application in Egrants. (Note: PCCD staff will be able to provide technical support to organizations with the formal Egrants application process.) Final recommendation of projects will be made following the receipt and review of applications in Egrants. PCCD may require programmatic modifications from what was proposed in the initial request and reserves the right to make final budget determinations and modifications as part of this process.

NOTE: An invitation to submit an application in Egrants does not guarantee an applicant will be funded. PCCD is not liable for any costs incurred prior to the start date of the award. Further, grant recipients will be required to submit financial reports in PCCD's Egrants system and PCCD will reimburse grantees for reported, eligible expenditures. PCCD understands that all grantees may not have enough cash on hand to be able to purchase more expensive items or services on a reimbursement basis and PCCD will work with grantees in those situations to provide funding in a timely manner.

The initial funding request form will open on May 18, 2021 and will close on June 30, 2021.

Interested in this solicitation? PCCD will host two webinars for prospective applicants:

- Webinar for Prospective Applicants (Philadelphia): Tuesday, June 1, 2021 – 10:30-11:30 AM
- Webinar for Prospective Applicants (Statewide): Thursday, June 3, 2021 – 12:00-1:00 PM

Please join PCCD staff to learn more about the program and to have the opportunity to ask questions and receive instructions on how to access the SurveyMonkey initial application. Once the SurveyMonkey application opens, questions can be directed to PCCD staff at RA-PCCD_ExecutiveOfc@pa.gov with "2021 Gun Violence Reduction Grants" in the subject line.