



# COOK COUNTY JUSTICE ADVISORY COUNCIL

Gun Violence Prevention and Reduction Grant Opportunities



**March 4, 2022**  
**Information Session**

# WELCOME



## COOK COUNTY JUSTICE ADVISORY COUNCIL

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- **Justice Advisory Council Overview**
- **Introductions**
  - Ali Abid – Deputy Director
  - Juandalynn Johnson – Grants Coordinator
  - Kristina Kaupa – Lead Policy & Program Coordinator
  - Laura Grossman – Public Information Officer

# AGENDA



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- Information Session Goals
- Grant Program Overview
- Application Timeline
- Eligibility & Application Requirements
- Capacity Building Workshops
- How to Apply
- Q&A

*Questions may be submitted via the Q & A feature and will be addressed at the end of the session. Time constraints may limit the number of questions discussed in the session. The JAC cannot answer questions specific to a proposed program or organization.*

# GOALS



This information session is designed to:

- **Provide information** about a funding opportunity for gun violence prevention programs that address the systemic and root causes of crime and violence.
- **Encourage applications from services providers of diverse size and perspective**, especially from providers service areas with high incidents of gun violence,
- **Answer questions** about the grant application process and requirements.
- **Share resources** for potential applicants including capacity building workshops on topics such as budgets, reporting and performance metrics.

# GRANT OVERVIEW



## Gun Violence Prevention & Reduction Grants



### Program Description

Up to \$65 million in grants are available to service providers to deliver programs that reduce or prevent gun violence in Cook County. Grants are funded through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).



### Funding

Grantees will receive \$150,000 to \$18,000,000 for a 3-year period. Organizations will determine an appropriate funding level and submit proposed a budget as part of their application.



### Application Timeline

Applications will be open starting March 8, 2022 and are due:

- April 11 (for applications over \$1.5 million) or
- May 9 (for applications under \$1.5 million)

# FUNDING TRACKS



Applicants will design a three-year budget based on the specific needs of their proposed program. Budgets must fit into one of the following ranges, or funding tracks:

| Track   | Total Proposed Grant Amount<br><i>(Spread over the 3 year<br/>Grant Period)</i> | Application Due Date* |
|---------|---|-----------------------|
| Track 1 | \$1,500,000 - \$18,000,000  | April 11, 2022 5:00pm |
| Track 2 | \$600,000 - \$1,500,000   | May 9, 2022 5:00pm    |
| Track 3 | \$150,000 - \$600,000   | May 9, 2022 5:00pm    |

*\*The funding track the applicant selects will determine when their grant application is due*

# FUNDING TRACKS: EXAMPLES



The total proposed budget is based on a three-year period. Equal distribution of the proposed budget over the three-year period is not required.

| Track   | Total Proposed Grant Amount | Year 1      | Year 2      | Year 3      |
|---------|-----------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Track 1 | \$5,000,000                 | \$1,000,000 | \$1,500,000 | \$2,500,000 |
| Track 2 | \$1,200,000                 | \$400,000   | \$400,000   | \$400,000   |
| Track 3 | \$500,000                   | \$50,000    | \$150,000   | \$300,000   |

# APPLICATION TIMELINE



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|                                  |   |
|----------------------------------|---|
| <b>March 8, 2022</b>             | Application Release on <a href="https://cookcountyil.gov/JACGrants">cookcountyil.gov/JACGrants</a>  |
| <b>March 14, 2022</b>            | Pre-Submittal Conference <i>*Optional</i>   |
| <b>April 11, 2022, 5:00pm</b>    | Applications for <b>Track 1</b> (applications of \$1.5 million or more) are due by 5:00pm via Online Application Submission                 |
| <b>May 9, 2022, 5:00pm</b>       | Applications for <b>Track 2 &amp; Track 3</b> (applications of less than \$1.5 million) are due by 5:00pm via Online Application Submission |
| <b>June 16 and July 28, 2022</b> | Anticipated Cook County Board Meetings to approve awards  |

\*Optional Capacity building workshops will be held March 14 - April 8, 2022. Visit for [cookcountyil.gov/JACGrants](https://cookcountyil.gov/JACGrants) for info.

# APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA



Must be a recognized 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4), or have a fiscal agent who is



Must address gun violence over 3-year period



Must have at least 3 years previous violence prevention, intervention, reduction and community outreach experience



Uses strategies grounded in best available research and data, both quantitative and qualitative



Service an area in at least one geographical cluster where the project will be implemented



Should include practices focused on servicing individuals at high risk of being victims or perpetrators of gun violence

# PROGRAM STRATEGIES



Applicants are encouraged to propose creative programming but must incorporate one or more violence prevention strategy:



**Victim Services** assist those who are impacted by violence as well as that individual's loved ones. This can include emotional support, crisis intervention, counseling, and case management.



**Case Management** refers to ongoing connection to needed services and supports and can typically involve an assessment to identify needs. Services can be provided to any age group.



**Hospital Based Services** can include street intervention that arrives at the hospital or programs based in a hospital that engage injured persons during their stay, such as group support and clinical services.



**Street Outreach and Intervention** refers to credible messengers actively working in the streets to engage individuals who are at immediate or high risk of being victims or perpetrators of violence. Staff build trusting relationships with high-risk individuals so that they can mediate conflicts.



**Prevention and Support Services** include educational and vocational programming (e.g., afterschool programs, employment programs), legal assistance, mentoring, and behavioral health and wellness programs that provide mental health and substance abuse services.

# GEOGRAPHIC CLUSTERS



Plan must service an area in at least one geographic cluster where the project will be implemented. Listed are key community areas and municipalities highlight the highest concentrations of shooting incidents in a given cluster.

| SUBURBAN COOK COUNTY  | CHICAGO   |
|---|---|
| <p><b><u>Cluster #1 County Suburb South</u></b><br/>           Key Municipalities:<br/>           Blue Island, Calumet City, Calumet Park, Chicago Heights, Dolton, Harvey, Markham, Park Forest, Riverdale, Sauk Village, South Holland,</p> | <p><b><u>Cluster #1 Chicago South</u></b><br/>           Key Community Areas:<br/>           Englewood, West Englewood, Auburn Gresham, Roseland, Chatham, West Pullman, South Chicago, Washington Heights, Grand Boulevard, Gage Park, South Deering, Calumet Heights, East Side</p> |
| <p><b><u>Cluster #2 County Suburb West</u></b><br/>           Key Municipalities:<br/>           Bellwood, Maywood</p>  | <p><b><u>Cluster #2 Chicago West</u></b><br/>           Key Community Areas:<br/>           Austin, North Lawndale, South Lawndale, Humboldt Park, West Garfield Park, East Garfield Park, Near West Side, Belmont Cragin</p>   |
| <p><b><u>Cluster #3 County Suburb-wide</u></b><br/>           Key Municipality: Evanston</p>  | <p><b><u>Cluster #3 Citywide (includes City North)</u></b><br/>           Key Community Areas: Logan Square, Rogers Park</p>  |

# APPLICATION CHECKLIST



| Category                                    | Supporting Documentation   |
|---|--|
| <b>Key Personnel</b>                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant must identify key personnel and/or volunteers committed to this project.  |
| <b>501(c)(3)</b>                            | <input type="checkbox"/> The applicant shall submit a copy of the IRS Determination Letter or Affirmation Letter exhibiting that the Corporation is tax exempt under 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4)   |
| <b>Current Certificate of Good Standing</b> | <input type="checkbox"/> Please see <a href="http://ilsos.gov">Corporation/LLC Search/Certificate of Good Standing (ilsos.gov)</a>   |
| <b>Copy of Articles of Incorporation</b>    | <input type="checkbox"/> If amended from the Illinois Secretary of State, must submit Copy of Amended Articles of Incorporation  |
| <b>Board of Directors</b>                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant must include list of Board of Directors and provide their demographic data.   |
| <b>Letters of Recommendation</b>            | <input type="checkbox"/> Must submit 3 letters, from individuals not employed by Cook County   |
| <b>Financial Statements</b>                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Submit your A133 Single Audit, if applicable. Otherwise, submit your latest audited financials. If you do not have audited financials, you may submit other financial documents for consideration.  |
| <b>Budget Form and Budget Narrative</b>     | <input type="checkbox"/> Applicants shall provide a detailed Budget using the provided Budget and Budget Narrative Form that includes a cost breakdown for the aforementioned program plan activities for the full 36-month funding period. The document should be submitted in the Excel form provided. |
| <b>Designated Agency Contacts</b>           | <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant must complete form in appendix about point of contact at applicant's organization.  |

# APPLICATION CHECKLIST



| Category  | Supporting Documentation  |
|---|---|
| <b>Letters of Collaboration</b>                   | <input type="checkbox"/> If an applicant is partnering with other organizations on this program, each partner agency/entity must submit a Letter of Collaboration.  |
| <b>Legal Actions Statement</b>                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Provide a list of any pending litigation in which the Applicant may experience significant financial settlement and include a brief description of the reason for legal action. If the Applicant does not have any legal actions, the Applicant shall indicate in a statement that there are no pending Legal Actions in this section.   |
| <b>Conflict of Interests Statement</b>            | <input type="checkbox"/> Provide information regarding any real or potential conflict of interest. Failure to address any potential conflict of interest may be cause for rejection of the proposal. If an Applicant is recommended for an award, they will need to complete an Economic Disclosure Statement. If the Applicant does not have any conflicts of interest, the applicant shall indicate “Not Applicable” in this section. |
| <b>Federal Negotiated Indirect Rate Agreement</b> | <input type="checkbox"/> This is applicable if an applicant has a Federal Negotiated Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (NICRA) in place  |

Below are some of the criteria that will be used to score and evaluate applications:



### **Organization Capacity**

- Qualified staff responsible for oversight
- Evidence of successful past program or completing similar program



### **Program & Implementation Schedule**

- Provides program design that reaches intended audiences
- Provides implementation schedule and timeline for implementation of project



### **Goals, Objectives, and Expected Outcomes**

- Ability to ensure monthly and quarterly reporting
- Demonstrated capacity to track, monitor, and report on program metrics



### **Target Population**

- Demonstrates need for project
- Identifies target population and provides detailed description of target population to be served



### **Clarity and Reasonableness of Proposed Costs:**

- Proposed cost estimates are reasonable
- Project budget is complete



### **APPLICATION STEPS:**

1. Download application & application guide from [cookcountyil.gov/JACGrants](http://cookcountyil.gov/JACGrants) (available 3/8)
2. Complete your application and gather all required documentation
3. Return to the JAC grants website to submit your application:
  - Input your organization's general information and preferred contact for the grant
  - Upload your completed application and required documentation
  - Click submit \*this is your final submission

*\*It is recommended to submit early to avoid a potential delay caused by a high volume of last-minute applications.*

# CAPACITY BUILDING WORKSHOPS

March 14 - April 8, 2022



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Optional capacity building workshops are designed to provide general support on grant applications. Workshops will be facilitated by Guidehouse, a Cook County partner. Visit for [cookcountyil.gov/JACGrants](https://cookcountyil.gov/JACGrants) to register.



## Program Design

Topics include:

- Goal Development
- Program planning
- How to align program goals and performance metrics



## Application

Topics include:

- Writing a compelling grant application
- Budgets and categorizing costs (ex. indirect rates)
- Registering for SAM.gov and a DUNS number



## Monitoring & Reporting

Topics include:

- Program evaluation
- Tracking metrics and key performance indicators
- Federal compliance
- Procurement



## Questions?

Please submit questions using the Q & A chat feature



**APPLY:** [cookcountyl.gov/JACGrants](https://cookcountyl.gov/JACGrants)  
**CONTACT:** [JAC.Info@cookcountyl.gov](mailto:JAC.Info@cookcountyl.gov)