

# City Gun Violence Reduction Grant

FY 2021-22 Funding Application



The Office of Violence Prevention (OVP) addresses the complex factors that drive violence in our city. Our core mission is to reduce violence in Portland. The Office of Violence Prevention provides strategic direction and oversight for City efforts to reduce risk of violence through linked strategies in partnership with government, non-profit, neighborhood, and faith organizations. Families and communities will be safer and more secure, supported, and healthy because of a coalition being actively involved in meaningful violence prevention efforts.

OVP views gun violence as a public health issue, because not only does it cause injury and death, but it also erodes the physical, psychological, social, and economic health and development of nearly everyone in affected communities. Gun violence reduces life expectancy, inflicts trauma, limits opportunity and achievement, and further entrenches inequities. The public health approach views violence as an infectious disease that is treatable and preventable, using tools that have been used to reduce the spread of other “infectious” conditions across human history. This approach is multi-disciplinary and requires a multi-sector partnership. Although there is much emphasis on the immediate reduction of the gun violence impacting our communities, the public health approach also understands that working upstream, focused on primary prevention at the community (rather than individual) level, also inevitably requires medium- and long-term time frames.

The goal for OVP's FY2021-22 Gun Violence Reduction Grants is to reduce gun violence in both the near and long term. Our shared public health model demonstrates this goal can be achieved by implementing evidenced based violence prevention strategies in both upstream (primary preventions) and downstream (secondary and tertiary preventions) lanes of prevention.

The City encourages proposals that will emphasize a culturally responsive plan of support and intervention for communities that have been disproportionately impacted by gun violence (African American/Black, African Immigrant/Refugee, API, Indigenous Americans, and Latinx communities). The City is searching for innovative and new ways to address gun violence that centers communities directly impacted and involved. For that reason, we encourage proposals that will provide services in areas not traditionally in this field; examples are early education and/or healthcare. Preference will be given to those organizations that successfully reflect the aforementioned grant requirements and who have no prior or current grants with the Office of Violence Prevention.

Technical assistance will be provided as identified by those organizations which are new and emerging.

## **Overview of FY 2021-22 Gun Violence Reduction Grant Application Process**

### **1. Who can apply for the Gun Violence Reduction Grant?**

- a. Eligible applicants include small/emerging contractors/community-based organizations—those without current Office of Violence Prevention grant agreements.

(**Note:** Entities that have previously received Gun Violence Reduction Grant funding are not eligible to apply for funds under this solicitation.)

### **2. How much funding is available through the FY 2021/22 Gun Violence Reduction Grants program?**

A total of \$600,000 is available in the City's Gun Violence Reduction Funds (Ordinance 190355). Each grant may vary in range based on the scope of work submitted and number of community members served.

**Note:** Due to the limited availability of funds, applicants are strongly encouraged to only request the amount of funding necessary for direct program activities so OVP can maximize available resources.

### **3. What types of programs and activities can be supported through this grant program? Investments should resource the following activities:**

- Early Youth Mentoring programs
- Community/Place-based prevention programs
- Mental Health/Cognitive Behavioral Therapy
- Intervention case management
- Flexible funds for wraparound support/services
- Aftercare support funds for families of victims
- Capacity building in small contractors to provide services
- Mentorship for those returning from incarceration
- Youth and adult mediation programs
- De-escalation training
- Shame reduction/Conflict resolution programs
- Arts & Culture Violence prevention programs

### **4. No award under the competitive Gun Violence Reduction Grant Fund shall exceed \$200,000.**

## **Objectives**

### **Primary Prevention Programs Overall Objective:**

The goal of primary prevention work is to prevent violence before it occurs. This is also referred to as “going up-stream to address root causes.” These programs start by identifying the *populations and areas* that are at-risk of over-exposure to violence through multiple social determinants, such as *Education, Family/Peer Health, Behavioral health, Housing, Community Violence, and Economic Development*. These programs focus on evidenced based practices proven to reduce violence such as *Mentoring programs, Pro-social activities, Placemaking endeavors, Trauma-informed care* that intentionally focuses on reducing risk factors and increase protective factors. These programs explicitly seek to reduce gun violence in target populations and area/hot spots by 15% over a 3–5-year period in conjunction with partnering agencies, governmental agencies with a shared primary prevention strategy that addresses root causes and looks for a long-term reduction in violence.

### **Program Objectives:**

- Reduce gun violence using pro-active prevention methods designed to stop the violence before it occurs.
- Programs that focus on increasing protective factors, such as education, family systems, housing programs, medical and behavioral health access, and support.
- Community building vibrancy programming (ex. Arts & Culture prevention programs - murals, music, and theatre) for gun violence education and advocacy.
- Utilize restorative justice practices to support healing and care for communities in efforts to prevent further harm.
- Utilize culturally specific service models that are grounded in the best evidence-based practices for each community.
- Utilize and build community relationships to prevent events and activities that may have a high risk for conflict and/or violence.
- Assist in de-escalation, redirection and prevention at school events/activities, parks, community events, high traffic transit areas, and/or any other areas where individuals who have been deemed high risk may be known to gather.
- Utilize crime prevention strategies by environmental design to change the landscape and climate of spaces to reduce the repeated exposure to violence within communities.

## **Secondary Prevention Programs Overall Objective:**

Secondary violence prevention focuses on treating immediate injury and harm resulting from violent incidents. Early Interventions or response to an immediate threat of violence/conflict involves assistance for individuals who are at the highest risk for violence victimization or offense. Intensive case management programs that utilize credible messengers to provide services that encompass Cognitive Behavioral therapy, Trauma informed care and conflict-mediation services are examples of such assistance. The goal is to reduce gun violence in the near term.

## **Program Objectives:**

- Through a Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (JEDI) lens, reduce gun violence in the near term using intensive case management prevention methods designed to stop violence.
- Provide individual services that will be aligned to individual client's needs. Services include safety plans, relocation, ongoing intensive one-on-one case management.
- Provide culturally specific trauma-informed support with connections to appropriate wrap-around services.
- Provide stabilization support services for individuals and families in a quick and timely manner.
- Utilize restorative justice practices to support healing and care for individuals, families, and communities in efforts to prevent further harm.
- Utilize Credible messengers with lived experience and expertise to provide service for the highest risk individuals being served.
- Deter, interrupt, and reduce recidivism and revictimization.
- Focus and establish the building of strong relationships that go beyond service brokering.
- Clients served obtain mental health support, economic development, life plan and an expanded support system.

## **Gun Violence Reduction Grant Application**

Please fill out the information below to be considered for the Gun Violence Reduction Grant **(FY) 2021-22 competitive process Special Appropriations grant**. Responses should be detailed but brief. This Grant aims to support Community based organizations focusing within either Primary, Secondary or Tertiary prevention categories.

Submission Deadline: **Monday, November 22nd, 2021 by 5:00 p.m.**

Submission Options:

- Email completed application to [OVP@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:OVP@portlandoregon.gov)
- Mail or drop off completed application to: City of Portland, GVR Grant; Portland Bureau of Emergency Management Building, 9911 SE Bush St, Portland, OR 97266

Paper copies of the application form can be picked up at:

**Portland Bureau of Emergency Management Building  
9911 SE Bush St  
Portland, OR 97266**

Please complete the information below to your best ability to be considered for the Gun Violence Reduction Grant. Translation services are available upon request.

**Do you currently have a grant with the City of Portland, Office of Violence Prevention?**

Yes

No

If you answered “yes” above, you are not eligible for the Gun Violence Reduction Grant.

**Are you applying for a small or large grant?**

Large grant — Up to \$200,000 per application

Small grant — Up to \$75,000 per application

FY21/22 Gun Violence Prevention Grant Program is open to organizations located in the state of Oregon providing services within the City of Portland and Multnomah County.

**Priority will be given to organizations who have never received prior funding from the Office of Violence Prevention.**

**If awarded funding awardees must be able to meet the City of Portland insurance requirements. See file below containing insurance requirements. Failure to do so may result in your award being rescinded.**

The GVR Grant Selection Panel is comprised of representatives from OVP, Office of Management and Finance, Council Offices, and the Community, which is tasked with reviewing applications based on the criteria below and making recommendations of awards. The committee will meet weekly to review each application, focusing on the ability of the organization and the grant project/program to address the City’s measures of success and equity goals, as discussed in *Section 3, Project/Program Narrative*. Applicants will be notified by **Monday, December 27, 2021** whether their application was selected for funding. (Note that this day may be subject to change)

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Descriptive **Name** of Your Project/Program (max 50 words):

**Brief Description** of Your Project/Program (max 50 words):

**1. Applicant**

Name of Organization:	
Organization Address:	
Organization Website:	
Tax ID Number:	
Contact Name:	
Phone:	
Email:	

**2. Background and Mission:**

**3. Project/Program Narrative**

Describe the scope of your project/program.

- What is the need for this project/program? (max. 200 words)

- Who will it benefit? (max. 200 words)

- Is this a project/program or service your organization currently provides? Yes  No 
  - If you answered “yes” above, how could City-funding change the scope or scale of the project/program or service? (max. 200 words)

- Which of the goals outlined by Council will be met by your project/program? Identify one or multiple goals and describe below. (max. 300 words)
  - Early Youth Mentoring programs
  - Community/Place-based prevention programs
  - Mental Health/Cognitive Behavioral Therapy
  - Intervention case management
  - Flexible funds for wraparound support
  - Aftercare support funds for families of victims; and
  - Capacity building in small contractors to provide services.
  - Mentorship for those returning from incarceration
  - Youth and adult mediation programs
  - De-escalation training
  - Shame reduction/Conflict resolution programs
  - Arts & Culture Violence prevention programs
  - Other:

- How does your organization and this specific project/program align with the City’s anti-racism and equity goals? How will your organization track those goals and measure success on this project/program? (max. 600 words)
  - Positively impact communities of color and/or people with disabilities
  - Build capacity in historically underrepresented or underserved communities
  - Support organizations that have staff and boards that are representative of the communities they serve
  - Closely partner with BIPOC stakeholders to build strategies and define goals

- How will you work to ensure any successful aspects of your project/program are sustained and/or expanded beyond the period of this funding. Please describe your impacts/outcomes. (max. 300 words)

#### 4. **Scope of Work**

Please describe the following:

- What are the expected results for this project/program? This includes:
  - Output measures – What are the activities to be completed? (max 200 words)

- What data will you collect to show progress? (For example, how many people do you plan to serve?) (max. 200 words)

- Outcome measures – what is the expected impact of these activities? (max. 200 words)

- What data will you collect to show progress? (For example, what percent of participants reported a change in behavior before and after the activity?) (max. 200 words)

- What are the major milestones that should be accomplished along the way?
  - What is the anticipated timeline for accomplishing these milestones? (max. 200 words)



9. **What is your funding need?** (e.g., leveraging funds? maintaining solvency for program/organization? other? *(max. 200 words)*)

10. **What percentage of your overall budget will your request be? Please attached a copy of your organization's budget.**

11. **If selected to receive grant funds, grantee agrees to:**

- a. Meet the City's insurance requirements
- b. Accurately answer all questions and provide the requested information
- c. Submit quarterly and final progress reports, including status of performance measures
- d. Submit backup documentation with invoice requests to support expenses you are seeking to be reimbursed for
- e. Adhere to the terms and condition of the grant agreement
- f. Comply with the City's Equity Goals & Strategies

12. **Are you submitting your application through a fiscal sponsor?**

- a. If yes, what is the name of the fiscal sponsor organization?
- b. If yes, attach memorandum of understanding or other contract defining the agreement.

13. **Taxes**

Unless otherwise allowed under this Agreement, all payments accrued on account of payroll taxes, unemployment contributions, taxes on the Grantee's income or gross receipts, and any other taxes owed by Grantee or its staff shall be the sole responsibility of the Grantee, and Grantee shall not use grant funding provided by City under this Agreement to pay taxes.

Accepted by:

[Redacted Signature]

Signature

[Redacted Date]

Date

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If you have questions regarding this application, please contact ([OVP@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:OVP@portlandoregon.gov)).  
Thank you for applying.