



**Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)
FY19 Violence Prevention Grants
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Q: Is it required to complete the Letter Of Intent (LOI) to get the grant?

Yes. An LOI is due by the close of business on Tuesday, October 15, 2018 to be eligible to complete the full RFP.

Q: Does the Category A grant have to be collaboration?

No. The grant in Category A does not need to be a collaboration. Category A is intended for organizations OR coalitions seeking funding for proven and promising practices, backed by evaluation data, in violence prevention. It can be a single program or organization.

Q: What is the website address where the Request For Proposals (RFP) is located?

<http://www.uchospitals.edu/about/community/benefit/requests.html>

Q: Where is the map of UChicago Medicine's community area located?

<http://www.uchospitals.edu/about/community/index.html>

Q: What is the target population for the grants? Is it prioritizing youth, adults or a specific age?

Target population is focused on violence prevention or reduction in six neighborhoods, but is not focused on a specific age group.

Q: What are the six community areas?

Grand Boulevard (Bronzeville), Greater Grand Crossing, South Chicago, South Shore, Washington Park and Woodlawn.

Q: Are the six neighborhoods a priority or only ones eligible?

The six community areas are the only ones eligible for either category of grant.

Q: Are you looking for site to be location in the six community areas or where our clients live?

In order to qualify for grant funding in either category, organizations must either be located in and/or deliver the majority (51%) of programming (either in a particular program or population served) in one or more of the following communities: Grand Boulevard (Bronzeville), Greater Grand Crossing, South Chicago, South Shore, Washington Park and Woodlawn.

Q: Has this grant been done before?

This is the first RFP process we've administered for Violence Prevention at this level.

Q: Are there examples of Organizations that have been funded in the past?

This is the first RFP process we've administered for Violence Prevention at this level. That being said, UCM has given grants via an RFP process to organizations addressing other priority health needs such as asthma, diabetes and childhood obesity. Examples of these partnerships can be found in our community benefit reports located [here](#) or at the link below.

<http://www.uchospitals.edu/about/community/benefit/publications.html>

We have given smaller violence prevention grants to agencies implementing summer programs. While this RFP is much larger and guidelines are different, examples from the summer grantees can be found via the following links for [FY17](#) and [FY18](#) grant cycles.

<http://www.uchospitals.edu/news/2017/20170627-grants.html>

<https://www.uchicagomedicine.org/trauma-articles/uchicago-medicine-awards-grants-to-local-grassroots-violence-prevention-programs>

Q: Is there an opportunity for renewal on Category A grants?

No. Category A is intended for organizations OR coalitions seeking funding for proven and promising practices, backed by evaluation data, in violence prevention. Capacity building support will be provided to Category A recipients via UChicago's Community Programs Accelerator (CPA) to help position grantees for success in other funding spaces.

Q: Are you allow to apply for multiple grants in multiple target areas?

Yes.

Q: Are you allowed to apply for grants in both Category A and Category B?

Yes. If your organization meets the guidelines in both categories, then you can apply in both categories.

Q; How are you defining community based? If we're an organization that works in other areas of the city AND serves the six community areas can we apply?

Yes. In order to qualify for grant funding in either category, organizations must either be located in and/or deliver the majority (51%) of programming (either in a particular program or population served) in one or more of the following communities: Grand Boulevard (Bronzeville), Greater Grand Crossing, South Chicago, South Shore, Washington Park and Woodlawn.

Q: Are the six community areas the same for both Category A and Category B grants?

Yes.

Q: At some point will there be funding opportunities for organizations and/or neighborhoods further south than the 6 identified in this grant?

We are focusing these grants in the six communities identified by our Community Advisory Council and no further grants have been planned at this time.

Q: How were the six community areas selected?

The six community areas were selected through a rigorous year-long planning process run by the Trauma Care and Violence Prevention workgroup of UCM's community advisory council.

Q: How will final decisions be made on the grants?

UCM's Trauma Care and Violence Prevention workgroup of UCM's Community Advisory Council, in partnership with UCM's Urban Health Initiative team, will be selecting grantees, providing support, and monitoring grants in both categories.

Q: How many Category B grants will be given?

One. Category B it is a multi-year focus where grantees are expected to bring additional organizations into the coalition/collective if renewed in years two and three.

Q: If your facility is not located within one of the service areas, you would not be eligible?

You might be eligible. In order to qualify for grant funding in either category, organizations must either be located in and/or deliver the majority (51%) of programming (either in a particular program or population served) in one or more of the following communities: Grand Boulevard (Bronzeville), Greater Grand Crossing, South Chicago, South Shore, Washington Park and Woodlawn.

Q: Is capacity building through the Community Programs Accelerator provided for awardees in both categories?

Yes. UCM grants require a connection to university faculty and/or administrative relationship that assists with evaluation and support throughout the life of the grant. UChicago's Community Programs Accelerator will serve grantees in both categories to this end.