



COOK COUNTY JUSTICE ADVISORY COUNCIL

Gun Violence Prevention and Reduction Grant Opportunities



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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. An additional \$25 million in funding has been designated to this initiative through a partnership with the Illinois Department of Human Services Office of Firearm Violence Prevention.

The grant initiative, led by the Cook County Justice Advisory Council (JAC) 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. The initiative prioritizes 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 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 overwhelming response from qualified applicants signaled to the JAC the high volume of organizations that are ready to expand and deliver critical violence prevention programming. The JAC prioritized exploring additional funding opportunities for high quality proposals that were received but not initially funded under this initiative. Subsequently the JAC was able to offer a second cycle of funding as noted below.

Grant Awards

Grant Award Cycle 1: Following the application review period, an initial 34 grants were awarded in 2022 totaling nearly \$75 million to be distributed over three years. 5 grant awards were approved by the Cook County Board in June 2022 and 29 were approved in July 2022. The 34 grants were awarded to individual organizations and coalitions that together represent 68 unique service providers supported in the initial funding cycle.

Grant Award 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 initiative. In January 2023, Cook County was awarded \$25 million in funding from IDHS and the County Board approved 39 additional grants. 74 unique service providers are supported through this funding cycle.

Awardee Summary

Primary Applicant Organization • Coalition Members	Number of Organizations in the Coalition	Funding Awarded (\$)
Cycle 1 Grants (Awarded in Summer 2022)		
Books Over Balls • African American Family Research Institute • Illinois Collaboration on Youth • Saving Ourselves • Urban Tech Academy	5	1,458,739.03
Brighton Park Neighborhood Council • Centro Sanar • New Life Centers • PODER	4	2,203,150.12
BUILD Inc • 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 • Community Justice for Youth Institute • Freedom Lifted	3	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 • RiseKit	2	1,283,364.88
Manufacturing Renaissance	1	1,299,526.68
Metropolitan Family Services (CP4P) • ALSO • Breakthrough • Claretian Associates • Enlace	15	15,000,000.00

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 		
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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hip Hop Detox 	2	1,495,745.48
Reflections Foundation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evaluation for Change, Inc. 	2	1,230,027.90
Restoring the Path	1	1,500,000.00
Revolution Workshop <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Literacy Chicago 	2	750,416.46
Roseland Ceasefire Project, Inc	1	4,110,943.30
Saint Anthony Hospital	1	3,056,000.88
Sinai Community Institute <ul style="list-style-type: none"> UCAN I AM ABLE 	3	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
Cycle 1 Grant Total	68	\$75,872,538.06
Cycle 2 Grants (Awarded in Winter 2023)		
A Hand Up Recovery Homes NFP	1	300,000.00
Advocate Health and Hospitals Corporation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Metropolitan Family Services CP4P 	2	1,000,000.00
Bethel Family Resource Center <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bethel Baptist Church Victim Services 	2	707,168.00
The Black Fire Brigade <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Andrew Holmes Foundation 	2	500,000.00
The Blessed Child <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acclivus, Inc. 	2	481,767.00
Center for Advancing Domestic Peace, Inc.	1	300,000.00
Centers for New Horizons	1	799,583.00
Chicago Adventure Therapy	1	108,440.00
Chicago Neighborhood Initiatives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hope Center Foundation Metropolitan Family Services Roseland Youth Center 	4	750,000.00
Christian Community Health Center <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clinify Health 	2	750,000.00
Communities In Schools of Chicago <ul style="list-style-type: none"> KWOE Group 	2	745,000.00

Cornerstone Community Development Corporation	1	590,741.00
Fathers Who Care	1	300,000.00
Friendly Temple Church of God in Christ (Chatham Collaborative for Violence Prevention) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AGB Institute Prime Proposal Group Project Outreach and Prevention 	4	299,605.00
Gads Hill Center	1	705,584.00
Habilitative Systems Inc	1	999,867.00
Heartland Human Care Services	1	1,000,000.00
Lawndale Christian Legal Center	1	1,000,000.00
Leave No Veteran Behind <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Become Inc MARCH Marketing LLC 	3	558,449.00
NDICA	1	749,889.00
NEBC Employment Resource Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> F.L.Y. Radical Therapy 	2	349,998.00
Nehemiah Group	1	750,000.00
New Eclipse Community Alliance	1	750,000.00
North Lawndale College Preparatory Charter High School <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CPS Safe Passage 	2	749,405.00
OAI, Inc. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chicago Southland Economic Development Corporation (CSEDC) Governors State University (GSU) LifeHouse Group National Diversity in Cannabis Alliance (NDICA) Prairie State College (PSC) Sertoma Center, Inc. TransFR 	8	1,000,000.00
Proviso Leyden Council for Community Action, Inc. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boxing Out Negativity Cabrini Green Legal Aid Fact Finders Group, Inc. J.E.M. Baseball Academy The Answer, Inc. The Darren Group United Faith Christian Institute 	8	699,191.00
Ring of Hope	1	644,889.00
River City Community Development Center	1	725,952.00
Roll Call	1	222,514.00
Safer Foundation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Peace Fellowship Initiative Women's Justice Institute 	3	1,000,000.00
Southland Juvenile Justice Council <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Midwest Family and Community Resources 	2	645,745.00
St. Agatha Catholic Church <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Giftedness training RJ Circle Keeper Training 	3	742,900.00
TGi Movement	1	748,488.00
UR Chicago Alliance	1	749,375.00
Veteran Youth Corp	1	166,213.00
The West Side Justice Center, Inc.	1	299,817.00
Youth Connection Charter School	1	746,349.00

Youth Guidance	1	616,013.00
YWCA Metropolitan Chicago	1	750,000.00
Cycle 2 Grant Total	74	\$25,002,942.00
TOTAL	142	\$100,875,480.06

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	17
County Suburb West	7
County Suburb-wide	1
Chicago South	42
Chicago West	37
Citywide (includes City North)	4



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