



FY 24 Gun Violence Prevention Mini-Grants

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ONSE Mission

The mission of ONSE is to foster community-based strategies that help prevent gun violence and increase public safety.

Our strategy is rooted in a public health approach to violence prevention, recognizing that reducing crime is not accomplished through law enforcement alone.

OVERVIEW AND PURPOSE

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Overview

The ONSE is pleased to announce the release of a Request for Applications (RFA) for 48 grant opportunities, inviting individuals, non-profit, community-based organizations, and clergy groups to apply for funding to implement innovative ideas, initiatives, and projects designed to reduce gun violence in the District.

The goal of this RFA is to promote and ensure the fairest, most efficient means to obtain the benefits of the most qualified, responsive, and responsible proposals.

Purpose

The primary focus of the RFA is to support initiatives that contribute to the prevention of gun violence in the District of Columbia. We seek creative and impactful proposals addressing the root causes of violence, promoting community engagement, and fostering a safer and more resilient environment.

Funding

Available funding: \$5,000 per grantee, per session.

The ONSE reserves the right to increase funding.

Applicants may only apply to service one Ward for one session but may indicate they are willing to perform the service for another session if not selected for their preferred session.

Categories for Funding

Categories	Focus
Behavioral Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Crisis Intervention✓ Counseling✓ Developing coping strategies✓ Services directly to victims and families✓ Therapeutic Arts✓ Health and Wellness
Restorative Justice	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Community efforts to assist offenders<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Employment○ Education○ Mentoring○ Social Integration✓ Community support for victims to recover from harm✓ Conflict Resolution

Goals and Objectives

1. Community Safety

- Work toward enhancing safety in all eight Wards.
- Implement safety programs and violence prevention.

2. Create Positive Change

- Create projects that convey a positive message intended to reduce violence in the community.
- Provide career counseling services to help individuals identify their strengths, interests, and potential career paths while guiding them toward suitable opportunities.

3. Youth Involvement

- Encourage projects that engage and empower young people in violence prevention.
- Provide opportunities for youth leadership and skill development in the context of community safety.

Service Delivery

Applicants may select their preferred session for the initiative and choose a secondary option should the primary option be unavailable. ONSE, however, retains the authority to make the ultimate decision.

Performance Period	Program Period
Session I	May 13 – July 12, 2024
Session II	July 15 – September 15, 2024

Eligibility

Who is Eligible?

Community-based non-profit groups and organizations, clergy groups, individuals, or small businesses located in the District of Columbia are eligible to apply. Applicants must have a District of Columbia business license with a history of providing services in the District of Columbia.

For-profit organizations are eligible but may not include profit in their grant application. For-profit organizations may also participate as subcontractors to eligible applicants.

Requirements

To be considered, applicants are required to submit the following:

1. DC Business License
2. DC Clean Hands Certificate
3. Tax Affidavit
4. Key resumes and job descriptions
5. Applicable staff licenses or certifications (if applicable)
6. All respondents must submit an Employee Identification Number (EIN)
7. Disclosure of Legal Proceedings (if applicable)
8. Two (2) Letters of Recommendation

Performance Measures

Awarded grantees must submit programmatic and financial reports using the ONSE-provided reporting tools. Once awarded, reports are due according to the reporting schedule referenced in the grant agreement.

Failure to submit complete reports will result in the withholding of reimbursements. More than one reporting delay may result in the termination of funding.

Performance Measures

Awarded grantees must be able to track standard program-related data.

Examples of data elements include:

Participant Data

- Number of participants
- Demographics of participants (age, race, gender)

Program Performance

- Reduction of violent crimes in the identified community during the grant period
- Positive quantitative and qualitative data

Reporting

Once awarded, the grantee will be required to identify, track, and report on performance measures and financial costs. The grantee must submit reports as a condition of funding.

Reporting Period	Due Dates
Session I: May 13 – July 12	June 17th and August 7th
Session II: July 15 – September 15	August 29th and October 4th

Budget

1. Direct Costs

- Personnel: List all staff that will work directly on the proposed program.
- Fringe and Benefits: This line item represents benefits (health, dental, etc.).
- Equipment/Furniture: Durable goods such as desks, chairs, etc.
- Supplies: Paper, pens, toner, or other reasonable program-related office supplies.
- Consultants/Contracts: Describe the project or services to be procured by consultants/contractors.
- Travel/Training: Describe the purpose and calculation of travel.

2. Indirect Costs

- Indirect costs may not exceed 10% of the total grant amount or the grantee may submit a Negotiated Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (NICRA) rate, a negotiated rate with the federal government, to demonstrate a higher rate.

See the Nonprofit Fair Compensation Act of 2020, D.C. Law 23-0185

Budget

All costs must be reasonable and allowable. Budgets may be submitted in Excel as an attachment. Respondents must enter the budget in Zoomgrants.

All costs must directly benefit and support the operation of the proposed program.

Non-allowable costs are costs that are unallowable, unreasonable, and unnecessary. Examples of non-allowable costs include but are not limited to:

- Alcoholic beverages
- Fines and penalties
- Fundraising or lobbying costs
- Illegal activities
- Land purchases
- Vehicles
- Interest on loans

Advances

Applicants may request an advance, but approval is at the discretion of the ONSE. Advance requests should be accompanied by a detailed explanation of the purpose, specifically covering anticipated expenses for the first 30 days and financial documentation from the banking institution.

Advance payments are designed to support start-up costs. It is important to note that the ONSE reserves the right to suspend, deny, or limit payments deemed unnecessary.

Application Submission

Applications must be submitted to the ONSE Grants Management System by **Tuesday, April 9, 2024 @ 8:00 pm (EST)**.

Any applications submitted outside of Zoomgrants will not be considered. Applicants must submit a pdf. Respondents are encouraged to begin the application process as soon as possible. Late submissions will not be considered.

Award Notification

ONSE will notify all respondents of the final award decision by May 3. Respondents may be requested to provide additional documentation before an award is executed.

Unawarded respondents will have (30) business days to request an explanation of the ONSE decision. Respondents can submit an appeal request. The request can be sent to ONSE@dc.gov.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS





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