

# 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 prevent and ultimately end gun violence 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.

The goals and expected outcomes of funded proposals are to increase community mobilization and messaging around anti-gun violence activities and initiatives, increase community- led responses to denounce violent incidents, foster greater connection of community to trauma/ mental health services, increase positive engagements with NYPD and ultimately reduce violent crime.

## 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 (resident/block association leaders, CBO’s, clergy groups and residents)
- Grants must support community –centered activities taking place in the five boroughs
- Only one application can be submitted per applicant per submission period.
- Only one award may be granted per submission period per applicant.
- **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. Please note proposals are not limited to those listed.

### Empowerment

- ✚ Education & Skills Building
- ✚ Leadership Development
- ✚ Community Cohesion & Engagement

### Peace & Safety

- ✚ Positively Activating Space
- ✚ Public Safety Events: Marches, Occupy the Block, etc.
- ✚ Awareness/ Outreach

### Trauma Response

- ✚ Community Responses to Violence
- ✚ Direct Intervention Activities
- ✚ Healing/Mental Wellness

## How to Apply

	Application Submission Period	Grant Cycle (Event Implementation)
A	June 1- June 30	Summer → 7/1 - 9/3
B	August 1- August 31	Fall → 9/4 - 11/30
C	November 1- November 30	Winter → 12/1 - 3/31
D	March 1- March 31	Spring → 4/1 - 6/30

**\*Match the proposed event date with the corresponding submission period and grant cycle\***

To apply, please complete the most current **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 can be submitted during the four submission periods: June, August, November and March.
- ✚ 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.