

# A GUIDE TO GUNDIOLENCE PREVENSION FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES CRANT PROGRAMS

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### Letter from the Leader

#### Dear Neighbor,

This guidebook is meant to provide you with an introduction to federal funding programs that support efforts to reduce gun violence in New York's 8th Congressional District. These grants provide funding opportunities for local and state governments, government agencies, nonprofit and for-profit organizations, institutions of higher education, Native American tribal organizations and other entities that are working towards making our community safer through wholistic violence prevention solutions. However, we have targeted this guidebook for nonprofit and for-profit organizations operating in Brooklyn, NY.



This federal funding guide is divided into four broad categories: Community Support and Intervention, Education, Health and Academic Research. In each section, you will find the funding source for the grant, a brief description, eligibility requirements, funding information and a link to learn more about the grant and access the application. Please do not hesitate to contact my staff at <u>NY08Grants@mail.house.gov</u> to learn more about the funding opportunities included in this guidebook. Please note that the awards listed in this guidebook accept applications on a rolling basis and all have unique deadlines. If the deadline for a program that you are interested in applying to has passed, please reach out to my office so that we can ensure you receive information when the program reopens.

I am also pleased to offer tailored assistance to prospective grant applicants during the first steps of the application process by matching project ideas to grant programs. If you have a potentional project idea, please contact our office so that we may provide guidance as you embark on the application process.

My office's website, <u>www.Jeffries.House.gov</u>, is periodically updated with essential information about funding opportunities and other critical issues for New York's 8th District. You can access an electronic copy of this guidebook through <u>www.Jeffries.House.gov</u>, where you will be able to directly access the electronic links included for each grant.

As you continue to research prospective funding opportunities, please do not hesitate to contact my office with any further questions. You can reach the staff in my Washington, D.C. office at <u>NY08Grants@mail.house.gov</u> or (202) 225-5936.

Sincerely,

# **Community Based Violence Intervention and Prevention Initiative**

#### **Funding Source**

This grant is administered by the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) and Office of Justice Programs' Bureau of Justice Assistance.

#### **Authorizing Law**

**Bipartisan Safer Communities Supplemental Appropriations Act and the Department of Justice Appropriations** Act

#### **Description**

This DOJ grant program has provided funding to support community violence initiatives that use evidenceinformed strategies to reduce violence through tailored community-centered initiatives. Grantees receive funding to prevent and reduce violent crime in communities by supporting comprehensive, evidence-based violence intervention and prevention strategies. These programs include efforts to address gang and gun violence, based on partnerships among community residents, local government agencies, victim service providers, communitybased organizations (CBOs), law enforcement, hospitals, researchers and other community stakeholders.

#### **Eligible Applicants**

- City or township governments
- County governments
- For-profit organizations other than small businesses
- Native American tribal governments (federally recognized)
- Native American tribal organizations (other than federally recognized tribal governments)
- Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education
- Nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education
- Private institutions of higher education
- Public and state-controlled institutions of higher education
- Public housing authorities/Indian housing authorities
- Special district governments
- State governments

#### **Funding Information**

- Maximum per Award
  - Up to \$200,000 per award for community based/tribal organizations and city/county/tribal governments
  - Up to \$4,000,000 per award for state governments or capacity building efforts

Link: https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/o-bja-2023-171647

# **Reimagining Justice: Testing a New Model of Community Safety**

#### **Funding Source**

This grant is administered by the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs (OJP) and Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA).

#### **Authorizing Law**

Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968

#### **Description**

The Testing a New Model of Community Safety program will invest in a collaborative network of communitybased organizations and institutions as well as local non-law enforcement government agencies. This collaboration will address these increases in less serious/lower-level crimes through the delivery of coordinated programs and services in order to avoid any unnecessary criminal justice system involvement. This new community safety model will support the development of community-led responses to the needs and objectives of community leaders, residents and other stakeholders through a community engagement process. This approach can include coordination with law enforcement entities, where appropriate, in order to focus on a locality or one or more neighborhoods experiencing a precipitous increase in less serious crime.

#### **Eligible Applicants**

- Nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education
- Native American tribal organizations (other than federally recognized tribal governments)
- Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education
- Private institutions of higher education
- Native American tribal governments (federally recognized)
- Public and State controlled institutions of higher education
- Local non-law enforcement government agencies

#### **Funding Information**

Total Amount Awarded: \$2,000,000

Grants.gov: https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=347719

# The Price of Justice: Rethinking the Consequences of Fines and Fees

#### **Funding Source**

This grant is administered by the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs (OJP) and Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA).

#### **Authorizing Law**

**Department of Justice Appropriations Act** 

#### **Description**

This BJA program seeks to fund a training and technical assistance provider (TTA) to work in partnership with five states, local and/or tribal criminal justice agencies or systems ("jurisdictions") to address the use of fines and fees and ensure they are being imposed in a constitutional and non-discriminatory way. The provider will work with sites to address common barriers to creating a more equitable justice system by addressing how sites use and apply fines and fees.

#### **Eligible Applicants**

- Nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education
- For-profit organizations other than small businesses
- Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education
- Public and State controlled institutions of higher education
- Native American tribal organizations (other than federally recognized tribal governments)
- Private institutions of higher education

#### **Funding Information**

Total Amount Awarded: \$2,500,000

Grants.gov: https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/o-bja-2023-171758

# **Encouraging Innovation: Field-Initiated Programs**

#### **Funding Source**

This grant is administered by the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) and the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA).

#### **Authorizing Law**

**Department of Justice Appropriations Act** 

#### **Description**

The Field-Initiated Program seeks to prevent and reduce crime and enhance the criminal justice system through innovative approaches that accelerate justice by identifying, defining and responding to emerging or chronic crime problems and systemic issues using innovative approaches.

#### **Eligible Applicants**

- City or township governments
- County governments
- For-profit organizations other than small businesses
- Native American tribal governments (federally recognized)
- Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education
- Nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education
- Private institutions of higher education
- Public and state-controlled institutions of higher education
- Public housing authorities/Indian housing authorities
- Special district governments
- State governments

#### **Funding Information**

Maximum per Award: \$1,000,000

Link: https://bja.ojp.gov/program/encouraging-innovation-field-initiated-programs/overview

# **Recruiting and Developing Peer Recovery Coaches**

#### **Funding Source**

The Supporting Children, Youth, and Families Affected by the Drug Crisis: Recruiting and Developing Peer Recovery Coaches grant is administered by the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), the Office of Justice Programs (OJP) and the Office for Victims of Crime.

#### **Authorizing Law**

Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (CARA)

#### **Description**

The program seeks to fund one lead organization that will:

- Competitively select and fund subawards to recruit, train and deploy paid peer recovery coaches who will assist a family member or caregiver's recovery from substance misuse in order to support the well-being of youth who have experienced victimization as a result of drug use.
- Provide technical assistance to the selected sub-awardees.
- Assist in the development of a peer recovery coach paraprofessional program.

By promoting recovery through a peer recovery coaching model, this program will support children, youth and families, including kinship families and grand families, who have been victimized by neglect, abuse or violence because of a family member or caregiver's drug use.

#### **Eligible Applicants**

- Native American tribal organizations (other than federally recognized tribal governments)
- Public and State controlled institutions of higher education
- Native American tribal governments (federally recognized)
- For-profit organizations other than small businesses
- Nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education
- Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education
- Small businesses

#### **Funding Information**

Anticipated Number of Awards: 1 Anticipated Total Amount Awarded: \$4,000,000

Grants.gov: https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=347486

# Preventing School Violence: BJA's STOP School Violence Program

#### **Funding Source**

This grant is administered by the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), the Office of Justice Programs (OJP) and the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA).

#### **Authorizing Law**

**Bipartisan Safer Communities Supplemental Appropriations Act and the Department of Justice Appropriations** Act

#### **Description**

This program seeks to improve school security by providing students and teachers with the tools and training they need to recognize, respond quickly to and prevent acts of violence, including hate crimes. Both BJA and the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services offer grants to improve security within our nation's schools and on school grounds through evidence-based programs. This program supports training school personnel and educating students to prevent student violence against others and themselves. It also provides specialized training for school officials in responding to mental health crises, and it funds the development and operation of anonymous reporting systems for threats of school violence, including mobile telephone applications, hotlines and websites.

#### **Eligible Applicants**

- State governments
- City or township governments
- County governments
- Units of local governments
- Federally recognized Native American tribal governments
- Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education
- Private institutions of higher education
- Independent school districts
- Public and state-controlled institutions of higher education

Link: https://bja.ojp.gov/program/stop-school-violence-program/overview

Available Funding: https://bja.ojp.gov/program/stop-school-violence-program/funding

# **EDUCATION**

# School Emergency Response to Violence (Project SERV)

#### **Funding Source**

This grant is administered by the U.S. Department of Education, the Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, the Office of Safe and Supportive Schools and the Disaster Recovery Unit.

#### **Authorizing Law**

Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965

#### **Description**

Project SERV funds short-term education-related services for local educational agencies (LEAs) and institutions of higher education (IHEs) to help them recover from a violent or traumatic event in which the learning environment has been disrupted.

Project SERV funds for most violent or traumatic events are managed by the Department's Office of Safe and Supportive Schools. Project SERV funds in response to a major natural disaster are managed by the Department's Disaster Recovery Unit (DRU).

#### **Eligible Applicants**

Local education agencies (LEAs) and institutions of higher education (IHEs) that have experienced a traumatic event of such magnitude as to severely disrupt the teaching and learning environment.

Project SERV funds have been awarded and used to address needs related to each of the following types of events:

- School shootings
- Suicide clusters
- Terrorism (response to 9/11, Washington, DC sniper incident, Virginia Tech)
- Major natural disasters, (e.g., response to Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria)
- School bus accidents
- Student homicides (off campus)
- Hate crimes committed against students, faculty members and/or staff

It is important to note that this list is not exhaustive and that any traumatic event that impacts schools, students, and staff may qualify an LEA or IHE for Project SERV funding.

Link: <u>https://oese.ed.gov/offices/office-of-formula-grants/safe-supportive-schools/project-serv-school-emergency-response-to-violence/</u>

# **EDUCATION**

# **Project Prevent Grant Program**

#### **Funding Source**

This grant is administered by the U.S. Department of Education and the Office of Safe and Supportive Schools.

#### **Authorizing Law**

#### Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965

#### **Description**

This program provides grants to local educational agencies (LEAs) impacted by community violence and to expand the capacity of LEAs to implement community- and school-based strategies to help prevent community violence and mitigate the impacts of exposure to community violence.

These projects must include:

- 1. Severity and magnitude of the problem and identification of schools to be served by the proposed project
- 2. Collaboration and coordination with community-based organizations
- 3. Project activities designed to promote a safer and improved school environment
- 4. Evidence-based, culturally and linguistically competent and developmentally appropriate programs and practices
- 5. A framework for planning, implementation and sustainability

#### **Eligible Applicants**

Local educational agencies (LEAs)

#### **Funding Information**

- Number of Awards: 10-13
- Amount per Award: \$250,000 to \$800,000 per year for up to 5 years
- Average Size of Awards: \$600,000 (for each year of funding requested)
- Total Amount Awarded: \$6,800,000

Link: https://oese.ed.gov/offices/office-of-formula-grants/safe-supportive-schools/project-prevent-grant-program/

# **Resiliency in Communities After Stress and Trauma**

#### **Funding Source**

This grant was established by the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act and is administered by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

#### **Authorizing Law**

**Public Health Service Act** 

#### **Description**

The purpose of this program is to promote resilience, trauma-informed approaches and equity in communities that have recently faced civil unrest, community violence and/or collective trauma within the past 24 months; and assist high-risk youth and families through the implementation of evidence-based violence prevention and community youth engagement programs.

#### **Eligible Applicants**

Entities that have faced civil unrest, community, violence and/or collective traumas, including:

- States
- Political subdivisions of states
- Local municipalities (e.g., counties, cities, and local government)
- Public or private non-profit community-based organizations
- Indian tribes or tribal organizations (as defined in section 5304 of title 25)

#### **Funding Information**

- Anticipated Total Available Funding: \$10,000,000
- Anticipated Number of Awards: 10
- Anticipated Award Amount: \$1,000,000 per year
- Length of Project: up to 4 years
- Proposed budgets cannot exceed \$1,000,000 in total costs (direct and indirect) in any year of the proposed project.

Link: https://www.samhsa.gov/sites/default/files/grants/pdf/fy-2022-recast-nofo.pdf

### Preventing Adverse Childhood Experiences: Data to Action (PACE: D2A)

#### **Funding Source**

This grant was established and is administered by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

#### **Authorizing Law**

**Public Health Service Act** 

#### **Description**

In 2020, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announced funding for the Preventing Adverse Childhood Experiences: Data to Action cooperative agreement to support adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) monitoring and prevention.

This notice of funding opportunity (NOFO) is expected to fund up to 12 recipients to address state-specific needs related to adverse childhood experiences (ACEs). This NOFO builds upon previous funding for "Essentials for Childhood and Preventing ACEs: Data to Action" by continuing to use data to inform the implementation of evidence-based strategies and approaches to ensure safe, stable, nurturing relationships and environments for all children.

#### **Eligible Applicants**

- State governments
- County governments
- City or township governments
- Special district governments
- Independent school districts
- Public and state controlled institutions of higher education
- Native American tribal governments (federally recognized)
- Public housing authorities/Indian housing authorities
- Native American tribal organizations (other than federally recognized tribal governments)
- Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education
- Nonprofits without 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education
- Private institutions of higher education
- For-profit organizations other than small businesses
- Small businesses

Link: https://www.grants.gov/grantsws/rest/opportunity/att/download/327235

# National Centers of Excellence in Youth Violence Prevention (YVPCs)

#### **Funding Source**

This grant was established and is administered by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

#### **Authorizing Law**

#### **Public Health Service Act**

#### **Description**

CDC's National Centers of Excellence in Youth Violence Prevention (known as YVPCs or Youth Violence Prevention Centers) are academic-community collaborations that advance the science and practice of youth violence prevention.

#### **Eligible Applicants**

- State governments
- Small businesses
- For-profit organizations other than small businesses
- Nonprofits without 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education
- County governments
- Special district governments
- Private institutions of higher education
- City or township governments
- Public and State controlled institutions of higher education
- Native American tribal governments (federally recognized)
- Public housing authorities/Indian housing authorities
- Native American tribal organizations (other than federally recognized tribal governments)
- Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education
- Independent school districts

CDC Website: https://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/youthviolence/yvpc/

Past Grants.gov: https://www.grants.gov/grantsws/rest/opportunity/att/download/312885

# **Preventing Violence Affecting Young Lives (PREVAYL)**

#### **Funding Source**

This grant was established and is administered by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

#### **Authorizing Law**

**Public Health Service Act** 

#### **Description**

In March 2021, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announced funding to address multiple forms of violence impacting adolescents and young adults in communities with high rates of violence.

PREVAYL funding recipients will address:

- Youth violence
- Teen dating violence
- Other adverse childhood experiences (ACEs)
- Conditions that put communities at greater risk for violence

Recipients will also address risk factors such as social determinants of health, including concentrated poverty, limited educational or employment opportunities and racial inequity.

#### **Eligible Applicants**

- County governments
- City or township governments
- State governments
- Special district governments
- Independent school districts
- Public and State controlled institutions of higher education
- Native American tribal governments (federally recognized)
- Public housing authorities/Indian housing authorities
- Native American tribal organizations (other than federally recognized tribal governments)
- Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education
- Nonprofits without 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education
- Private institutions of higher education
- For-profit organizations other than small businesses

CDC Website: https://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/youthviolence/prevayl.html

### **DELTA Impact**

#### **Funding Source**

This grant was established and is administered by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

#### **Authorizing Law**

#### **Public Health Service Act**

#### **Description**

The Domestic Violence Prevention Enhancement and Leadership Through Alliances (DELTA) Impact program funds State Domestic Violence Coalitions to implement strategies and approaches designed to prevent intimate partner violence while also funding local communities to do the same.

The purpose of DELTA Impact is to decrease risk factors in communities that may lead to intimate partner violence and to increase protective factors that prevent it. Funded State Domestic Violence Coalitions and their local Coordinated Community Response Teams affect these factors by implementing programs and policies.

#### **Eligible Applicants**

Organization that must:

- be a State Domestic Violence Coalition; and
- include representatives of pertinent sectors of the local community, which may include:
  - Health care providers and State or local health departments
  - The education community
  - o The faith-based community
  - The criminal justice system
  - o Family violence, domestic violence and dating violence service program advocates
  - o Human service entities such as State child services divisions
  - o Business and civic leaders
  - Other pertinent sectors

CDC Website: https://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/intimatepartnerviolence/delta/impact/index.html

Grants.gov: https://www.grants.gov/grantsws/rest/opportunity/att/download/321478

# ACADEMIC RESEARCH

# HHS: National Institutes of Health (NIH)

#### Description

The NIH supports research projects that address causes and consequences of injures and how to bring about changes for people, their physical and social environments and the health system to reduce the incidence and impact of injuries and violence.

In previous rounds of funding, NIH has focused on funding projects that address violence research, violence against women, youth violence and youth violence prevention. In Fiscal Year 2022, these projects collectively received \$301 million in funding, and the NIH estimates that it will increase available funds across these areas. Examples of funded research projects include "Erasing Racism and Violence through Collaborative Intervention with Teachers and Youth," "The effects of exposure to violence on risk for substance abuse: neural mechanisms and community level moderators" and "Historic Violence and Contemporary Racial Disparities in Birth Outcome."

#### **NIH Funding Eligibility:**

Funding eligibility varies based on the grant one is applying to. Generally, NIH supports:

- Scientists at various stages in their careers, from pre-doctoral students on research training grants to investigators with extensive experience who run large research centers
- Domestic or foreign, public or private, non-profit or for-profit organizations
- Institutions and international organizations, including public or private non-profit or for-profit organizations

Link: https://grants.nih.gov/funding/searchguide/index.html#/

# **ACADEMIC RESERACH**

# National Collaborative on Gun Violence Research

#### **Description**

The National Collaborative on Gun Violence has funded \$22 million in grants for research projects on topics including suicide, violent crime, school violence, officer-involved shootings, firearm safety, defensive gun use and non-lethal firearm injuries.

In previous funding rounds, the Collaborative has funded descriptive and basic research to assess the characteristics associated with different aspects of gun violence and applied and policy research to inform effective interventions and strategies for reducing gun violence. The Collaborative funded descriptive/basic research in five main areas: urban gun violence, domestic gun violence, mass shootings, gun suicides and officer-involved shootings.

The Collaborative has also funded applied or policy research that can inform the effectiveness of interventions that are implemented by or involve the community, law enforcement, schools or other service system organizations. Research in this category also includes a range of policy analyses, such as analysis of existing and potential gun regulations at the local, state and federal levels; and evaluation of organizational policies, such as police use-of-force policies or training standard.

Link: https://www.ncgvr.org/grants.html

# LETTERS OF SUPPORT FROM LEADER JEFFRIES

While my office is not involved in the decision-making process and does not select which organizations are awarded grants, it may be possible to provide a letter of support for an organization's application. If you would like to be considered for a letter of support please provide the following:

- 1. Description of your organization
- 2. Summary of the application
- 3. Description of what the money will be used for
- 4. Draft letter of support

You can email this information to <u>NY08Grants@mail.house.gov</u> or print and mail this information to my Central Brooklyn District Office:

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