

# COVID-19: Safe in the City Grant

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The Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice (MOCJ) recognizes that the responsibility to find solutions to communities needs is not only held by the City's political leaders and law enforcement but also by the residents and communities we serve. As a result, in 2017 the Mayor's Office to Prevent Gun Violence launched a city wide public safety grant to incentivize and encourage resident leaders and organizations to promote peace across communities.

*The Safe in the City Grant* offers funding opportunities designed to support community based actions and activities that will make neighborhoods safer. In addition to funding, applicants will also receive best practices and strategies from the MOCJ's *Public Safety Tool Kit*, further empowering them to employ prevention, intervention and trauma response methods while amplifying the voice of community to stand against violence and promote healthy, vibrant neighborhoods.

Now in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Office to Prevent Gun Violence has allocated a number of small grants to address the immediate needs of communities during this time. This designation of grants will provide residents and key community stakeholders the flexibility needed to design and implement community-based solutions to prepare for and react to the spread of COVID-19 within their communities.

## Qualification Requirements

- Must be a NYC resident or an organization based in NYC serving NYC residents
- Grants will range from \$500-\$1000
- Grants will be awarded to community leaders
- Grants must support community –centered activities taking place in the five boroughs
- **Applicants must be able to illustrate how their proposal aligns with the goals and objectives of the grant**
- Proposals must clearly demonstrate how they fit into one of more of the following categories. These grants can be used for measures including, but not limited to:

 **Education around COVID-19**

 **Support & Assistance for Vulnerable Populations**

 **Emergency Response Services**

- If proposal includes distribution of materials/supplies/food, specify:
  - Plan to obtain items
  - Storage method to avoid potential contamination/transfer of virus on surface
  - Distribution Process
  - Screening/ safety plan for involved staff/volunteers
- If proposal includes virtual based services; describe
  - Service/digital platform to be used

- How audience will be gained
- Topics/messaging to be discussed and shared
- If proposal includes connections to services
  - How connections will be established/coordinated

**How to Apply**

	Application Submission Period	Grant Cycle (Event Implementation)
A	Rolling Basis	May 6 – June 30, 2020

To apply, please complete the **COVID-19 Safe in the City Grant Application** from our website. Email completed applications to [SafeintheCityGrant@cityhall.nyc.gov](mailto:SafeintheCityGrant@cityhall.nyc.gov).

***\*\*Only completed applications will be considered. Submission of an application does not guarantee funding\*\****

**Review, Selection and Funding**

- ✚ Applications will be reviewed and evaluated by the Mayor’s Office to Prevent Gun Violence (OPGV) staff.
- ✚ Notification of application status and award decisions will be sent via email from OPGV staff.
- ✚ Only one award may be granted per individual/organization per submission period.
- ✚ Awardees will be required to attend the Safe in the City Grant Orientation to receive funds.
- ✚ Technical assistance can be provided during the application and closeout processes. Staff will be available to answer questions and provide guidance during implementation where possible.
- ✚ Awardees are required to submit a closing report, receipts and invoices after the completion of the funded event.