



Gun Violence Prevention and Reduction Grants

Grant Overview

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 American Rescue Plan Act 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 proposing violence prevention programming, in areas of need, throughout Cook County. Applicant organizations were asked to propose creative community-driven programming, leveraging at least one of the following violence prevention strategies: Prevention and Support Services, Victim Services, Case Management, Hospital Based Services, and Street Outreach and Intervention.

Response & Selection Process

190 applications were submitted, representing nearly 400 unique organizations and a total request for funding of nearly \$500 million. The JAC sought to award up to \$65 million through this initial grant opportunity; however, due to the overwhelming number of qualified applicants, nearly \$75 million has been allocated from American Rescue Plan Act funding designated for violence prevention.

The highly selective review process consisted of review panels, utilizing a standardized rubric to evaluate applications in accordance with the point values articulated in the [application materials](#).

The Justice Advisory Council is exploring additional funding opportunities for high quality proposals that were received but not funded through this American Rescue Plan Act Initiative.



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Geography

Grants are organized in geographic areas, or clusters. Within these areas, neighborhoods and municipalities with the highest levels of need were determined using the number of fatal and non-fatal shootings. Grant recipients will serve one or more of these neighborhood and municipal areas.

Geographic Cluster Area	Number of Grants Serving the Area
County Suburb South	9
County Suburb West	6
County Suburb-wide	1
Chicago South	20
Chicago West	17
Citywide (includes City North)	3

Grant Awards

Following the application review process, 34 Gun Violence Prevention and Reduction Grants were awarded, totaling nearly \$75 million in awarded funding.

5 initial grant awards were approved at the Cook County Board meeting held in June 2022 and 29 were approved at the board's July 2022 meeting.

10 Gun Violence Prevention and Reduction Grants were awarded to programs structured as coalitions or partnerships. 68 unique organizations are represented under the grant program.

The grant awards will be distributed over a 3-year grant period.

Awardee Summary

Primary Applicant Organization • + Coalition Members	Number of Organizations in the Coalition	Funding Awarded (\$)
Books Over Balls <ul style="list-style-type: none"> African American Family Research Institute Illinois Collaboration on Youth Saving Ourselves Urban Tech Academy 	5	1,458,739.03
Brighton Park Neighborhood Council* <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Centro Sanar New Life Centers PODER 	4	2,203,150.12
BUILD Inc <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Blocks Together Covenant House Illinois MAAFA Redemption Project United for Better Living 	5	15,000,000.00
Catholic Bishop School of Chicago – St. Sabina	1	1,489,776.28
Children's Research Triangle	1	1,484,888.00
ConTextos, NFP	1	1,073,315.25

Dr. Pedro Alibuzu Campos Puerto Rican High School	3	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Justice for Youth Institute Freedom Lifted 		483,212.00
Firebird Community Arts	1	661,597.52
Firehouse Community Arts Center of Chicago	1	1,499,915.00
Friends of the Children – Chicago*	1	1,683,970.00
Hope Center Foundation	1	1,463,352.00
Inner-City Muslim Action Network	1	1,500,000.00
James B. Moran Center for Youth Advocacy	1	616,283.02
Kids Above All Illinois*	1	4,333,196.90
Lawrence Hall	2	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RiseKit 		1,283,364.88
Manufacturing Renaissance	1	1,299,526.68
Metropolitan Family Services (CP4P)	15	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ALSO Breakthrough Claretian Associates Enlace Institute for Nonviolence Chicago New Life Centers Precious Blood Project HOOD Public Equity SWOP Target Area Development Corps Think Outside Da Block Together Chicago UCAN 		15,000,000.00
Mikva Challenge Grant Foundation, Inc	1	593,720.00
The Mission of Our Lady of Mercy (Mercy Home for Boys and Girls)	1	500,000.00
New Moms, Inc.	1	1,453,255.00
Organizing Neighborhoods for Equality	1	333,808.97
Project Simeon 2000	2	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hip Hop Detox 		1,495,745.48
Reflections Foundation	2	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evaluation for Change, Inc. 		1,230,027.90
Restoring the Path	1	1,500,000.00
Revolution Workshop	2	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Literacy Chicago 		750,416.46
Roseland Ceasefire Project, Inc*	1	4,110,943.30
Saint Anthony Hospital*	1	3,056,000.88
Sinai Community Institute	3	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UCAN I AM ABLE 		1,499,999.92
Storycatchers Theater	1	589,974.43
Sunshine Gospel Ministries	1	1,485,851.39
Teamwork Englewood	1	1,480,963.65
Westside Health Authority	1	1,457,544.00
Y.E.M.B.A. Incorporated	1	300,000.00
Youth Crossroads, Inc.	1	1,500,000.00
TOTAL	68	\$74,872,538.06

* = awardees approved by the Cook County Board of Commissioners at the June 16, 2022 Board meeting. The remaining were approved at the July 28, 2022 Board meeting.