

NOTICE OF INTENT

NOTIFICATION TO THE BOARD OF ALDERS REGARDING PROPOSED GRANT AND CONTRACT APPLICATIONS TO BE MADE BY THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN DURING THE PERIOD:

PROGRAM NAME: Implementing a Public Health Approach to Address Community Gun Violence

NEW **CONTINUATION**
(Check One of the Above)

FUNDING LEVEL AVAILABLE TO PROJECT: \$75,000 - \$1,000,000

FUNDING SOURCE: General Funds

PURPOSE OF PROGRAM: The Department of Health has been monitoring trends in homicides and firearm related homicides through a federally funded Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) surveillance project referred to in Connecticut as the Connecticut Violent Death Reporting System (CTVDRS). In 2020, CTVDRS data trends demonstrated a sharp increase in homicides soon after the COVID-19 pandemic arrived in Connecticut in March 2020. The sharp increase was sustained through 2022. Many communities in Connecticut, like others across the country, experienced increases in gun violence. The pandemic has had a significant effect on gun violence by exacerbating challenges like economic and housing insecurity, dislocation of youth, and limited mobility. These factors aggravated interpersonal tensions, thereby increasing violence and challenging the abilities of law enforcement, public and nonprofit organizations, and community groups to respond.

In 2023, the Department began funding Community Based Organizations (CBO's) implementation of evidence-based/informed data-driven strategies to address community gun violence. Ten (10) CBO's are funded through June 30, 2025 and eight (8) are funded through June 30, 2026. The selected Proposers shall implement a public health approach to community gun violence. This approach must include a multisectoral collaboration with community partners (e.g. youth, law enforcement, schools, clergy). The selected Proposers shall also identify, collaborate, and sub-contract with evidence-based, evidence-informed, community-centric gun violence prevention programs within their municipality. The selected Proposers shall identify highest risk locations within their municipalities through census tract or neighborhood location. The selected Proposers shall implement prevention strategies, including but not limited to mentoring programs, after school programs, hospital-based violence intervention programs, and street outreach programs that will:

1. Prevent violence before it occurs (Primary Prevention);
2. Reduce impact after violence occurs (Secondary Prevention); and
3. Soften the long-lasting impacts of gun violence (Tertiary Prevention).

The selected Proposers shall conduct rigorous evaluation and data collection of implemented programs and work with the Department's Contract Evaluator to identify metrics and outcomes to measure program implementation and effectiveness.

BRIEF SUMMARY OF CITY'S PROPOSAL: This RFP aims to reduce gun violence, particularly in marginalized communities, by tackling the root causes such as systemic racism, poverty, and trauma. The program will aim to focus on intervention strategies that prevent

recidivism, offering support to individuals at high risk of reoffending. By framing gun violence as a public health crisis, the proposal seeks to implement long-term solutions, improve community safety, and promote equitable access to resources, ultimately fostering a healthier, safer environment for all residents. Additionally, data collection and analysis will play a critical role in tracking progress, identifying trends, and refining strategies to ensure the program's effectiveness.

MATCH REQUIREMENT FROM GENERAL FUND (if any): None

ALLOWABLE INDIRECT COST: TBD

DEPARTMENT SUBMITTING APPLICATION: Department of Community Resilience

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