

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

### **LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY**

#### **OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL**

##### **Notice of Availability of Funds**

##### **Community-Based Violence Intervention Program**

**Take notice** that, in compliance with N.J.S.A. 52:14-34.4, the Department of Law and Public Safety (Department), Office of the Attorney General (OAG) announces the anticipated availability of the following grant program funds:

**a) Name of the Program: Community-Based Violence Intervention Program.** This program is supported by State Fiscal Year 2022 funding.

**b) Purpose:** The purpose of the Community-Based Violence Intervention Program is to support non-profit community service providers, in the development and implementation of violence intervention programming for communities impacted by higher than average rates of violence, with a focus on gun violence. Applicants may develop new initiatives or enhance already existing programs.

Community-Based Violence Intervention programs have reduced homicides by as much as 60% in communities where they were initiated. These programs employ community violence intervention strategies that provide alternatives to violence and embody a community-based public safety model. This Program will support applications whose initiatives include such activities as

- street outreach and mentoring;
- trauma-informed programs with cognitive behavioral therapy; and
- integration of local social service providers to connect people to social and economic services.

Applications must indicate how their initiatives are community-driven and culturally responsive in their approach to reduce violence, particularly gun violence.

**c) Available Funding:** Funding for the Community-Based Violence Intervention Program is derived from the 2022 State Fiscal Year Budget in the amount of \$10,000,000. These funds will be awarded on a competitive basis pursuant to the quality of the application submitted. The number of awards available and the funding amount of each award will depend upon the number of applications received and the funding amounts requested by each applicant. Funding decisions will be made based on a variety of considerations, including but not limited to, the type of initiatives to be implemented; the geographic distribution of the project; and the need to provide the broadest and deepest statewide coverage practicable. The Office of the Attorney General reserves the right to decline any and all applications for funding and to award grants in amounts that may be other than requested. For successful applicants, funding under this grant program will be disbursed through a combination of upfront and reimbursement methods. Prior to funds being dispersed, recipients will be required to provide sufficient proof of all expenditures (e.g. receipts, purchase orders, payment vouchers, invoices etc.), or in the case of upfront purchases, planned expenditures.

**d) Applicants may apply for a maximum of \$500,000 per project for a six month grant period.** The project period will begin February 1, 2022, and end on June 30, 2022; extensions may be granted based on the availability of funds as of July 1, 2022. Recipients will not be reimbursed for expenditures outside of this grant period. Only one application per applicant will be accepted. **There is no financial or “in-kind” match required for this program.**

**e) Applicants eligible for funding under this program:** non-profit, community service providers, may apply for funding. Multiple, eligible entities may join together to form one application, but one single entity must be designated as the applicant and the application will still be subject to the \$500,000cap.

**f) Qualifications needed by an applicant to be considered for funding:** Applicants must be in good standing with all State agencies with which they have had a grant or contractual relationship.

**g) Application Procedures:** Application packages are available on the OAG website at <https://www.njoag.gov/resources/grant-opportunities/notices-of-available-funds/>. Applicants must complete and submit an application with **all** applicable documents and signatures by the submission deadline. Applications must be sent to the following email address: [CBVI@njoag.gov](mailto:CBVI@njoag.gov). Please put your entity name in the subject line. Incomplete applications, and those that do not comply with the requirements of this Notice of Availability of Funds or the Program Guidelines will not be considered for funding. The Office of the Attorney General reserves the right to decline any and all applications for funding and to award grants in amounts that may be other than requested. Please be aware that the submitted application may be subject to public disclosure pursuant to the Open Public Records Act, N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 et seq.

To be considered for funding, an eligible applicant must file a completed application, in accordance with the requirements of the program, by the submission deadline. Late or incomplete applications will not be eligible for funding. **The following scored components must be included in the application:**

1. Program Narrative (90 points)

a. Identified Need (25 Points)

Please identify and describe the specific need for the proposed **Community-Based Violence Intervention Program** in the community your organization serves; the target population to be served; the anticipated number of residents who will receive or participate in services; and the geographic area impacted by your proposed program.

b. Program Design and Implementation (45 Points)

Please explain your proposed program in detail and indicate how it will address the identified need. Explain how the program will be implemented; how the program will have substantial community involvement; how the program will be culturally-responsive; and how the program will address violence within the community you serve. Please provide proposed program activity dates.

c. Partnership, Collaboration, and Coordination (10 Points)

Partnerships, collaborations, and coordination with other community-based organizations, government organizations, and/or local law enforcement entities is required. Explain how your entity will use these partnerships and/or collaborations to strengthen the success of your project. Applicants may provide letters of support from partner entities that describe their level of involvement however, the absence of letters will not negatively affect scoring.

- d. Background, Experience, and Capability; Project Management and Staff (5 Points)  
Please describe you or your entity's background and experience (if any) with violence intervention programs, and your entity's knowledge and capability to carry out the proposed program. Please also identify all program management and staff. Identify any current trainings that staff have received in the area of violence intervention or anticipated trainings.
  
- e. Evaluation and Sustainability Plan (5 points)  
Describe your organizations plan for evaluating the work begun under this program, including an explanation about how the program will collect data and evaluate success. Applicants may be asked to share their best practices for purposes of informing potential future funding and programming decisions.

Applicants must also include a discussion about how the work will be sustained beyond the grant period, which may include costs of operation, partnerships with community groups, and impact of long-term engagement in this area.

2. Budget Detail and Budget Narrative (10 points)

- a. Applicants must use the Budget Detail Worksheet form provided in the application package.
- b. Applicants must provide an itemized list of costs and a narrative explanation as to why those costs are necessary to the success of the project. Costs must be specific and tied to the project objectives. .
- c. Applicants should refer to the Program Administration and Funding Guidelines for a description of budget categories and allowable expenses.

**h) The address\* of the office receiving the application:**

William H. Cranford, Chief Administrative Officer  
Office of the Attorney General  
Division of Administration  
Richard J. Hughes Justice  
Complex 25 Market Street  
Trenton, New Jersey 08625

**\* ONLY ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS VIA EMAIL: [CBVI@NJOAG.GOV](mailto:CBVI@NJOAG.GOV)**

**i) Deadline by which applications must be submitted:**

Applications must be completed and emailed to [CBVI@njoag.gov](mailto:CBVI@njoag.gov) on or before 11:59 pm on December 31, 2021. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered for funding.

**j) Date by which notices of award shall be sent to applicants:**

All applicants will be notified on or about **January 26, 2022**, whether or not their proposed project(s) will be funded.

**Training and technical assistance; program evaluation**

The Department may provide for a statewide training and technical assistance (TTA) provider for applicants who receive funding under this program as grantees. If a TTA is made available, applicants will be required to cooperate with the TTA as part of the receipt of funds under this program.

Additionally, the Department may partner with an academic institution to conduct an overall evaluation of the program, which may involve the receipt of information from the eventual grantees to inform uniform standards for future violence intervention programs and best practices. Cooperation with the academic institution will be required for purposes of this evaluation.

**Please note that funding allocations and individual subaward amounts are subject to change.**

Recipients shall recognize and agree that both the initial provision of funding and the continuation of such funding under a grant agreement is expressly depending upon the availability to the Department of funds appropriated by the State or Federal Legislature from State and/or Federal revenue or such other funding sources, as may be applicable. A failure of the Department to make any payment under a grant agreement or to observe and perform any condition on its part to be performed under a grant agreement as a result of the failure of the State or Federal Legislature to appropriate funds shall not in any manner constitute a breach of a grant agreement by the Department or an event of default under a grant agreement and the Department shall not be held liable for any breach of a grant agreement because of the absence of available funding appropriations. In addition, future funding may not be anticipated from the Department beyond the duration of the award period set forth in a grant agreement and in no event shall a grant agreement be construed as a commitment by the Department to expend funds beyond the termination date set in a grant agreement.