



## COVID RECOVERY VIOLENCE INTERVENTION GRANT APPLICATION

Mayor Kim Janey, the Office of Health and Human Services (HHS), and the Office of Public Safety (OPS) are committing a total of \$600,000 to assist in the equitable recovery from COVID in low-income communities experiencing high rates of violence. The COVID Recovery Violence Intervention Grant is a one-time funding opportunity which will be awarded to community-based violence interventions programs for supportive services to the **highest risk youth and young adults in Boston** low-income neighborhoods with high rates of community violence.

This grant is uniquely aimed at neighborhoods where community violence has persisted or escalated during the pandemic. With these funds, the City aims to augment services, increase program capacity, and expand opportunities for system or gang involved youth, ages **13 to 24**, that reside in those neighborhoods. To mitigate the effects of violence and COVID, access to services that help youth thrive financially, emotionally and physically is critical. Funding will prioritize applicants with staff capacity, organizational history, and violence intervention strategy to deliver desired outcomes of the grant. Ultimately, the COVID Recovery Violence Intervention Grant goal is to address the health disparities and the social determinants of health in the communities hardest hit by the pandemic through funding community violence intervention programs that can provide the supportive services to the population responsible for over 50% of the shootings citywide in Boston.

Applicants should clearly and specifically explain the COVID-specific issue being addressed and how the intervention will prevent, respond to, or help the participants recover. By prioritizing high-need communities, the City can ensure an equitable recovery for all Boston residents.

The COVID Recovery Violence Intervention Grant will award a total of **\$600,000** to Boston youth-serving nonprofits to increase or scale-up programs for 2021-2022. No more than six nonprofit entities will be selected to receive funding and the awards will range from \$70,000 to \$125,000.

## I. Eligibility Criteria

Entities must meet **ALL** of the following eligibility criteria to apply for funding:

- Must be a nonprofit operating a community-based violence intervention program. This funding is not for violence prevention programs or initiatives.
- Must provide some level of case management services to the youth participants.
- Program/service must be in a low-income neighborhood with a high rate of community violence, particularly gun violence ([BPD Resource site](#)).
- Must currently work with the target population - system or gang involved youth ages 13 to 24.

## II. Award Recipient Requirements

If selected, the following will be **required** of award recipients:

- Programs must be currently in operation or start no later than October 1 and end no earlier than June 1, 2022.
- Entity leadership must attend a Grantee Orientation on **September 28 at 1:30 PM**.
- Relevant staff will be required to attend regular strategy planning meetings with other grant recipients, facilitated by the Office of Public Safety.
- Programs must submit program and financial reports, and provide participant attendance and retention data.
- Grantees will be required to commit to a Mandatory Information Session on Covid-19 and the vaccine for all participants, provided by HHS and the Public Health Commission.

## III. Proposal Format

In no more than **four (4)** pages NOT including cover page, please submit the following:

1. Cover Page
  - a. Complete the Cover Page provided here (see last page) with the contact information for your organization and submit with your application.
2. Project Rationale
  - a. Please describe the program or service for which you are seeking funding, this violence intervention strategy of the program, and what will be accomplished with the funding.
  - b. How is equity prioritized in your violence intervention strategy?
  - c. Who is the target or focus population? (e.g. ages, neighborhood, demographics, income information) Describe your population's specific needs.
  - d. What COVID-specific issue is being addressed by the program? How will this strategy prevent, respond to, or help the participants recover?

3. Organizational Experience
  - a. Provide background and history of the organization. Please include information on the staff, including demographics.
  - b. Describe your organization's experience providing similar services, including work with the focus population, community mobilization and outreach in Boston.
4. Detailed Scope of Work
  - a. Include a calendar of activities for the period of performance (October 1, 2021-June 1, 2021).
  - b. Share key performance indicators that will be tracked and reported on each month. Be sure to include the organization's current capacity, tools and/or software to capture this information.
  - c. Please describe how your plan fits into the City of Boston's violence intervention strategy.
5. Program Budget
  - a. Budget Narrative explaining how these funds will be used and any matching or other funds leveraged for this program.
  - b. Detailed Program Budget with all direct and indirect costs, including administrative fees not to exceed 10%.

#### IV. Grant Timeline and Process

Task	Deadline
Application Posted/ Released	Friday, September 10
Proposals due via email to <a href="mailto:marta.rivera@boston.gov">marta.rivera@boston.gov</a> <b>Subject line: "Violence Intervention Grant Application"</b>	Tuesday, September 21 by <b>5:00 PM</b>
Decisions will be emailed to Applicants	Friday, September 24
Mandatory Grantees Virtual Orientation	Tuesday, September 28

#### V. Grant Application Submission

All applications must be emailed to [marta.rivera@boston.gov](mailto:marta.rivera@boston.gov) **no later than 5 PM on Tuesday, September 21** with "[Violence Intervention Grant Application](#)" in the subject line.



## COVID RECOVERY VIOLENCE INTERVENTION GRANT COVER PAGE

Organization	
Program Name (if different)	
Staff Contact Name	
Staff Title/ Position	
Staff Contact Phone	
Staff Contact Email	
Organization St Address	
Zip Code	
Organization URL	
EIN Number	
City of Boston Vendor ID	
Grant Amount Requested	

☐ I/we attest that our program serves high risk youth and young adults (ages 13-24) in \_\_\_\_\_ (specify neighborhood) which is a Boston low-income neighborhood with a high rate of community violence.

Print Name	
Signature	

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