

PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION ON CRIME AND DELINQUENCY  
SCHOOL SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMITTEE

Violence Intervention & Prevention (VIP) Program (Round 2 Awards)  
Project Summary and Analysis

Funding Announcement: 2021 Violence Intervention and Prevention Grant Program

Applications: 25 Applications

Project Period: February 1, 2022 to January 31, 2024

Description and Recommendation:

On September 3, 2021, PCCD announced the availability of \$24 million in state funding over a 24-month period to support FY 2021 Violence Intervention and Prevention (VIP) Grants.

The purpose of VIP funding is to provide grants and technical assistance to address community violence throughout the Commonwealth. For purposes of this funding announcement, ‘community violence’ is defined as intentional interpersonal violence (e.g., gun violence, group violence) in areas of Pennsylvania with high rates of violent crime based on Uniform Crime Report offense data or similar local crime statistics. Funding is intended to prioritize support for effective local intervening and preventive measures to stop gun and group violence that is occurring across the state.

Community-based organizations, institutions of higher education, municipalities, district attorneys, and counties were eligible to apply.

PCCD reviewed 340 initial funding requests received as of the October 15, 2021 deadline. On December 1, 2021, the School Safety and Security Committee approved an initial round of 40 VIP projects requesting approximately \$15.7 million in state VIP funds. This first round of awards was to be followed by a presentation of recommendations from PCCD staff and the VIP Workgroup for a second and final round of FY 2021 VIP grants at the conclusion of an outreach and coordination phase for a subset of additional recommended projects.

In January 2022, PCCD was notified that an additional \$15 million in federal funds would be appropriated to the agency to augment support for viable FY 2021 VIP projects, bringing the total available funding for a second round of VIP projects to \$23,742,602.

Staff and the VIP Workgroup are recommending approval of 25 applications requesting a total not to exceed the available amount of state and federal funds.<sup>1</sup>

<b>African Family Health Organization (AFAHO)</b>	AFAHO is requesting \$498,278 to support the implementation of the “Safe Havens and Mentorship Program” a pilot violence intervention and prevention program for African and Caribbean immigrant and refugee (ACIR) boys and young men between the ages of 16-22 in the greater Philadelphia area. AFAHO will offer a safe-haven at its office location where 20 boys and young men from the ACIR communities will engage in academic tutoring and mentoring; counseling to build trust and understanding; life skills training; developing conflict resolution and de-escalation skills; how to function in a professional work environment and vocational training with tradesmen (general construction, auto mechanics, IT, and electrical) from the community who will serve as both mentors and teachers for their apprentices. It is anticipated that most of the young men and boys in the program will be those who are choosing to not pursue post-secondary educational opportunities and who are showing early
<b>Philadelphia County</b> <i>(West Philadelphia; Southwest Philadelphia; South Philadelphia; Northeast Philadelphia)</i>	
<b>Amount: \$498,278</b>	

<sup>1</sup> These 25 projects requested a total of \$24,241,853. PCCD anticipates final budget totals will adjust slightly for Round 1 and Round 2 VIP projects following completion of staff fiscal reviews to determine final award amounts.

	<p>signs of negative behavior and with the staff and contractors, we strive to build the missing village community (adults and elders who are genuinely interested in the success of these young men) that is absent for many in the program’s targeted demographic. Funds will support staffing and benefits; payments to Vocational Contractors for their training and supplies; incentives for regular attendance, active participation and program completion; transportation vouchers and local staff travel; program supplies; and liability insurance.</p>
<p><b>Anti-Violence Partnership of Philadelphia</b></p> <p><b>Philadelphia County</b> <i>(Philadelphia Police Districts #12, #16, #18, and #19)</i></p> <p><b>Amount: \$1,371,489</b></p>	<p>The Anti-Violence Partnership of Philadelphia is requesting \$1,371,489 to expand its Counseling Center (CC), Youth Violence Outreach Initiative (YVO), Victim/Witness Services (VWS) and administrative infrastructure to serve more Philadelphians in areas hardest hit by gun violence (Police Districts 12, 16, 18 and 19). Funds will support salaries and benefits for therapists, victim advocates, and other personnel; consultants; laptops for new staff; furniture for new staff; supplies; sound reducing panels; staff/client SEPTA travel passes and other transportation expenses (e.g., parking); and indirect costs.</p>
<p><b>Berks Community Action Program, Inc.</b></p> <p><b>Berks County</b> <i>(City of Reading; Reading School District; Antietam School District; Governor Mifflin School District; Muhlenberg School District; West Reading School District)</i></p> <p><b>Amount: \$600,000</b></p>	<p>The Berks Community Action Program, Inc. (BCAP) is requesting up to \$600,000 to support its Community Youth and Outreach initiatives. The Community Youth Initiative is intended to support a multitude of programs and services established or proposed across the entire service delivery area that combat poverty, engage youth in positive social and educational activities in an effort to reduce and eliminate gang involvement and gun violence. BCAP will deploy a highly trained outreach specialist, in conjunction with other trained staff from partner organizations to interface with youth engaged in gang activities, the perpetuation of gun violence, and other socially dysfunctional activities. BCAP will work in coordination with a diverse group of agencies across a wide field of disciplines (i.e. law enforcement, education, arts, entertainment, social services, health, etc.) to mobilize all resources in an effort to prevent and reduce gun violence. Funds will support or supplement personnel (three staff &amp; admin); benefits; travel and training; supplies and operating expenses; and other expenses (youth activities/trips, incentives, stipends, outreach).</p>
<p><b>Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP)</b></p> <p><b>Philadelphia County</b> <i>(Philadelphia)</i></p> <p><b>Amount: \$1,119,262</b></p>	<p>The Violence Intervention Program (VIP) at Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) is requesting a total of \$1,119,262 in funding to support the continuation and expansion of its Hospital Based Violence Intervention Program (HVIP). CHOP’s violence intervention and trauma support services are comprised of three trauma-informed program interventions: intensive case management; mental health therapy; and peer-led psychoeducational peer groups. A portion of requested funding (“Maintenance Funding”) will allow VIP to continue to provide current services to youth and families in Philadelphia, and to evaluate those services with accuracy and rigor. The remainder of requested funding will increase VIP’s reach to a larger number of youth and families (“Expansion Funding”) through CHOP’s Philadelphia-based primary care practices.</p>
<p><b>City of Philadelphia – Managing Director’s Office</b></p> <p><b>Philadelphia County</b> <i>(Southwest Philadelphia; South Philadelphia; Central Philadelphia; Northeast Philadelphia; East Philadelphia)</i></p> <p><b>Amount: \$2,000,000</b></p>	<p>The City of Philadelphia’s Managing Directors Office is requesting \$2,000,000 over two years to expand the City’s Group Violence Intervention (GVI) strategy, which employs law enforcement and social services to engage individuals at the “highest risk” of gun violence involvement. Funds would support costs associated with one Citywide Caseworker Supervisor and 12 Caseworkers deployed across the Southwest, South, Central, Northwest, and Northeast Divisions as well as the addition of a Law Enforcement Specialist position to enhance coordination and cooperation among law enforcement agencies. Funding would also support costs associated with transportation (leasing GVI MCIT vans) as well as the development and implementation of a comprehensive communications strategy for GVI (full-time communications specialist) to provide a counter-messaging campaign to compete with the rising number of online disputes that lead to gun violence.</p>
<p><b>Community College of Allegheny County (CCAC)</b></p>	<p>The Community College of Allegheny County (CCAC) is requesting \$800,000 to develop a holistic approach to reducing the ever-increasing rates of gun</p>

<p><b>Allegheny County</b> <i>(Pittsburgh; Homewood North; Homewood South; Homewood West)</i></p> <p><b>Amount: \$800,000</b></p>	<p>violence for youth within the City of Pittsburgh and all of Allegheny County. CCAC's approach includes mental health/social work services, transportation services to and from workforce development programs provided by CCAC as well as mentorship opportunities during and after successful completion of any program provided through CCAC. Funds will support personnel (one full-time staff member to manage the program, two full-time staff members to provide academic support and job search services); financial assistance to potential participants; transportation services for participants to attend courses at the West Hills Center; various supplies and operating expenses; and compensation for licensed community mental health providers in the region.</p>
<p><b>Concilio De Organizaciones Hispanas - El Concilio</b></p> <p><b>Philadelphia County</b> <i>(Kensington; Fairhill; Frankford; Hunting Park)</i></p> <p><b>Amount: \$475,000</b></p>	<p>Concilio is requesting \$475,000 to support the implementation of Safe Haven services to 250 young adults (16-24 years old). Funds will support staffing a Program Coordinator and two Workforce Development Case Managers, and support personnel; cover a contracted Behavioral Health psychologist/therapist; incentives for 75 internships; operations (supplies, program materials, laptops/cellphones, facilities); and indirect costs. Concilio proposes to incorporate interventions in gun violence prevention that address economic inequities through workforce development training, support services, low social mobility through educational improvement (completion of high school, GED, collegiate or vocational studies), economic opportunities with work experiences and internships, behavioral support through trauma-informed intervention mental health for individuals and families and social services referral.</p>
<p><b>CORA Services Inc.</b></p> <p><b>Philadelphia County</b> <i>(Allegheny West; Tioga/Nicetown; Fairhill; Kensington; Strawberry Mansion; Cobbs Creek; Kingsessing; Mantua; Hunting Park; Greys Ferry)</i></p> <p><b>Amount: \$726,432</b></p>	<p>The Good Shepherd Mediation division of CORA Services is requesting \$726,432 to actualize a two-tiered program that mitigates gun and group violence by empowering neighborhoods with high volumes of assaults to resolve conflicts using mediation, restorative justice, and community dialogue. The program will host a recurring six-month Restorative Justice course that prepares youth in these neighborhoods to become mediators, restorative justice facilitators, and community organizers while simultaneously providing the respective neighborhoods with Restorative Justice services. As part of their training, course participants will have the opportunity to observe and assist with the facilitation of these Restorative Justice services. Funds will support personnel costs, including a full-time Course Manager, a full-time Service Coordinator, two part-time Restorative Justice Practitioners, 30% of a Program Administrator's salary, and 8% of the organization's Chief Program Officer's salary; provide participants with a stipend, assistance with public transportation fees and other expenses; and reimburse the program's supplies and operating fees.</p>
<p><b>Delaware County District Attorney's Office</b></p> <p><b>Delaware County</b> <i>(Chester City; Delaware County)</i></p> <p><b>Amount: \$2,000,000</b></p>	<p>The Office of the District Attorney (DAO) of Delaware County is requesting \$2,000,000 over a two-year period to support and expand the DAO's group violence intervention (GVI) program in the City of Chester. Specifically, funds are requested to: (i) hire a Community Engagement Program Coordinator to implement a robust calendar of community engagement activities; (ii) hire an additional Community Resource Specialist to assist in the identification of at-risk individuals; (iii) hire a Case Manager for the at-risk individuals identified by the Community Resource Specialist; (iv) supplement the resources of the Chester Police Department to ensure that adequate personnel are available to support both intelligence gathering and community engagement; (v) invest in community clean-up of illegal dump sites in the City. In addition, funding is being requested to acquire a license to implement the Fusus Real-Time Crime Center in the Cloud (RTC3) system in Delaware County.</p>
<p><b>The Education Culture Opportunities (ECO) Foundation</b></p> <p><b>Philadelphia County</b></p>	<p>The Education Culture Opportunities (ECO) Foundation is requesting up to \$150,000 to support youth and young adult workforce development initiatives that train Energy Management Specialists (EMS) to work directly with school-aged youth in managing their emotions, actions, power, energy, and ultimately improving their conflict resolution skills. Trained EMS are young adults who intervene with the demographic of those that are most prone to gun violence</p>

<p><i>(Southwest Philadelphia – ZIP Code 19143; West Philadelphia – ZIP Code 19139; North Philadelphia – ZIP Code 19132)</i></p> <p><b>Amount: \$150,000</b></p>	<p>involvement. Funds will support young adults to experience more meaningful and desirable workforce development opportunities. They will get on-the-job training, be fairly compensated at \$18 an hour, and gain transferable skills for the current job market. Additionally, school-aged youth will benefit from funding. EMS will oversee the Foundation’s Young BUL (Bold Unstoppable Leader) program, which seeks to create employment opportunities for youth who will provide grocery delivery services to citizens with limited or no access to grocery stores. The Foundation’s programs and target population are designed to intervene and provide alternative, positive direction to youth who face increased exposure to crime and risky behaviors. At the end of the program, they will have an opportunity to be gainfully employed. Funds will be used for weekly transportation pass for EMS to travel to sites, support stipends to youth for their mutual aid work, resource kits for EMS (including uniforms and classroom supplies), and indirect costs.</p>
<p><b>EducationWorks (PowerCorpsPHL)</b></p> <p><b>Philadelphia County</b> <i>(West Philadelphia; North Philadelphia; Southwest Philadelphia)</i></p> <p><b>Amount: \$2,000,000</b></p>	<p>PowerCorpsPHL (PCPHL), operated by EducationWorks, is requesting \$2,000,000 over two years to provide innovative paid work experiences and supportive services that lead to career pathway jobs for young Black and Latinx Philadelphians who experience barriers to quality employment related to court involvement, lack of postsecondary education and work experience, and the effects of poverty. PCPHL has two tracks that both lead to career training: 1) direct entry into full-time, paid work experience through crew-based AmeriCorps service in Philadelphia communities, or 2) for court-involved individuals, more rapid entry through the preparatory TRUST program, which provides part-time paid work experience and robust supportive services that can lead to subsequent AmeriCorps crew enrollment. Funds will support increased staff costs; wage stipends for participants; wraparound supports that remove barriers to employment, such as transportation supports; consultants to support recruitment and evaluation; and program supplies.</p>
<p><b>Father’s Day Rally Committee</b></p> <p><b>Philadelphia County</b> <i>(Philadelphia)</i></p> <p><b>Amount: \$75,000</b></p>	<p>Father’s Day Rally Committee, Inc. is requesting \$75,000 to support the implementation of “Fathers On A Mission” program to offer support to fathers that lose loved ones to gun violence. Funds will support the cost of a part-time Case Worker; part-time Administrative Assistant; and part-time Program Manager; and include supplies to support their work, including laptops and cellphones. The organization will provide fathers with the skills and tools to overcome the trauma allowing them to create interaction with members of their families and community to share their experience to help reduce levels of violence.</p>
<p><b>Foundation of HOPE</b></p> <p><b>Allegheny County</b> <i>(Pittsburgh – Northside; Allegheny County)</i></p> <p><b>Amount: \$1,300,000</b></p>	<p>The Foundation of HOPE is requesting up to \$1,300,000 to support the implementation of an Aftercare/Diversion model program where trained peer support specialists work hand in hand with case managers and a mental health therapist to support those negatively impacted by the criminal justice system, thereby attempting to break the cycle of incarceration and gun violence within marginalized communities. Additionally, this request would permit the Foundation of HOPE to support and serve those traumatized for almost two years of isolation behind bars for 23/24 hours as a result of COVID isolation restrictions. These efforts would strengthen families and support local communities. Funds will support the training and hiring of several peer support specialists; additional case managers; a mental health therapist; the cost of a consultant; support staff. Funds would also cover programming and supplies to support their work, including benefits, laptops and cellphones, travel, and community education expenses.</p>
<p><b>Healthy Village Learning Institute</b></p> <p><b>Allegheny County</b> <i>(City of McKeesport)</i></p>	<p>The Healthy Village Learning Institute is requesting \$150,000 over two years to support the planning and implementation for an intensive community outreach process in McKeesport that will train and prepare Violence Intervention Outreach workers (female and male) to directly engage McKeesport resident members in educating them in how to respond to community violence.</p>

<p><b>Amount: \$150,000</b></p>	<p>Additionally, the program intends to have a weekly presence throughout McKeesport with concentration on the “hot spots” and will connect directly with individuals at risk of perpetrating an incident of violence. Funds will support the training costs of the part-time Outreach Workers and Violence Specialists/Interrupters; several consultants, including a Program Coordinator, two part-time Summer Violence Prevention Specialists/Interrupters; as well as supplies to support their work, including laptops and cellphones.</p>
<p><b>House of Umoja</b> <b>Philadelphia County</b> <i>(Carroll Park; ZIP codes 19131 and 19151)</i> <b>Amount: \$150,000</b></p>	<p>The House of Umoja is requesting \$150,000 to support the implementation of the Umoja Intentional Community, a model multi-tiered community outreach and youth leadership initiative that creates a violence-free zone of Carroll Park community; executes block by block; provides resource triage; mobilizes block captains as advocates for block members who identify families in need while also identifying resources block members may provide to the community; provides sanctuary space for block captains and block members to voice their needs and devise solutions; gives voice to young adults age 15-25 to layout a blueprint for their future through youth editions of Umoja magazine; implements “Planting Seeds of Peace” messaging campaign throughout Carroll Park in partnership with local stores and restaurants; hosts a yearly hybrid Healing Conference bringing stakeholders, community members, youth age 15-25, and wellness and behavioral health practitioners; and has an urban peace corps of students enrolled in 11th and 12th grades trained via the Fattah Peace Corp Academy, a 12-week leadership after-school program. Funds will support the development and training costs of block captains, stakeholders, youth ambassadors, consultants and resource triage workers; cover the cost of part-time consultants, including a Program Director and two Social Workers; as well as supplies to support the work.</p>
<p><b>Impact Services</b> <b>Philadelphia County</b> <i>(Kensington – ZIP code 19134)</i> <b>Amount: \$1,500,000</b></p>	<p>Impact Services is requesting \$1.5 million to launch an Anti-Violence Program that connects to its existing community engagement and workforce development programming. Funds will support:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) <u>Direct Outreach/Engagement</u> by hiring a cohort of Kensington residents with lived experience who will engage at-risk young adults (ages 18-34) who are actively or recently engaged in activities that put them at risk of gun violence;</li> <li>(2) <u>Structured Mentoring</u> at individual and group levels, using Impact’s Trauma Informed Community Development (TICD) curriculum, counselor-facilitated drop-in group sessions, and support from community-based behavioral health partners;</li> <li>(3) <u>Job Placements &amp; Paid Training Programs</u> that offer sustaining incomes not connected to the drug trade, as well as access to resources and referrals that increase employability (record expungement, obtaining IDs/documents, benefits enrollment, affordable housing, resume/interview preparation, referrals for physical, mental, behavioral health care, etc.);</li> <li>(4) <u>Leadership Development &amp; Community Projects</u> using an adapted version of Impact’s Community Connectors program to build supportive networks, increase social cohesion, develop personal and collective efficacy, and create long-term connections with neighbors and peers; and</li> <li>(5) <u>Arts &amp; Creative Self-Expression</u> as a tool for engaging and building community; coping with personal and community-based trauma; celebrating individual and community talent and cultures; and shifting a dehumanizing public narrative of powerlessness to one that recognizes and validates the unique experiences and strengths present in the community.</li> </ol>
<p><b>Lehigh Valley Hospital, Inc.</b> <b>Lehigh, Luzerne, Monroe, and Northampton Counties</b></p>	<p>Lehigh Valley Hospital, Inc. (LVH), in collaboration with Promise Neighborhoods of the Lehigh Valley (PNLV), requests \$1,992,079 to expand its Cure Violence pilot in Allentown and to additional counties/communities in Eastern Pennsylvania. This project expands a collaboration between the LVH Trauma Center and the PNLV Zero Youth Violence Team to build relationships with people who are immersed in and struggling with violence, intervene during the crisis of hospitalization, decrease retaliatory violence, and promote norm-</p>

<p><i>(Allentown; Bethlehem; Easton; Hazleton; East Stroudsburg)</i></p> <p><b>Amount: \$1,992,079</b></p>	<p>changing messages of anti-violence. Funds will support personnel for both LVH and PNLV (two hospital-based violence prevention coordinators, one administrative support, and community-based teams comprising three outreach workers, three violence interrupters, outreach oversight, a community engagement specialist, administrative support, and an LCSW). Additional expenses include equipment (vehicles for PNLV outreach and to travel to various communities); travel (staff training and education, local travel); program supplies needed for PNLV to set up Northampton County offices and both teams to provide outreach to and support for communities and individuals affected by violence; consultants for staff training, a community violence needs assessment, a learning platform for survivors/perpetrators, and other expenses related to marketing, social media and videography; as well as indirect costs.</p>
<p><b>Luzerne County</b></p> <p><b>Luzerne County</b> <i>(Wilkes-Barre; Hazleton; Kingston; Pittston; Edwardsville)</i></p> <p><b>Amount: \$363,565</b></p>	<p>Luzerne County is requesting \$363,565 to support the continuation of the Luzerne County Gun Violence Reduction Task Force which will make Task Force detectives available for firearm-related crimes throughout the county. Additionally, the Task Force will support regularly scheduled Trigger Lock Operations, enabling law enforcement resources to be focused in areas that are plagued by gun violence and crime, as well as conducting PA Instant Check System (PICS) checks for those individuals looking to purchase a firearm. Funds will be used to support salary and benefits for a full-time Gun Violence Reduction Task Force Officer as well as a part-time Gun Violence Reduction Task Force Officer. Grant funds will also support Intermittent Saturation Patrols targeting specific high-crime areas throughout Luzerne County, specifically Hazleton, Kingston, Wilkes-Barre, Pittston, Edwardsville, and Plymouth.</p>
<p><b>Making A Change Group</b></p> <p><b>Delaware County</b> <i>(Chester City)</i></p> <p><b>Amount: \$149,072</b></p>	<p>Making A Change Group (MACG) is requesting \$149,072 to augment its existing Connected Visions - Violence Intervention Program funded by PCCD by expanding the program to intentionally serve young victims of gun violence and their families and to proactively mentor youth. Funds would bridge the gap in funding currently available by supporting a full-time case manager with benefits, a part-time contracted youth mentor, supplies, and indirect costs. By funding this project, MACG will be able to approach violence prevention from a more holistic perspective – providing critically needed services to both perpetrators, potential perpetrators (MACG’s initial program) and others victimized (more immediate intervention in expansion of program) by the violence that plagues Chester City.</p>
<p><b>North Central Victim Services</b></p> <p><b>Philadelphia County</b> <i>(Kensington; Strawberry Mansion)</i></p> <p><b>Amount: \$481,019</b></p>	<p>North Central Victim Services is requesting \$481,019 for the Positive Alternatives for Trauma and Healing (PATH) Program. This program targets youth ages 14-24 and their families living in the Strawberry Mansion and Kensington communities who are at risk for experiencing trauma by promoting positive alternatives to violence through developmentally based mentorship, outreach, making connections, and providing supportive services. Neighborhood mentors will work with youth and their families to support positive relationships and identity additional services that promote not only personal resiliency for the youth but family resilience. In addition, Neighborhood mentors will provide opportunities to get out of the neighborhood to expose the youth to experiences outside of their regular lives in order to increase their worldview and broaden their horizons. Funds will support partial salary for program oversight including Executive Director, Director of Operations, and Program Director; full-time staff responsible for direct program implementation (Program Coordinator, two Neighborhood Mentors), fringe, and health insurance; supplies to do their work including laptops, cell phones, monthly cell service, and programmatic supplies; cost of administering the Search Institute’s 40 Developmental Assets survey administered six times throughout project; facility usage for program staff and activities; and agency overhead for the program.</p>
<p><b>Opportunities Industrialization Center (OIC), Inc.</b></p>	<p>Philadelphia Opportunities Industrialization Center (OIC) is requesting a total of \$1,393,106 to support the expansion of its Reentry Services program to assist adults ages 25 years of age or older who were formerly incarcerated in the adult</p>

<p><b>Philadelphia County</b> <i>(Philadelphia)</i></p> <p><b>Amount: \$1,393,106</b></p>	<p>criminal justice system and released from prison or jail within 180 days of program enrollment. Funds will be used to support adults (male and female) with a history of involvement in the adult criminal justice system acquire industry-recognized credentials, obtain and retain living wage jobs and remain free of criminal justice system involvement. This includes covering the cost of Occupational Skills Trainings; Supportive and Emergency Services; Legal Services; Participant Stipends &amp; Incentives; Program Supplies; Staff Professional Development; Program Marketing/Advertising; as well as Occupancy for Program/ Office Space. Funds will also cover the cost to hire additional program staff to support the program including a Program Coordinator, two Case Managers, an Outreach Coordinator, and an Employment Specialist; and will also include supplies to support their work, including office supplies and laptops. OIC will also budget to cover contractual costs for Domestic Violence/ Trauma &amp; Abuse Specialists and Licensed Therapists. 20% of the Program Director for Reentry will be charged to this program and 10% of the Controller, along with other indirect costs.</p>
<p><b>Philadelphia Department of Public Health</b></p> <p><b>Philadelphia County</b> <i>(Philadelphia)</i></p> <p><b>Amount: \$719,019</b></p>	<p>The Philadelphia Department of Public Health is requesting \$719,019 to support a newly formed collaborative of hospital-based violence intervention programs. Philadelphia has six level 1 trauma centers which vary in the availability of hospital-based violence intervention programs (HVIPs). Funds will support the formation of a team with the singular aim of increasing recruitment for individuals injured by a gun by tracking numbers of eligible patients citywide and developing a central recruitment and referral strategy. This includes direct funding for programs to support the expansion of their work of recruitment and data collection. The Project Manager will oversee coordination between HVIPs and implementation of best practices by working directly with program leads and violence intervention specialists. A Data Analyst will track data from programs and city sources regarding engagement, enrollment, and outcomes. They will be supervised by the Injury Prevention Program Manager and Senior Epidemiologist tasked with monitoring citywide trends in violent injury and overseeing dissemination of the collaborative findings to all stakeholders, including the national HVIP network. A citywide, centralized effort to facilitate timely support of those with injury from firearm violence has potential to not only reduce subsequent exposure to violence, but also to increase access to mental health support, employment, legal support, and other services. Centralizing this effort allows for data sharing, tracking of relevant outcomes, and implementation of best practices across institutions.</p>
<p><b>Temple University Hospital Trauma Department</b></p> <p><b>Philadelphia County</b> <i>(Nicetown-Tioga; Kensington; Strawberry Mansion; Hunting Park; Fairhill)</i></p> <p><b>Amount: \$961,500</b></p>	<p>Temple University Hospital, Inc. is requesting up to \$961,500 to support the implementation of the Comprehensive Response to Violence (CRV) project, a hospital-based violence intervention program that will aim to mitigate the effects of community violence by: 1) supporting violently-injured patients' emotional needs immediately following their victimization, 2) quickly linking them to a broad network of victim service agencies, and 3) providing them high-quality mental health services. Funds from the two-year grant will cover the salary and benefits for three full-time hospital-based Victim Advocates, two part-time hospital-based Victim Advocates, and one dedicated Trauma Psychologist; support training costs for the Victim Advocates; and include supplies to support their work, including a laptop computer.</p>
<p><b>University of Pennsylvania – Penn Injury Science Center (PISC)</b></p> <p><b>Philadelphia County</b> <i>(West Philadelphia; Southwest Philadelphia)</i></p>	<p>The PISC, Penn Trauma, and strategic community partners request \$1,267,032 to develop and evaluate a collective impact partnership to support community-engaged, evidence-based violence prevention in West/Southwest Philadelphia. This includes (1) convening the PHIGHT network (Philadelphia's Hub to reduce Interpersonal Violence, Gun Violence, Homicide and Trauma) to align a collective vision, shared metrics, and mutually reinforcing activities; (2) identifying a cohort of 40-65 adults and young adults at highest risk for future involvement in gun violence for focused intervention using data systems (i.e. Philadelphia CARES, Shooting Dashboard, Penn Trauma registry), the PHIGHT</p>

<p><b>Amount: \$1,267,032</b></p>	<p>network, and knowledgeable community partners; and (3) implementing and evaluating trauma-informed violence interruption services and tailored assistance from community-based organizations including short and long-term conflict resolution and goal support for the cohort. This is a community-relevant expansion and adaptation of Temple University's Cure Violence model in North Philadelphia. Grant funds will support personnel costs (Director, Manager / Outreach Supervisor, 3 Outreach Workers hired from the West/Southwest community to work with the cohort and interrupt violence, and Penn staff/faculty support). Penn will contract with Temple University to train outreach workers in the Cure Violence model as well as the Anti-Violence Partnership of Philadelphia, the Mantua Civic Association (in-kind), and a Community Advisory Board composed of community residents, activists, and community-based organizations in West/Southwest Philadelphia. Funds will also facilitate the receipt of technical assistance on collective impact, with additional funds supporting travel and other expenses for community space, food and outreach. Penn will provide matching funds and in-kind support for faculty effort; a postdoctoral fellow; data collection; data analysis; and program evaluation.</p>
<p><b>York County Commissioners</b></p> <p><b>York County</b> <i>(York City; York County)</i></p> <p><b>Amount: \$2,000,000</b></p>	<p>The York County Commissioners are requesting \$2,000,000 to support the continued collaborative violence prevention and reduction efforts between the York City Police Department, York County District Attorney's Office, York County Human Services Department, York County Reentry Coalition (YCRC), Community Action for Recovery and Diversion (CARD), Friends &amp; Neighbors of PA, and The PROGRAM It's About Change. The next natural steps in the violence prevention and reduction strategy in York County focuses on: effective upstream identification of at-risk youth; connection to substance use disorder (SUD), mental health, mentorship and community-based services; early intercept diversion; capacity building for intelligence and data analysis for use in investigation and prosecution; and support and case management for inmates reentering the community. Funds will support sustainment of a full-time Senior Deputy Prosecutor/SAUSA; a full-time Human Services Family Navigator; a full-time Trauma-Informed Co-Responder; a full-time Intel Analyst and related training/technical tools; a Full-Time GVI Credible Messenger; three full-time YCPD Juvenile Engagement Officers; a Reentry Case Manager; participation incentives for Reentry Coalition Consumer Advisory Board sustainment; sustainment of a full-time CARD Project Director and related training; a full-time CARD Diversion Specialist; and a full-time CARD Trauma-Informed Care Coordinator.</p>