

PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION ON CRIME AND DELINQUENCY
SCHOOL SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMITTEE

FY 2022-23 Coordinated Community Violence Intervention Strategies Pilot Grants
Project Summary and Analysis

Funding Announcement: Coordinated Community Violence Intervention Strategies Pilot Grants

Applications: Five Applications

Project Period: February 1, 2023 to September 30, 2025

Description and Recommendation:

On September 6, 2022, PCCD announced the availability of \$15 million in state and federal funding over a 32-month period to support FY 2022-23 Coordinated Community Violence Intervention (CCVI) Strategies Pilot Grants. The CCVI Strategies Pilot Grant Program is funded through the FY 2022-23 Violence Intervention and Prevention (VIP) appropriation.

The primary purpose of this grant program is to increase local coordination and collaboration to more effectively prevent, intervene, and respond to gun and group violence. CCVI Strategies Pilot Grants are designed to provide intensive investments and supports for collaborative community violence prevention and response strategies within focused service areas (defined as contiguous geographic areas).

Community-based organizations, institutions of higher education, municipalities, district attorneys, and counties were eligible to apply to up to a maximum of \$3 million to implement key project activities (with consideration of size of proposed service area), including:

- i. Identifying a “lead” agency or organization responsible for spearheading the collaborative project (as well as an individual responsible for coordinating day-to-day activities);
- ii. Recruiting, hiring, and onboarding a full-time Coordinator position within the applicant agency to oversee day-to-day operations of the grant-funded project, including facilitating communication and progress on key deliverables with partners;
- iii. If one has not already been completed, conducting an inventory/assessment of available services, resources, and programs currently available within the proposed service area(s) as well as a comprehensive needs assessment to identify gaps; and
- iv. Develop an action plan that identifies and implements 2-3 strategies aligned with model criteria provided by PCCD (e.g., short-term intervention, mid-term prevention, long-term transformation) that are responsive to needs identified through assessment and in consultation with project partners (including evaluation/research partners identified by PCCD).

As of the October 31, 2022 deadline for submittal, 23 applications were received in the Egrants system. The formal review of all applications was conducted during the month of December 2022.

Staff and the VIP Workgroup are recommending approval of five applications not to exceed \$12,000,676, pending the resolution of any outstanding programmatic or fiscal concerns.

CASA Youth Advocates Grant ID: 39399 Delaware County <i>(Chester City)</i> Amount: \$3,000,000	Project Title: Chester Community Violence Prevention Coalition CASA Youth Advocates, Inc., proposes to support a new multi-agency, multi-pronged approach to prevent and reduce gun violence affecting youth in the City of Chester. In addition to CASA, agencies funded by this grant include the Chester Community Coalition, Making a Change Group, Boys and Girls Club of Chester and Chester Education Fund. All of these agencies have a long history of working with youth in the City of Chester and are now working together to implement a comprehensive and collaborative approach to reducing gun violence that includes comprehensive analysis of gun violence data, assessment of community
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	<p>services and gaps in service, provision of evidence based direct services and formation of a transdisciplinary approach to gun violence reduction through expanded collaboration with law enforcement, education, medical and mental health services. Grant funds will support project-related personnel (salaries and benefits), travel and training-related expenses, equipment, supplies and operating expenses, and consultants.</p>
<p>Impact Services Corp.</p> <p>Grant ID: 39604</p> <p>Philadelphia County <i>(Philadelphia – ZIP code 19132)</i></p> <p>Amount: \$2,981,734</p>	<p><u>Project Title: 19132: A Collective Impact Strategy</u></p> <p>IMPACT Services is requesting \$3,000,000 to fund a collaborative, community-driven anti-violence plan that includes intervention, prevention, and transformation services in zip code 19132 in North Philadelphia. These funds will be used to fund a community-informed, neighborhood-based collective impact gun violence reduction strategy in 19132, the zip code with the highest rates of gun violence in the entire city of Philadelphia. Grant funds will support intensive mentorship programs (Culture Changing Christians); expansion of a credible messenger program (Endangered Kind, in partnership with Culture Changing Christians); basketball-centered youth engagement (M3 Ideas); victim services, behavioral health support, and quarterly trauma training services (Every Murder Is Real-EMIR); neighborhood transformation initiatives (Philly Safe Streets); and community engagement, program administration, and organizational mentorship (Impact Services). 5% of the PCCD funded budget will be allocated to additional initial and ongoing implementation planning.</p>
<p>LogosWorks</p> <p>Grant ID: 39636</p> <p>York County <i>(City of York)</i></p> <p>Amount: \$1,126,573</p>	<p><u>Project Title: York County Violence Reduction Initiative</u></p> <p>The LogosWorks is requesting \$1,126,573 to enhance community stakeholder collaboration and to enhance intervention and prevention services to those most vulnerable to the effects of violence: youth, those with disabilities, and their families. Grant funds will be used for the following: stakeholder engagement activities, the development of a community safety plan, a youth engagement series, and to enhance services, like mental health training, physical activity, case management and social services, STEM development, and many other youth focused programs. Program partners supporting implementation of this project include Wellspan Philhaven, YMCA of the Roses, Arc of York County, and Logos Academy.</p>
<p>Neighborhood Resilience Project</p> <p>Grant ID: 39488</p> <p>Allegheny County <i>(Pittsburgh; Allegheny County)</i></p> <p>Amount: \$3,000,000</p>	<p><u>Project Title: Allegheny County Convened Violence Prevention</u></p> <p>The Neighborhood Resilience Project is requesting \$3,000,000 over 32 months to supplement the Allegheny County Violence Prevention Plan. This application will fill in necessary gaps and expand the current commitment of the Allegheny County Department of Human Services around violence prevention efforts. These efforts will include three broad categories: 1) Trauma Response Team to offer psychological first aid and mental health first aid in the aftermath of gun violence to negate the trauma happening now. 2) In-School Violence Prevention Programming to offer comprehensive, wraparound services by a collaboration of organizations such as to work toward prevention efforts for youth and families. 3) Re-Entry Training of Lifestyle Coaches to offer much needed peer support to recent re-entrants such as to reduce re-incarceration and to reduce factors that motivate people towards violence. Grant funds will support pass-through funding to several community-based partners, including the Allegheny Department of Human Services (relocation services, disabled victim support); Amachi Pittsburgh (youth and family support for incarceration); Infinite Lifestyle Solutions (“Saving Our Sons and Daughters”); Melanin Mommies – Through New Sun Rising (trauma and grief counseling); Operation Amani (Lifestyle Coaches to provide</p>

	peer support to recent reentrants); and Youth Places (workforce development).
<p>Philadelphia City Treasurer</p> <p>Grant ID: 39680</p> <p>Philadelphia County <i>(Philadelphia – citywide)</i></p> <p>Amount: \$1,892,369</p>	<p><u>Project Title: Philadelphia Cure Violence Coalition</u></p> <p>The Philadelphia Department of Public Health (PDPH) injury prevention program is requesting \$1,892,369 to develop a coalition of Cure Violence based programs. The Cure Violence Model is an evidence-based prevention program that takes a public health approach to reduce community violence. The Philadelphia Department of Public Health has spent the last year laying the groundwork for a coalition with members from all programs in Philadelphia using the Cure Violence model of violence prevention. These programs/partners include Cure Violence Philadelphia, Philadelphia CeaseFire, Community Crisis Intervention Program (a city program under the Office of Criminal Justice and Public Safety), and Penn Community Violence Prevention Program. This coalition is aimed at developing a city-wide strategy for coordination of this model in Philadelphia. Grant funds will be used for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building a team based in the health department including a full-time coordinator, a credible messenger engagement specialist, and data and administrative support, to lead this coalition towards its objectives; • Directing support for programs to apply for based on identified needs that will facilitate expansion or optimization of services for their defined populations; • Staff development and support and access to relevant training; and • Community engagement.