

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY

FY22 Cure the Streets Program Implementation Grants

The Office of the Attorney General (OAG) seeks eligible organizations to apply to implement the Cure the Streets program in target areas identified by OAG.

The Attorney General for the District of Columbia is the District's chief legal officer. The Attorney General is responsible for charge and conduct of all the District's law business. The Attorney General is responsible for upholding the public interest. OAG enforces the laws of the District, provides legal advice to the District's government agencies, and promotes the interests of the District's citizens.

Purpose: In the summer of 2018, in response to an uptick in homicides in the District, Attorney General Karl Racine launched the Cure the Streets (CTS) pilot project in two sites of the District. The Program has since expanded to six sites and OAG plans to expand the program to include additional sites. The Cure the Streets Initiative is based on the Cure Violence public health approach to violence reduction used in over 100 locations across the world. The Cure Violence model of violence reduction has been proven to reduce shootings and homicides in sites when implemented with fidelity to the model.

Background Information: Cure the Streets (CTS) is a pilot public safety program aimed at reducing gun violence in the neighborhoods in which it operates. CTS uses a data-driven, public-health approach to gun violence by treating it as a disease that can be interrupted, treated, and stopped from spreading.

Cure the Streets is based on the Cure Violence Global model, which employs local, credible individuals who have deep ties to the neighborhood in which they work. These Violence Interrupters and Outreach Workers detect and resolve conflicts that are likely to lead to shootings and respond to shootings to prevent retaliation. CTS staff also cultivate relationships with high-risk individuals who are likely to engage in gun violence, counsel them to consider prosocial lifestyle changes, and link them with resources such as education and job training. The CTS teams also develop public education strategies that raise awareness of and denounce gun violence. Additionally, the Outreach Workers and Violence Interrupters provide support to victims of gun violence and endeavor to change community norms. They speak out against a culture of violence that has (in some cases) become socially accepted. This involves social media, mass media, and community outreach.

Estimated Available Funds: Through this Notice of Funding Availability, OAG announces the availability of \$3.2 million dollars in grant funding for Fiscal Year 2022 to eligible organizations subject to the availability of appropriations for Fiscal Year 2022. Grant award amounts vary – both in the level of operating funds and in the type and amount of Cure the Streets member positions – as determined by the scope of the projects.

Eligible Applicants: Organizations that meet the following eligibility requirements at the time of application may apply; nonprofit, community-based organizations with an IRS 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4) determination.

Period of Performance: Date of award through September 30, 2022.

Grant Information Sessions: OAG will hold at least one informational session. Once confirmed, details about the informative session will be posted on OAG's website at <https://oag.dc.gov/public-safety>.

Request for Application (RFA) release date: Monday, November 29, 2021. The RFA for this competitive grant program will be available on OAG's website at www.oag.dc.gov. Applications will be evaluated based on the scoring criteria set forth in the RFA.

Deadline for Electronic Submission: Applications are due by **11:59 PM EST, Wednesday, January 12, 2022**, and must be submitted through ZoomGrants, OAG's online grant management system.

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