

## **FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions)**

### **Bidders Conference, Community Gun Violence and Community Violence Intervention and Prevention Services: RFP # IPC1-202**

Zoom Meeting took place on June 13, 2023, at 2:00 PM

Conference led by Kevin Borrup, Injury Prevention Center at Connecticut Children's Medical Center

#### **Is a municipal police department an eligible applicant?**

Yes, a municipal police department that oversees or engages in prevention programs would be eligible.

#### **Could you define, "community violence"?**

The CDC defines community violence as violence between unrelated individuals, who may or may not know each other, generally outside the home. Examples include assaults or fights among groups and shootings in public places, such as schools and on the streets. This RFP does include intimate partner violence and family violence within its definition of community violence.

#### **Because the title includes the terms intervention and prevention, can the applicant address one without the other?**

Yes, and applicant could propose an intervention/interrupter strategy alone, or they could propose a primary prevention program that addresses the possibility of violence long before it happens.

#### **What are eligible and ineligible expenses?**

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding for the most part is wide open for allowable costs. If there is a specific cost in question, details on cost can be directed to DPH for clarification as needed.

#### **Can we provide stipends to clients?**

Yes, incentives for participation are allowable.

#### **Will we receive this recording after the meeting? Where will the follow-up info be posted?**

The recording will be posted here:

<https://portal.ct.gov/DPH/Request-For-Proposals/Request-for-Proposals>

And

<https://portal.ct.gov/DPH/Health-Education-Management--Surveillance/The-Office-of-Injury-Prevention/Violence-and-Homicide-Prevention-Program>

**Should budgets be constructed for 1 year for \$88,330?**

Yes, please construct a detailed year 1 budget and indicate if you would continue this program for three years. Prior to year two, an updated budget will be requested.

**Is there a limit on number of pages for each section?**

No.

**Can we account for COLA and other increased costs over the two years?**

The budget amount is fixed at \$88,330 each year. Should additional funding become available, a budget increase may be allowed.

**Is there a required local match?**

No match is required.

**Can we use these funds to supplement an existing project that is being partially funded by federal grant funds?**

You may not use funds to support a program already wholly funded through federal dollars. However, if you are proposing something in addition to an ongoing federally funded project, that is allowable as long as you make it clear.

**Are we required to serve a specific number of individuals?**

No. Please refer back to the RFP and ensure that you are targeting a specific geographic region or population.

**Can an evaluation of an existing project qualify for funding?**

Yes.