



# COOK COUNTY JUSTICE ADVISORY COUNCIL

Gun Violence Prevention and Reduction Grant Opportunities



## **Executive Summary for Cook County's Gun Violence Prevention and Reduction Grant Opportunity**

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*An American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funded grant initiative  
designed to address gun violence in Cook County, Illinois*

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## **Executive Director Statement**

In 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic changed all of our lives in countless ways. During this tumultuous time, schools and businesses were closed, routines and supports were disrupted, and many lives were lost. We also saw gun violence surge across the county and here in Cook County. Tragically, but not surprisingly, our communities that were already vulnerable due to historic disinvestment, high rates of crime, violence and incarceration have suffered the most throughout this wave of violence. Gun violence is a complex issue rooted in our history and exacerbated by the prevalence of guns and lack of resources, opportunities and support. Despite its complexity, we have seen that gun violence is preventable when adequate investment is made in evidence-based programming that meets the needs of residents.

In 2021, the federal government announced the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) which would bring approximately \$ 1 billion of funding to Cook County. To prepare for this funding, the county began a strategic planning process which incorporated intentional community engagement to understand what was most important to residents. Residents and county leadership were aligned in that they saw economic opportunity and community safety as some of the most urgent priorities to address. The Cook County Justice Advisory Council (JAC) designed the Cook County Gun Violence Prevention and Reduction Grant initiative to address the local gun violence crisis by supporting organizations providing an array of evidence-based programming within county communities experiencing the highest rates of gun violence and shootings.

The response to this grant opportunity was overwhelming and inspiring with the JAC receiving an unprecedented number of grant applications. Despite the historic amount of funding available, the JAC was not able to fund all of the compelling programs that were proposed under this initiative. While these limitations are disappointing, we are motivated and empowered by what we have learned from this process. The volume of high-quality, innovative programs proposed under this initiative has shown the capacity, dedication and expertise of organizations working to address gun violence in Cook County. The response to this grant solicitation has the potential to shape and influence levels of funding for these kinds of services in Cook County for many years to come.

The mission of the JAC is to promote equitable, human-centered, community-driven justice system innovation and practice through rigorous stakeholder engagement, policy work, service coordination, and grantmaking that increases community safety and reduces reliance on incarceration. As we embark on the official grant period (9/1/2022 - 8/31/2025) for the Cook County Gun Violence Prevention and Reduction Grant initiative, we do so centering our mission and the values that guide our work. We know that working together, we can address gun violence in our communities and we will do so in a way that is evidence informed and community affirmed. We are grateful for the participation of all those who pursued this funding opportunity and we stand in solidarity with all organizations engaged in the challenging but meaningful work of bringing lasting peace to our neighborhoods.

*Avik Das*

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## Introduction

In response to high levels of gun violence experienced since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, Cook County designated \$85 million to the Safe & Thriving Communities ARPA Initiative: The Violence Prevention and Reduction Grant Portfolio. The grant initiative was designed to fund a diverse array of service providers focused on supporting residents at high risk of experiencing gun violence as either a victim or perpetrator particularly in communities with the highest rates of shooting incidents and shooting-related homicides in Chicago and Suburban Cook County. Applications for funding were open to 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations providing violence prevention services in areas of need, throughout Cook County. Applicant organizations were asked to propose creative community-driven programming, leveraging violence prevention strategies in at least one of the following categories: Prevention and Support Services, Victim Services, Case Management, Hospital Based Services, and Street Outreach and Intervention.

Under the Gun Violence Prevention and Reduction Grant initiative, one solicitation for program proposals and three separate funding cycles have been facilitated by the Cook County Justice Advisory Council. The initial funding cycle consisted of grant awards made in June and July of 2022. Two subsequent funding cycles were conducted in the Winter and Spring of 2023.

The Executive Summary of this grant opportunity serves as an overview of all major aspects of the grant application, review, and award process. This document is designed to promote transparency by detailing the steps and outcomes of these processes. The Executive Summary is shared with all organizations who applied for the funding opportunity and is available to the public at [CookCountyIL.gov/JACGrants](https://CookCountyIL.gov/JACGrants).



## **Grant Opportunity Announcement**

The Cook County Gun Violence Prevention and Reduction Services Grant Opportunity was formally released on March 8, 2022 when all application materials were made available to the public on the JAC Grants website, [www.cookcountyil.gov/JACGrants](http://www.cookcountyil.gov/JACGrants).

Prior to the release of the application materials, the grant opportunity was announced via press release and email to Cook County and Justice Advisory Council listservs. To share information on the funding opportunity, the JAC participated in the Joint Readiness Summit on American Rescue Plan Act funded initiatives held on February 4, 2022 and hosted a series of virtual information sessions on the grant opportunity on March 1, 2 & 4 2022. The Gun Violence Prevention and Reduction Grant opportunity was also promoted on Cook County social media, local radio stations and at townhall meetings organized by the county.

Immediately following the release of the application materials on March 8, 2022, the JAC hosted a virtual pre submittal conference on March 14, 2022. The pre submittal conference included an overview of the grant opportunity, application materials, application evaluation criteria, and grant submission details. The pre-submittal conference also included a question and answer session. Frequently asked questions were then compiled and made available on the JAC grants website.

The application deadlines for the grant opportunity were April 11, 2022 for Track 1 (proposals over \$1.5 million) applicants and May 9, 2022 for Track 2 and 3 (proposals below \$1.5 million) applicants. The separate deadlines were designed to encourage participation from organizations of different sizes and accommodate proposals of different scales and scopes.

## **Application Evaluation Process**

### **Recruitment and Selection of Grant Reviewers**

The Recruitment process for grant reviewers began in February, 2022. The JAC worked to establish requirements and guidelines for grant reviewers that would serve as the standard for all grant reviewers participating in the grant review process. Interested grant reviewers were asked to complete an online application and submit their resume.

As a result of robust recruitment efforts, the JAC was able to identify a diverse pool of grant reviewers. The pool included individuals with a wide variety of professional expertise which included staff of Cook County Commissioners, Cook County staff from the Offices of the President, Bureau of Economic Development, Procurement, Budget and Finance, Cook County Department of Public Health, Office of the Chief Judge, States Attorney, Public Defender, Emergency Management and Asset Management, Cook



County Juvenile Detention, Cook County Juvenile Probation, Cook County Bureau of Administration, Cook County Justice Advisory Council, as well as qualified community members including program directors, administrators, grant administrators, consultants, and leaders from public and private industry. Over 100 individuals applied to be grant reviewers for this opportunity, of which approximately 70 dedicated reviewers participated in the application review process. These individuals provided more than 700 individual reviews of the applications.

### **Grant Reviewer Training**

The JAC notified grant reviewers of their selection and asked them to complete a confidentiality form and conflict of interest form. Two grant reviewer trainings were hosted on April 8, 2022 and May 6, 2022. The grant reviewer training covered the role and responsibilities of the grant reviewers, grant application criteria, rubric, and scoring; grant review panel meetings, and an overview of the GovGrants Enterprise Grant Management (EGMS) System which was utilized to track scoring and comments. Each reviewer was asked to review at least 10 grant applications and enter their evaluation in the EGMS system. Reviewers had 14-20 days to complete the reviews.

### **Grant Review Panel Meetings**

Each grant application received by the JAC was reviewed by a minimum of 3 grant reviewers organized into review panels. Panels consisted of teams of 3 grant reviewers, including a review panel lead. After grant application evaluations were completed and submitted in the EGMS system, the JAC Grants Coordinator identified those applications that were not recommended for funding by at least one or more reviewers on the panel. When an application was not recommended for funding, the Grants Coordinator contacted the review panel lead to schedule a grant review panel meeting with all members of the panel. In meetings, the panels discussed the grant application(s) in detail, including strengths and weaknesses of applications which were not recommended for funding. Review panel feedback was compiled into a report that will be made available to applicant organizations upon request.

### **Executive Review Committee**

The Executive Review Committee is charged with making the final determinations of proposals recommended for funding to the Cook County Board of Commissioners. The committee reviews applications with the recommendations and notes from review panels and considers logistical considerations such as proposal scale and available funding levels.

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## **Gun Violence Prevention and Reduction Grant Track 1 Applicants**

### **Overview**

On the track 1 application deadline, April 11, 2022, forty (40) applications were received by the JAC. The received proposals totaled approximately \$320 million dollars in requested funding. The average funding request in this track was approximately \$8 million. Of the 40 applications received, 25 were collaborative proposals with multiple organizations represented. There were 34 applications which proposed multiple violence prevention strategies and services, and 5 with a single service focus. At least 20 applicants proposed serving multiple geographic areas, while 19 applicants proposed serving a single geographic cluster. One application was deemed incomplete as it did not propose service areas or geographic clusters

*Below is the breakdown of track 1 applications by geographic cluster.*

### **Applications by Geographic Cluster**

Cluster #1: County Suburb South	Cluster #2: County Suburb West	Cluster #3: County Suburb- wide	Cluster #1: Chicago South	Cluster #2: Chicago West	Cluster #3: Citywide (includes City North)
10	2	1	25	24	5

<b>Average Number of Clusters Served</b>	1.7
<b>Applications with Single Geographic Cluster</b>	19
<b>Applications with Multiple Geographic Clusters</b>	20
<b>Maximum Number of Clusters in Single Application</b>	4*

\*Only one organization (Youth Guidance) submitted an application that serves 4 geographic clusters.





**List of all Track 1 applicants**

*Below is a list of all Track 1 applicants requesting funding under this grant opportunity.*

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| 1. Acclivus   | 23. Northwestern Memorial HealthCare  |
| 2. Advocate Health and Hospitals Corporation                      | 24. OAI, Inc.   |
| 3. Alternative Schools Network                                    | 25. People's Community Development Association of Chicago, Inc. (PCDAC)           |
| 4. Alternatives Inc.  | 26. Phalanx Family Services   |
| 5. Artistic Life, NFP   | 27. Puerto Rican Cultural Center  |
| 6. B.U.I.L.D. INC   | 28. Roseland Ceasefire Project, Inc   |
| 7. Bright Star Community Outreach                                 | 29. Safer Foundation  |
| 8. Brighton Park Neighborhood Council                             | 30. Saint Anthony Hospital  |
| 9. Centers for New Horizons                                       | 31. SGA Youth & Family Services, NFP  |
| 10. Chicagoland Prison Outreach                                   | 32. Together Chicago, Inc.  |
| 11. CHI-RISE  | 33. Travelers & Immigrant Aid's Heartland Alliance for Human Needs & Human Rights |
| 12. Community Economic And Development Association of Cook County | 34. Two Five Three Two Corp   |
| 13. Envision Community Services                                   | 35. UCAN  |
| 14. Evanston Rebuilding Warehouse                                 | 36. Universal Prayer Tower  |
| 15. Friends of the Children - Chicago                             | 37. University of Chicago Medicine  |
| 16. GRO Community   | 38. Westside Association for Community Action                                     |
| 17. Habilitative Systems Inc                                      | 39. Young Men's Christian Association of Metropolitan Chicago                     |
| 18. In His Hands Resource Center Inc                              | 40. Youth Guidance  |
| 19. Kids Above All Illinois                                       |   |
| 20. Lawndale Christian Legal Center                               |   |
| 21. McDermott Center  |   |
| 22. Metropolitan Family Services                                  |   |

**Track 1 Application Review and Review Panel Meetings**

4/8/2022	Track 1 Grant Reviewer Training
4/11/2022	Track 1 Grant Applications Due
4/12/2022	Track 1 Applications sent to Grant Reviewers for review
4/12/2022-4/28/2022	Track 1 Application review period
4/29/2022	Track 1 Application reviews and recommendations completed
5/2/2022-5/6/2022	Track 1 Review panel consensus meeting for applications not recommended for funding





The Application review period for Track 1 applications was April 12 - April 29, 2022. Immediately following the review period, review panel meetings were held May 2 - May 6, 2022. The meetings were held to discuss all applications that one or more reviewer did not recommend for funding.

Below is a general list of the deficiencies that reviewers found with Track 1 applications. While the list is not specific to any particular application, it does reflect some consistent application deficiencies across this funding track.

- Applicant did not include past performances; or was not adequately addressed; Did not demonstrate past performances.
- Failed to provide most of the required attachments
- Did not demonstrate capacity
- Did not list all goals, objective, and outcomes required.
- Many application attachments missing
- No evidence of collaborations
- Goals were not clearly defined.
- DEI strategy not clearly articulated
- Needed to expand more on personnel responsibilities and the role they will play and/or lack of demonstration of qualified personnel
- Incomplete budget, and/or budget had limited or narrative that supported the amount of the funding requested
- Incompleteness of the application; not complete application sections; missing attachments

### **Track 1 Executive Review**

Once both the application reviews and the review panel meetings concluded, the Executive Review Team considered the applications which were fully recommended by the review panels. These 22 proposals represented approximately \$146 million in requested funding.

*Below are the 22 Track 1 applications that were considered during Executive Review (listed alphabetically).*

1. Advocate Health and Hospitals Corporation
2. Alternative Schools Network
3. Alternatives Inc.
4. B.U.I.L.D. INC
5. Brighton Park Neighborhood Council
6. Centers for New Horizons
7. Envision Community Services



8. Friends of the Children - Chicago
9. Kids Above All Illinois
10. Lawndale Christian Legal Center
11. McDermott Center (DBA Haymarket Center)
12. Metropolitan Family Services
13. OAI, Inc.
14. Phalanx Family Services
15. Puerto Rican Cultural Center
16. Roseland Ceasefire Project, Inc
17. Safer Foundation
18. Saint Anthony Hospital
19. SGA Youth & Family Services, NFP
20. UCAN
21. University of Chicago Medicine
22. Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA) of Metropolitan Chicago

The Executive Review Team met over a period of 2 weeks (May 10 - May 20, 2022) to discuss Track 1 applications. The Executive Team recognized that levels of funding requested in Track 1 alone required a high level of selectivity to ensure adequate funding was available for the robust programs proposed within this track, as well for the relatively smaller awards in the remaining 2 tracks. The following were among the factors the Executive Team considered most important in making their final determination for Track 1 awards:

- Did the application include robust collaboration and/or form a coalition of service providers?
- Did the application cover multiple geographic locations?
- Did the application offer multiple services for program participants?
- Did the application demonstrate the capacity to address gun violence?
- Was the amount requested justified based on the size and depth of the program?
- Was a reliable referral stream for program participants evident or already established?
- Did the applicant propose relatively unique services or service relatively unique populations or community?
- Did the applicant and/or proposed collaboration have other funding streams supporting their operation?
- The level of clarity as to how the applicant will scale up operations and manage the funding level requested.

The Executive Team made the following final recommendations for grant awards to the Cook County Board of Commissioners. These recommendations were approved by the Cook County Board on June 16, 2022.



**Track 1 Grant Awards – Approved in June 2022**

Primary Applicant Organization	Amount of Funding Requested	Geographic Clusters	Program Service Areas	Additional Applicant Organization(s)
Brighton Park Neighborhood Council	\$ 2,203,150.12	Cluster #1 Chicago South	Prevention / Support Services, Case Management, Street Outreach / Intervention	New Life Centers, Centro Sanar, PODER
Friends of the Children - Chicago	\$ 1,683,970.00	Cluster #1 Chicago South, Cluster #2 Chicago West	Prevention / Support Services	N/A
Kids Above All Illinois	\$ 3,333,196.90	Cluster #1 County Suburb South, Cluster #1 Chicago South	Prevention / Support Services, Victim Services, Case Management	N/A
Roseland Ceasefire Project, Inc	\$ 4,110,943.30	Cluster #1 County Suburb South, Cluster #1 Chicago South	Prevention / Support Services, Victim Services, Case Management, Hospital Based Services, Street Outreach / Intervention	N/A
Saint Anthony Hospital	\$ 3,056,000.88	Cluster #2 Chicago West	Prevention / Support Services, Victim Services, Case Management, Hospital Based Services	N/A
<b>Total Funding Requested</b>				

After considering funding levels available for Tracks 2 and 3, the Executive Team made 2 additional recommendations for Track 1 grant awards to the Cook County Board of Commissioners at the July board meeting. The following recommendations were approved by the Board on July 28, 2022.

**Track 1 Grant Awards – Approved in July 2022**

Primary Applicant Organization	Amount of Funding Requested	Geographic Clusters	Program Service Areas	Additional Applicant Organization(s)
B.U.I.L.D. INC	\$ 15,000,000.00	Cluster #2 Chicago West	Prevention / Support Services, Victim Services, Case Management, Street Outreach / Intervention	Blocks Together, Covenant House Illinois (CHIL), MAAFA Redemption Project, United for Better Living (UBL)
Metropolitan Family Services	\$ 15,000,000.00	Cluster #1 Chicago South, Cluster #2 Chicago West	Prevention / Support Services, Victim Services, Case Management, Hospital Based Services, Street Outreach / Intervention	1. ALSO, 2. INVC, 3. UCAN, 4. Breakthrough, 5. Together Chicago, 6. New Life Centers/Enlace, 7. Think Outside Da Block, 8. Public Equity, 9. Precious Blood, 10. Target, 11. SWOP, 12. Project HOOD, 13. New Life Centers, 14. Claretian Associates
<b>Total Funding Requested</b>	<b>\$ 30,000,000.00</b>			

**Gun Violence Prevention and Reduction Grant  
Track 2 & 3 Applicants**

**Overview**

On the track 2/3 application deadline, May 9, 2022, one hundred thirteen (113) Track 2 applications and thirty-seven (37) Track 3 applications were received by the JAC. These received proposals totaled approximately \$175 million dollars in requested funding. The



average funding request in these tracks was approximately \$1.1 million. Of the 150 applicants across tracks 2 and 3, 39 organizations submitted proposals involving collaboration with multiple organizations, while there were 111 single applicants. At least 49 applicants proposed serving multiple geographic clusters, while 99 applicants proposed serving a single geographic cluster. Two applications were deemed incomplete as they did not propose service types or geographic clusters.

Below is the breakdown of track 2 & 3 applications by geographic cluster\*

### Track 2 & 3 Applications by Geographic Cluster

Cluster #1: County Suburb South	Cluster #2: County Suburb West	Cluster #3: County Suburb- wide	Cluster #1: Chicago South	Cluster #2: Chicago West	Cluster #3: Citywide (includes City North)
33	16	2	78	79	12
<b>Average Number of Clusters Served</b>			1.5		
<b>Applications with Single Geographic Cluster</b>			99		
<b>Applications with Multiple Geographic Clusters</b>			49		
<b>Maximum Number of Clusters in Single Application</b>			5*		

\*Two applications (Mercy Home for Boys and Girls and Revolution Workshop) submitted applications serving 5 geographic clusters.

### List of all Track 2 applicants

Below is a list of all Track 2 applicants requesting funding under this grant opportunity.

1. Andrew Holmes Foundation
2. Back of the Yards Neighborhood Council
3. B-E-L-T-S ED NFP
4. Bethel Family Resource Center
5. Big Brothers Big Sisters of Metropolitan Chicago
6. Black United Fund of Illinois, Inc.
7. Books Over Balls
8. Boys & Girls Clubs of Chicago
9. Brothers in Christ Global
10. BROTHERS KEEPER COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER
11. C.L.I.C.K. Services NFP
12. Carole Robertson Center for Learning
13. Catholic Bishop of Chicago - St Sabina
14. Chicago Cultural Performing Arts and Media Alliance (CCPMA)



15. CHICAGO FOOTBALL CLASSIC SCHOLARSHIP FUND
16. Chicago Neighborhood Initiatives
17. Chicago-Lawndale Amachi Mentoring Program
18. Children's Research Triangle
19. Children's Home & Aid Society of Illinois
20. Christian Community Health Center
21. Circles & Ciphers
22. Coalition for a Better Chinese American Community
23. Communities In Schools of Chicago
24. Community Assistance Programs
25. ConTextos, NFP
26. Cornerstone Community Development Corporation
27. Creative Spirits CDC
28. Darren B. Easterling Center for Restorative Practices
29. Deep City Go Gettas Dance Troupe & HOOP HARD OR GET OFF THE COURT
30. DLD for Youth
31. Dream Hustle Code
32. E.Y.E. LEAD FOUNDATION
33. Enlace Chicago
34. Equip for Equality, Inc
35. Erie Neighborhood House
36. Fierce Women Faith Inc.
37. Firebird Community Arts
38. Firehouse Community Arts Center of Chicago
39. Focus Fairies Mentoring, NFP
40. Gads Hill Center
41. Growing Home, Inc.
42. GSJ Family Life Center Austin Empowerment Coalition
43. H.O.P.E Culture Inc.
44. Henry's Sober Living House
45. Heritage Leadership Academy
46. Hope Center Foundation
47. Howard Area Community Center
48. Hughes Who Technologies Studio -NFP
49. Ideal Education Foundation
50. Inner-City Muslim Action Network
51. Institute for Nonviolence Chicago
52. Institute For Positive Living
53. INTERNATIONAL WORD OUTREACH MINISTRY
54. Invisible Book Bag Inc.
55. Jehovah Jireh 1 Outreach Ministry
56. Kinetic Action Transforming Aspirations
57. Lawrence Hall
58. LEAP
59. Leave No Veteran Behind
60. Light of Loving Kindness
61. Love To Serve, Inc.
62. Loyola University Chicago
63. Major Adams Community Committee
64. Manufacturing Renaissance
65. NDICA
66. Nehemiah Group
67. New Eclipse Community Alliance
68. New Life KNEW Solutions
69. New Moms, Inc.
70. North Lawndale College Preparatory Charter High School
71. Operation Uplift Inc.
72. Pilsen-Little Village Community Mental Health Center, Inc. DBA Pilsen Wellness Center



- 73. Project Simeon 2000
- 74. Proviso Leyden Council for Community Action, Inc.
- 75. Public Equity
- 76. Reach Community Development Corporation
- 77. Reflections Foundation
- 78. Respond Now
- 79. Restore Justice Foundation
- 80. Restoring the Path
- 81. Revolution Workshop
- 82. Ring of Hope
- 83. River City Community Development Center
- 84. Rush University Medical Center
- 85. Saint Leonard's Ministries
- 86. Sankofa Safe Child Initiative
- 87. Sinai Community Institute
- 88. Southland Juvenile Justice Council
- 89. St. Agatha Catholic Church
- 90. St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church
- 91. Sunshine Gospel Ministries
- 92. Teamwork Englewood
- 93. TGi Movement
- 94. The Alliance 98
- 95. The Black Fire Brigade Org
- 96. The Blessed Child
- 97. The Innocent RAGE Foundation
- 98. The Joseph Center, DBA RISE
- 99. The Kidz Korna Group
- 100. The Nickolas Lee Foundation
- 101. The University of Chicago
- 102. The. Bloc
- 103. Thornton Township Foundation INC
- 104. Tools Up Foundation, INC
- 105. Union League Boys & Girls Clubs
- 106. Volunteers of America of Illinois
- 107. WestCare Illinois, Inc.
- 108. Westside Health Authority
- 109. WORD-FIRST NFP
- 110. Youth Connection Charter School
- 111. Youth Crossroads, Inc.
- 112. YWCA Metropolitan Chicago
- 113. ZAM's Hope

**List of all Track 3 applicants**

*Below is a list of all Track 3 applicants requesting funding under this grant opportunity.*

- 1. A Hand Up Recovery Homes NFP
- 2. Association House of Chicago
- 3. Better Sister and Brother Growth Network
- 4. Cania Jam NFP
- 5. Center for Advancing Domestic Peace, Inc.
- 6. Center for Companies That Care
- 7. Chicago Adventure Therapy
- 8. College Mentoring Experience





9. Dr. Pedro Albizu Campos Puerto Rican High School
10. Excel CDC
11. Fathers Who Care
12. Fearless Loving Youth
13. Friendly Temple Church of God in Christ
14. HelloBaby
15. Honorable Women Inc.
16. James B. Moran Center for Youth Advocacy
17. Mikva Challenge Grant Foundation, Inc
18. NEBC Employment Resource Services
19. OPEN Center for the Arts
20. Organizing Neighborhoods for Equality: Northside (ONE Northside)
21. Parenting for Non Violence
22. Red Clay Dance Company
23. RHO Gamma Gamma Inc
24. Roll Call
25. Saving Lives Foundation
26. Security Awareness Outreach Foundation
27. Security With Humility To Advance The Reverence Of Knowledge
28. Storycatchers Theatre
29. Sunrise Community Empowerment
30. The Academy Group
31. The Empowerment Center
32. The Mission of Our Lady of Mercy - (Mercy Home for Boys and Girls)
33. The Neighborhood Network
34. The West Side Justice Center, Inc.
35. UR Chicago Alliance
36. Veteran Youth Corp
37. Y.E.M.B.A., INCORPORATED





**Track 2 & 3 Application Review and Review Panel Meetings**

5/9/2022	Track 2 & Track 3 Grant Applications Due
5/9/2022-5/13/2022	Track 2 & 3 Applications sent to Grant Reviewers for review
5/16/2022-06/6/2022	Track 2 & 3 Application review period
06/06/2022-6/15/2022	Track 2 & 3 Application reviews and recommendations completed; Track 2 & 3 Review panel consensus meeting for applications not recommended for funding
6/14/2022-6/28/2022	Track 2 & 3 Application Final Recommendations by Executive Committee

The application review period for Track 2 and 3 applications was May 16 - June 6, 2022. Immediately following the application review period, review panel meetings were held June 6 - June 15, 2022. The meetings were held to discuss all applications that one or more reviewer did not recommend for funding.

Below is a general list of deficiencies that reviewers found with Track 2 & 3 applications. While the list is not specific to any particular application, it does reflect some consistent application deficiencies across these funding tracks and are similar to some of the deficiencies found in Track 1 applications.

- Applicant did not sufficiently show how the program would address gun violence
- Did not define the goals, outcomes, and objectives for the program
- No reported metrics showing success of past programs
- Did not provide qualifications for staff
- Applicant did not demonstrate the capacity to execute the program
- Incomplete application/sections of the application missing/missing documents
- Budget incomplete/missing narrative and justification for expenses

**Track 2 and 3 Executive Review**

Once both the application reviews and the review panel meetings concluded, the Executive Review Team considered the applications which were fully recommended by the review panels.

*Below are the 58 Track 2 and Track 3 applications that were considered during Executive Review (listed alphabetically).*

1. Association House of Chicago



2. Big Brothers Big Sisters of Metropolitan Chicago
3. Books Over Balls
4. Boys & Girls Clubs of Chicago
5. Carole Robertson Center for Learning
6. Catholic Bishop of Chicago - St Sabina
7. Chicago Adventure Therapy
8. Chicago-Lawndale Amachi Mentoring Program
9. Children's Home & Aid Society of Illinois
10. Childrens Research Triangle
11. Christian Community Health Center
12. Communities In Schools of Chicago
13. ConTextos, NFP
14. Cornerstone Community Development Corporation
15. Dr. Pedro Albizu Campos Puerto Rican High School
16. Firebird Community Arts
17. Firehouse Community Arts Center of Chicago
18. Friendly Temple Church of God in Christ
19. Gads Hill Center
20. Hope Center Foundation
21. Inner-City Muslim Action Network
22. Institute for Nonviolence Chicago
23. James B. Moran Center for Youth Advocacy
24. Lawrence Hall
25. Leave No Veteran Behind
26. Loyola University Chicago
27. Manufacturing Renaissance
28. Mikva Challenge Grant Foundation, Inc
29. NDICA
30. Nehemiah Group
31. New Moms, Inc.
32. Organizing Neighborhoods for Equality: Northside (ONE Northside)
33. Pilsen-Little Village Community Mental Health Center, Inc. DBA Pilsen Wellness Center
34. Project Simeon 2000
35. Proviso Leyden Council for Community Action, Inc.
36. Red Clay Dance Company
37. Reflections Foundation
38. Restoring the Path
39. Revolution Workshop
40. River City Community Development Center
41. Saint Leonard's Ministries
42. Sinai Community Institute
43. Storycatchers Theatre
44. Sunrise Community Empowerment



45. Sunshine Gospel Ministries
46. Teamwork Englewood
47. The Academy Group
48. The Black Fire Brigade Org
49. The Mission of Our Lady of Mercy
50. The University of Chicago
51. Tools Up Foundation, INC
52. Volunteers of America of Illinois
53. WestCare Illinois, Inc.
54. Westside Health Authority
55. Y.E.M.B.A., INCORPORATED
56. Youth Connection Charter School
57. Youth Crossroads, Inc.
58. YWCA Metropolitan Chicago

The Executive Review Team met over a 2 week period (June 14<sup>th</sup>- June 28, 2022) to discuss Track 2 and 3 applications. The following were among the factors the Executive Team considered most important in making their final determination for Track 2 and 3 awards. These factors are similar to those for Track 1.

- Did the application include robust collaboration and/or form a coalition of service providers?
- Did the application cover multiple geographic locations?
- Did the application offer multiple services for program participants?
- Did the application demonstrate the capacity to address gun violence?
- Was the amount requested justified based on the size and depth of the program?
- Was a reliable referral stream for program participants evident or already established?
- Did the applicant propose relatively unique services or service relatively unique populations or community?
- Did the applicant and/or proposed collaboration have other funding streams supporting their operation?
- The level of clarity as to how the applicant will scale up operations and manage the funding level requested.

The Executive Team made the following final recommendations for Track 2 grant awards to the Cook County Board of Commissioners. These final recommendations were approved by the Cook County Board on July 28, 2022.



**Track 2 Grant Awards – Approved in July 2022**

Primary Applicant Organization	Amount of Funding Requested	Geographic Clusters	Program Service Areas	Additional Applicant Organization(s)
Books Over Balls	\$ 1,458,739.03	Cluster #2 County Suburb West, Cluster #2 Chicago West	Prevention / Support Services	Urban Tech Academy, Illinois Collaboration on Youth, African American Family Research Institute, Saving Ourselves
Catholic Bishop of Chicago – St. Sabina	\$ 1,489,776.28	Cluster #1 Chicago South	Prevention / Support Services, Victim Services, Case Management	N/A
Childrens Research Triangle	\$ 1,484,888.00	Cluster #1 County Suburb South, Cluster #1 Chicago South, Cluster #2 Chicago West	Prevention / Support Services, Victim Services, Case Management	N/A
ConTextos, NFP	\$ 1,073,315.25	Cluster #1 County Suburb South, Cluster #1 Chicago South, Cluster #2 Chicago West	Prevention / Support Services	N/A
Firebird Community Arts	\$ 661,597.52	Cluster #2 Chicago West	Prevention / Support Services	N/A
Firehouse Community Arts Center of Chicago	\$ 1,499,915.00	Cluster #2 Chicago West	Prevention / Support Services, Victim Services, Case Management, Street Outreach / Intervention	N/A
Hope Center Foundation	\$ 1,463,352.00	Cluster #1 Chicago South	Prevention / Support Services	N/A
Inner-City Muslim Action Network	\$ 1,500,000.00	Cluster #1 Chicago South	Prevention / Support Services, Case Management, Street Outreach / Intervention	N/A
Lawrence Hall	\$ 1,283,364.88	Cluster #1 Chicago South	Prevention / Support Services, Case Management, Street Outreach / Intervention	RiseKit
Manufacturing Renaissance	\$ 1,299,526.68	Cluster #1 County Suburb South, Cluster #1 Chicago South, Cluster #2 Chicago West	Prevention / Support Services	N/A
New Moms, Inc.	\$ 1,453,255.00	Cluster #2 Chicago West	Prevention / Support Services	N/A
Project Simeon 2000	\$ 1,495,745.48	Cluster #1 Chicago South	Prevention / Support Services	N/A



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## Executive Summary

<b>Reflections Foundation</b>	\$ 1,230,027.90	Cluster #1 County Suburb South, Cluster #2 County Suburb West	Prevention / Support Services	Mommy and Me, Evaluation for Change, Inc.
<b>Restoring the Path</b>	\$ 1,500,000.00	Cluster #1 Chicago South	Prevention / Support Services, Victim Services, Case Management	N/A
<b>Revolution Workshop</b>	\$ 750,416.46	Cluster #1 County Suburb South, Cluster #2 County Suburb West, Cluster #1 Chicago South, Cluster #2 Chicago West, Cluster #3 Citywide (includes City North)	Prevention / Support Services, Case Management	Literacy Chicago
<b>Sinai Community Institute</b>	\$ 1,499,999.92	Cluster #2 Chicago West	Prevention / Support Services, Hospital Based Services	UCAN, I AM ABLE
<b>Sunshine Gospel Ministries</b>	\$ 1,485,851.39	Cluster #1 Chicago South	Prevention / Support Services, Victim Services, Case Management	N/A
<b>Teamwork Englewood</b>	\$ 1,480,963.65	Cluster #1 County Suburb South, Cluster #1 Chicago South	Prevention / Support Services, Case Management	N/A
<b>Westside Health Authority</b>	\$ 1,457,544.00	Cluster #2 Chicago West	Prevention / Support Services, Street Outreach / Intervention	N/A
<b>Youth Crossroads, Inc.</b>	\$ 1,500,000.00	Cluster #2 County Suburb West	Prevention / Support Services	N/A
<b>Total Funding Requested</b>	\$ 13,853,803.80			



The Executive Team made the following final recommendations for Track 3 grant awards to the Cook County Board of Commissioners. These final recommendations were approved by the Cook County Board on July 28, 2022.

**Track 3 Grant Awards – Approved in July 2022**

Primary Applicant Organization	Amount of Funding Requested	Geographic Clusters	Program Service Areas	Additional Applicant Organization(s)
Dr. Pedro Albizu Campos Puerto Rican High School	\$ 483,212.00	Cluster #2 Chicago West	Prevention / Support Services	Freedom Lifted, Community Justice for Youth Institute
James B. Moran Center for Youth Advocacy	\$ 616,283.02	Cluster #3 County Suburb-wide	Prevention / Support Services	N/A
Mikva Challenge Grant Foundation, Inc	\$ 593,720.00	Cluster #1 Chicago South, Cluster #2 Chicago West	Prevention / Support Services, Street Outreach / Intervention	N/A
Organizing Neighborhoods for Equality: Northside (ONE Northside)	\$ 333,808.97	Cluster #3 County Suburb-wide	Victim Services	N/A
Storycatchers Theatre	\$ 589,974.43	Cluster #1 Chicago South	Prevention / Support Services, Case Management	N/A
The Mission of Our Lady of Mercy (Mercy Home of Boys and Girls)	\$ 500,000.00	Cluster #1 County Suburb South, Cluster #2 County Suburb West	Prevention / Support Services, Case Management	Freedom Lifted, Community Justice for Youth Institute
Y.E.M.B.A., Incorporated	\$ 300,000.00	Cluster #2 County Suburb West	Prevention / Support Services	N/A
<b>Total Funding Requested</b>	<b>\$ 3,416,998.42</b>			

**Funding Cycle 1 Summary**

In total, 34 grant awards totaling \$74,872,537.83 in funding were awarded under the Cook County Gun Violence Prevention and Reduction Grant initiative in June and July of 2022. This total represents all awards from the three funding tracks delineated in the application. The Justice Advisory refers to this initial phase of grantmaking during Summer 2022 as ‘funding cycle 1’.

**Subsequent Grant Awards (Funding Cycles 2 and 3)**

Recognizing the ongoing need in communities and the pool of qualified service providers that submitted applications for funding, the Justice Advisory Council worked to coordinate subsequent grant award cycles under the Gun Violence Prevention and Reduction Grant initiative. The proposals funded through these grant award cycles had been identified as highly qualified for an award by the Executive Review Committee should additional funding be made available. Through intergovernmental



partnership, the JAC was able to secure additional funding for such proposals that were received but not initially funded under the grant initiative.

**Funding Cycle 2**

In the winter of 2023, the Justice Advisory Council partnered with the Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) Office of Firearm Violence Prevention, to fund an additional group of highly ranked applicants under the Gun Violence Prevention and Reduction Grant Initiative. The proposals selected for funding cycle 2 were not only highly ranked, but they also fulfilled the specific parameters required by the IDHS Office of Firearm Violence Prevention’s funding source, (that they serve target areas designated by the Illinois Reimagine Public Safety Act and that programming included street outreach, victim services, or case management as violence prevention strategies). In January 2023, Cook County received \$25 million in funding from IDHS and the County Board approved the 39 grants award in ‘funding cycle 2’.

**Funding Cycle 2 Grant Awards – Approved in January 2023**

Primary Applicant Organization	Amount of Funding Requested	Additional Applicant Organization(s)
<b>A Hand Up Recovery Homes NFP</b>	300,000.00	N/A
<b>Advocate Health and Hospitals Corporation</b>	1,000,000.00	Metropolitan Family Services CP4P
<b>Bethel Family Resource Center</b>	707,168.00	Bethel Baptist Church Victim Services
<b>The Black Fire Brigade</b>	500,000.00	Andrew Holmes Foundation, Cabrini Green Legal Aid, DLD for Youth, Superior Ambulance
<b>The Blessed Child</b>	481,767.00	Acclivus, Inc.
<b>Center for Advancing Domestic Peace, Inc.</b>	300,000.00	N/A
<b>Centers for New Horizons</b>	799,583.00	Chicago Community Learning Center
<b>Chicago Adventure Therapy</b>	108,440.00	N/A
<b>Chicago Neighborhood Initiatives</b>	750,000.00	Hope Center Foundation, Kids Off the Block, Metropolitan Family Services, Roseland Youth Center
<b>Christian Community Health Center</b>	750,000.00	MACH1 Mentoring
<b>Communities In Schools of Chicago</b>	745,000.00	KWOE Group
<b>Cornerstone Community Development Corporation</b>	590,741.00	N/A
<b>Fathers Who Care</b>	300,000.00	
<b>Friendly Temple Church of God in Christ (Chatham Collaborative for Violence Prevention)</b>	299,605.00	AGB Institute, Project Outreach and Prevention
<b>Gads Hill Center</b>	705,584.00	N/A





Habilitative Systems Inc	999,867.00	N/A
Heartland Human Care Services	1,000,000.00	N/A
Lawndale Christian Legal Center	1,000,000.00	N/A
Leave No Veteran Behind	558,449.00	N/A
NDICA	749,889.00	N/A
NEBC Employment Resource Services	349,998.00	F.L.Y. Radical Therapy
Nehemiah Group	750,000.00	N/A
New Eclipse Community Alliance	750,000.00	N/A
North Lawndale College Preparatory Charter High School	749,405.00	N/A
OAI, Inc.	1,000,000.00	Chicago Southland Economic Development Corporation (CSEDC), LifeHouse Group, Prairie State College (PSC), Sertoma Center, Inc., TransfR
Proviso Leyden Council for Community Action, Inc.	699,191.00	Cabrini Green Legal Aid, FOBA Inc., J.E.M. Baseball Academy, The Darren Group
Ring of Hope	644,889.00	N/A
River City Community Development Center	725,952.00	N/A
Roll Call	222,514.00	N/A
Safer Foundation	1,000,000.00	Crisis Intervention – CORE, Peace Fellowship Initiative, Women's Justice Institute
Southland Juvenile Justice Council	645,745.00	Chronic Absenteeism Partnership, Midwest Family and Community Resources
St. Agatha Catholic Church	742,900.00	N/A
TGi Movement	748,488.00	N/A
UR Chicago Alliance	749,375.00	N/A
Veteran Youth Corp	166,213.00	N/A
The West Side Justice Center, Inc.	299,817.00	N/A
Youth Connection Charter School	746,349.00	Grand Boulevard Prevention Services
Youth Guidance	616,013.00	N/A
YWCA Metropolitan Chicago	750,000.00	N/A

### Funding Cycle 3

In the Spring of 2023, the JAC facilitated a third grant award cycle to support an additional group of qualified service providers who submitted applications under the grant initiative. These grants represent the remaining Cook County American Rescue Plan Act funds allocated to the initiative. Just over \$10 million in funding was awarded via 17 grant awards in 'funding cycle 3.'



**Funding Cycle 3 Grant Awards – Approved in May 2023**

Primary Applicant Organization	Amount of Funding Requested	Additional Applicant Organization(s)
<b>Carole Robertson Center for Learning</b>	\$746,575.57	N/A
<b>Chicago-Lawndale Amachi Mentoring Program</b>	\$338,826.00	I AM ABLE, P&S Evolution
<b>College Mentoring Experience</b>	\$275,300.00	N/A
<b>Community Assistance Programs</b>	\$749,994.40	N/A
<b>Darren B. Easterling Center for Restorative Practices</b>	\$391,386.00	N/A
<b>Equiticity</b>	\$599,775.00	N/A
<b>Erie Neighborhood House</b>	\$696,112.00	Loyola University Center for Urban Research and Learning
<b>Growing Home, Inc.</b>	\$676,211.58	N/A
<b>Institute for Nonviolence Chicago</b>	\$750,000.00	N/A
<b>Pilsen-Little Village Community Mental Health Center, Inc. (Pilsen Wellness Center)</b>	\$750,000.00	N/A
<b>Red Clay Dance Company</b>	\$300,000.00	N/A
<b>Rush University Medical Center</b>	\$684,866.50	N/A
<b>Sankofa Safe Child Initiative</b>	\$749,731.50	Chicago West Side Chamber of Commerce, Westside Ministers Coalition
<b>Sunrise Community Empowerment</b>	\$185,890.00	N/A
<b>Tools Up Foundation, INC</b>	\$749,861.34	N/A
<b>Volunteers of America of Illinois</b>	\$737,235.36	N/A
<b>ZAM's Hope</b>	\$745,696.94	N/A

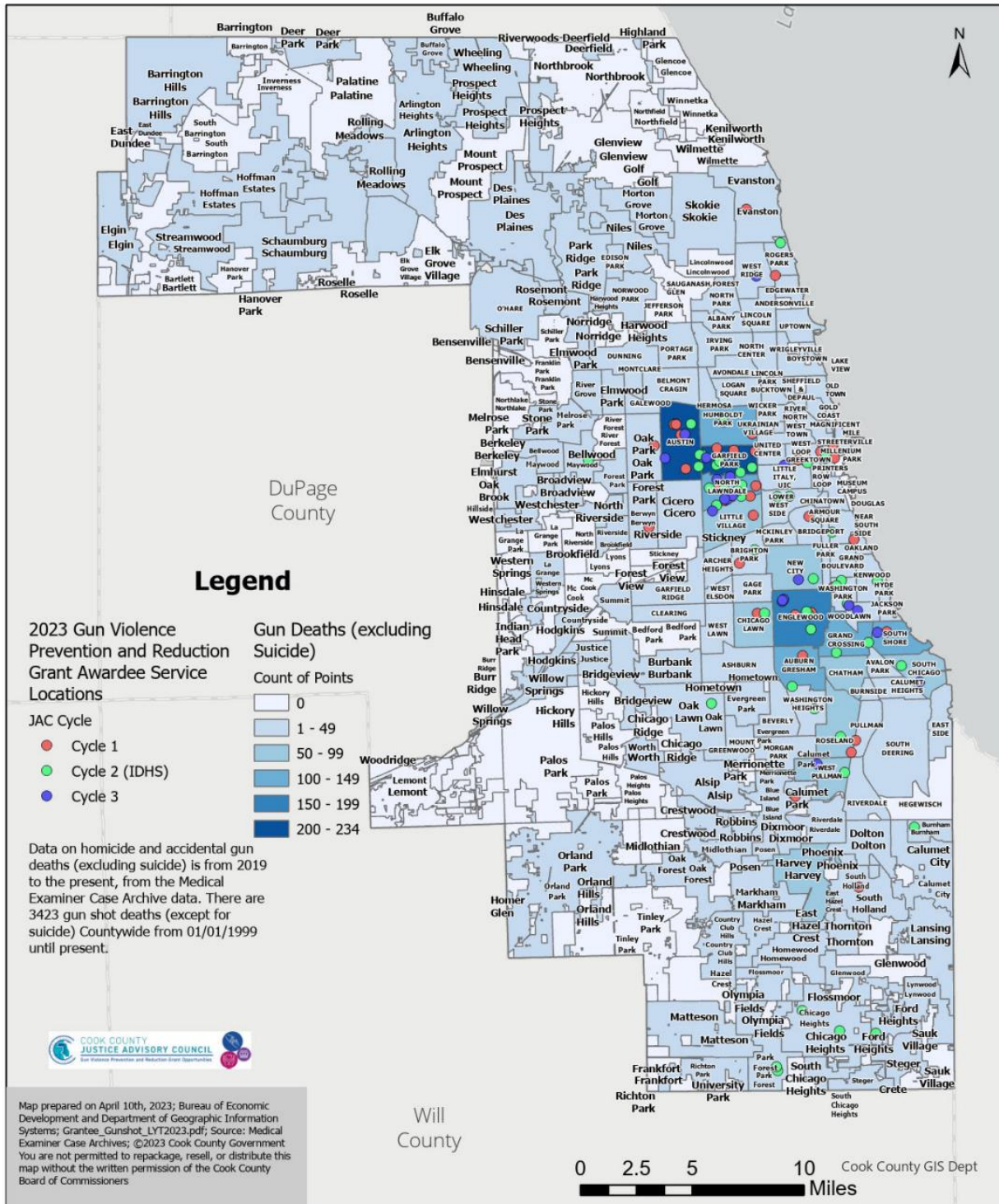
**Mapping Overview**

The following series of maps is designed to provide a general understanding of the areas of Cook County that have experienced the highest rates of gun violence and social vulnerability as well as where the organizations awarded grants under this initiative are based and the communities in which they are working. Observing these data points on a map helps illustrate the alignment of need and funding and allows us to visualize the potential impact of the Cook County Gun Violence Prevention and Reduction Grant initiative.



Below is a map of the Gun Violence Prevention and Reduction Grant Awardee service locations mapped against gun deaths in Cook County from 2019 to the present.

## Grant Awardee Service Locations and 2019 - Present Gun Shot Deaths in Cook County

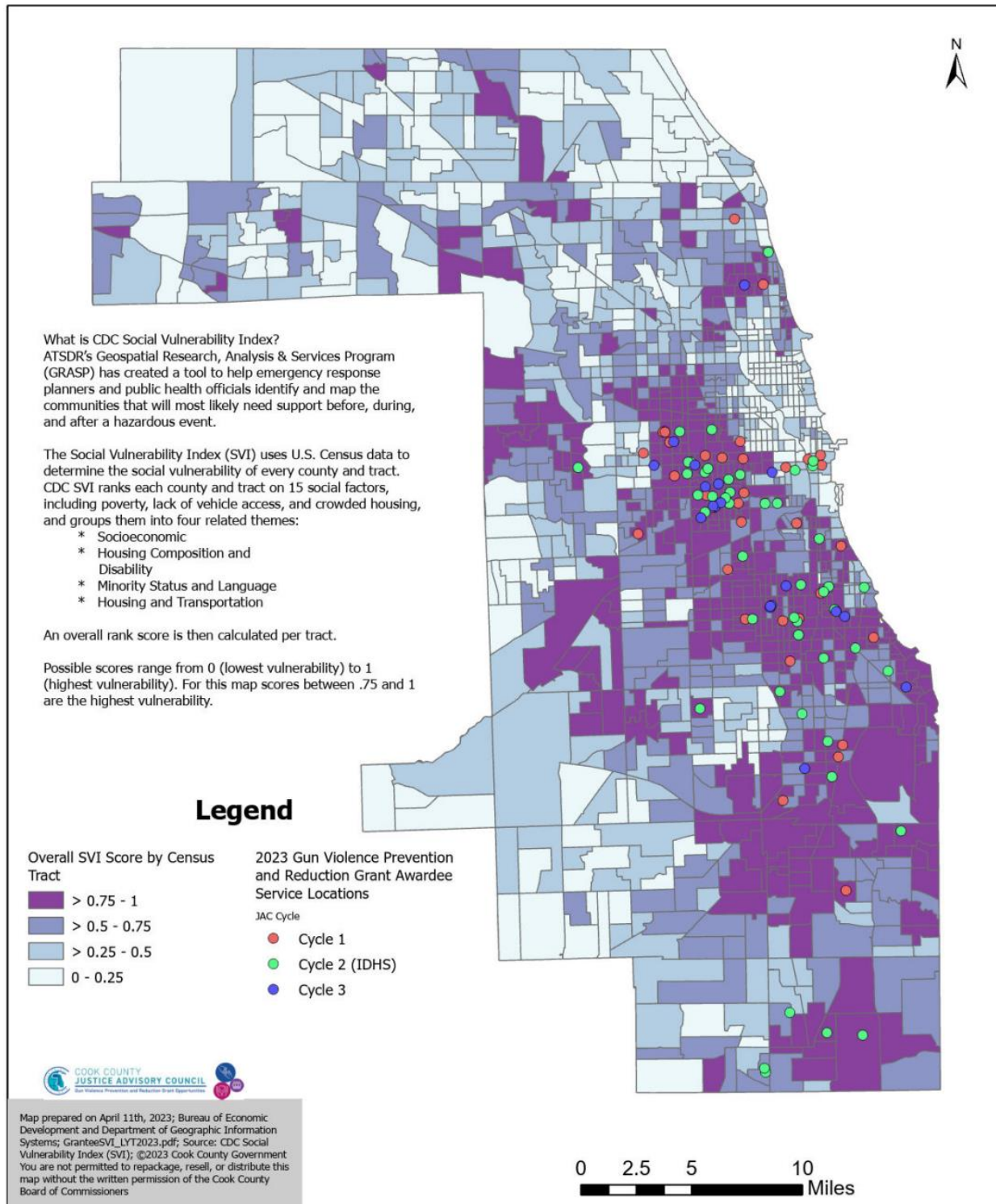






Below is a map of the social vulnerability index (SVI) overall score by census tract, mapped against the Gun Violence Prevention and Reduction Grant Awardee Service Locations.

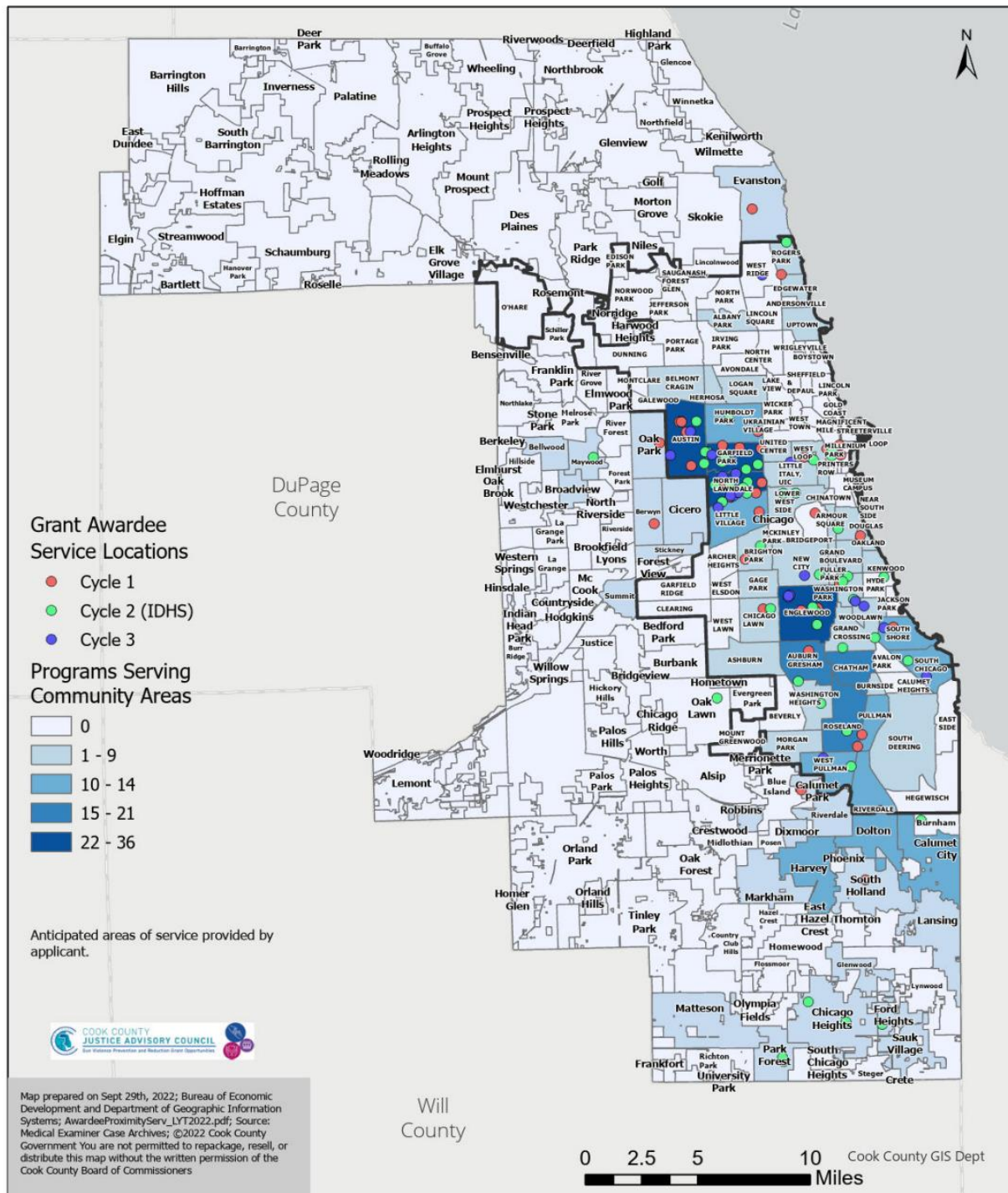
## Social Vulnerability Index (SVI) Overall Score and Grant Awardee Service Locations





Below is a map of the Gun Violence Prevention and Reduction Grant Awardee service locations and the community areas being served by the awarded organizations. Darker blue areas indicate higher concentrations of programming funded under the initiative.

## 2023 Gun Violence Prevention and Reduction Grant Awardee Service Locations

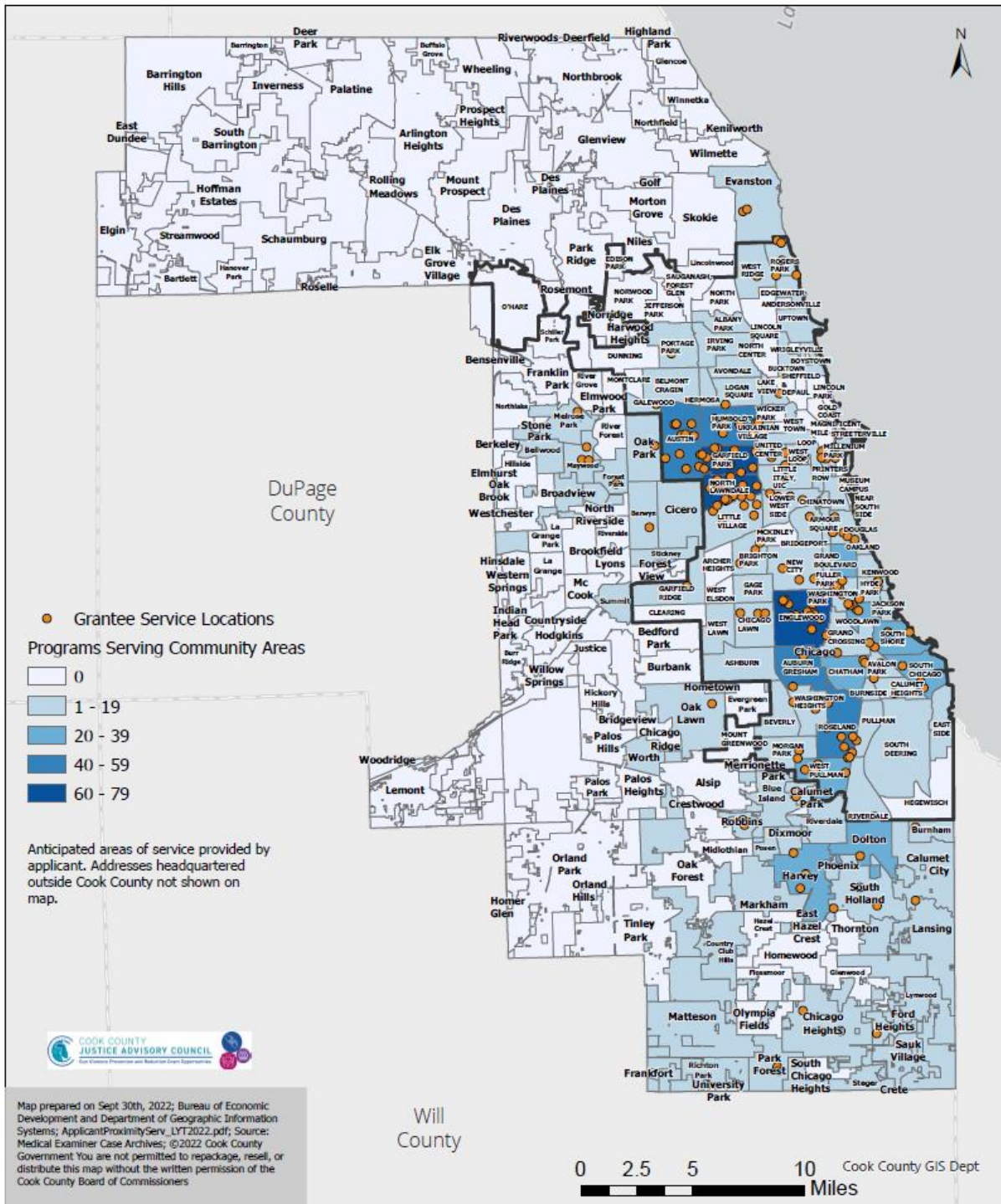






Below is a map of the community areas Gun Violence Prevention and Reduction Grant applicants proposed to serve. Darker blue areas indicate higher concentrations of proposed programming to serve the community area.

## Gun Violence Prevention and Reduction Grant Applicant's Proposed Service Areas





## Conclusion

The JAC received an overwhelming response to this grant opportunity that demanded significant labor and thoughtful review in a compressed time frame. In total, 190 applications were received, representing nearly 400 unique organizations with a total of nearly \$500 million of requested funding. Ultimately, through three separate funding cycles in 2022 and 2023, 90 grant awards were made to individual organizations and coalitions representing 150 unique organizations. A total of \$85 million of Cook County's American Rescue Plan Act funding was awarded along with \$25 million of additional funding from the Illinois Department of Human Services Office of Firearm Violence Prevention. This historic investment represents Cook County's commitment to addressing gun violence with evidence informed, community-based programs and services.

This particular grant solicitation revealed the hundreds of local organizations poised to advance violence prevention work and the significant opportunities for further investment to advance the building of safe and thriving communities in Cook County. The JAC wants to acknowledge and thank all of the organizations who engaged with and applied for this grant opportunity. As always, the JAC remains committed to supporting the excellent work of organizations working at the community level through future funding opportunities as resources allow.

## Application Feedback

*To request feedback on a 2022 Gun Violence Prevention and Reduction Grant application, please submit a written request via email to [juandalynn.johnson@cookcountyil.gov](mailto:juandalynn.johnson@cookcountyil.gov). Requests should include the name of individual requesting feedback, title, and name of your organization. Please allow 30 days from the date of the request for feedback.*