

BUDGET COMMITTEE GRANT RECOMMENDATION REPORT

Program Name: Chicago Project for Violence Prevention/CeaseFire

Funding Source: CeaseFire / SFY2018 / \$5,484,870

Program Description

CeaseFire, a partner of Cure Violence, is an evidence-informed public health approach to reduce violence. The Chicago Project for Violence Prevention/CeaseFire (hereinafter referenced as CeaseFire) was first implemented by the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) School of Public Health in West Garfield Park in 2000 which led to a 67 percent reduction in shootings. CeaseFire reverses the spread of violence by using methods and strategies associated with disease control: identification and detection of potentially violent events, individuals, and groups; interrupting transmission of violence and risk reduction; and changing behaviors and social norms of the communities where violence occurs. Data collection and ongoing evaluation (internal & external) help to inform and enhance program impact.

Program Activities

CeaseFire's work revolves around the efforts of hospital responders, violence interrupters, case managers and outreach workers who are professionally-trained and streetwise individuals who are familiar with street violence in the communities where CeaseFire and its Community Partners/Sub-contractors are active. Hospital responders (at local trauma centers) and violence interrupters (on the streets) interact with individuals involved in violence at critical moments to prevent retaliations and influence behavior change. Both roles coordinate referrals to case management staff, case managers in the hospital setting, and outreach workers in the community setting. Case managers and outreach workers help with on-the-spot problem solving and exploring nonviolent means to address problems while simultaneously connecting participants with resources and supports (employment, continued education, social service, healthcare or housing resources, etc.). In addition to work focused on individuals, CeaseFire staff also conduct group level events, such as focus groups and peace summits. Focus groups are small events that provide opportunities for participants from a range of communities to have deeper conversations about issues connected with violence while peace summits are larger events in which the planning stage is the main force for community-level behavior change.

For the purposes of this grant period, CeaseFire will directly implement the intervention in several high need communities in addition to those listed in the sub-grantee chart below, including expansion of existing efforts and new implementation sites. This funding will allow for continuation and expansion of the South Shore community site and the hospital response program (both currently operational) as well as expansion of a community site in West Englewood (funded but not yet operational.) CeaseFire will launch a new direct implementation site in the Greater Grand Crossing community area. This project will also include partnership with DePaul University to support implementation of phone app technology across six highest need Chicago CeaseFire communities designed to improve conflict mediation outcomes and to enhance worker safety. CeaseFire and its sub-contractor DePaul University will work closely with ICJIA to develop approved reporting templates and will adhere to UIC and ICJIA policy and procedures.

Goals

Goal 1: Reduce the number of shootings and homicides in targeted areas by 10 percent, as compared to SFY17.

Goal 2: Change group and community norms associated with violent behavior.

Goal 3: Develop a professionalized staff to effectively implement the CeaseFire Model.

Goal 4: For conflict mediations using recommended "customized guidance" feature, a 10% increase in conflicts resolved (i.e., conflict resolved; conflict resolved as long as certain features are met; conflict resolved temporarily) as compared to Chicago CeaseFire conflicts entered into centralized database (over past three years) identical by type and strategies implemented (as evidenced by conflict mediation outcome data stored in centralized database).

Priorities

CeaseFire stops the spread of violence in communities by using the methods and strategies associated with disease control, detecting and interrupting conflicts, identifying and treating the highest risk individuals, and changing social norms to help young people avoid involvement in the criminal justice system.

Past Performance

Numbers below represent an analysis of CeaseFire interventions efforts and progress across SFY2014, the last 12-month performance period funded by ICJA.

Number of Mediations	734
Number of successful mediations	283 (39%) successfully resolved, 233 (32%) resolved as long as conditions met, 115 (16%) temporarily resolved
Number of Participants	888
Number of case notes	23,936
Number Hours spent with participants	21, 598 hours Average of 24 hours per participant

Budget Detail

Budget Item	Total
Personnel: Salary and fringe for 47 direct service workers (including violence interrupters, hospital responders, outreach workers, hospital case managers, field supervisors), partial funding 18 support staff, including program management/implementation support staff, evaluation/monitoring, and fiscal operations.	\$2,011,668

Commodities: These include office supplies and programmatic supplies.	\$37,712
Travel: Mileage Reimbursement	\$-
Contractual: To fund nine community-based organizations sites to implement CeaseFire activities in targeted communities (see Sub-Grantee Designations below); background checks, programmatic management services; implementation of phone app technology; rent and utilities; telephone services	\$2,804,563
Indirect Costs: UIC federally approved indirect rate, 26%.	\$630,927
Total:	\$5,484,870

Sub-Grantee Designations:

Program Agency	Community	Designation	Maximum Amount
Alliance of Local Service Organizations	Hermosa/Humboldt	Sub-Grantee	\$150,000
Claretian Associates	South Chicago	Sub-Grantee	\$300,000
ENLACE	South Lawndale (Little Village)	Sub-Grantee	\$150,000
Grand Boulevard Prevention Services	Washington Park/Grand Boulevard	Sub-Grantee	\$250,000
TBD	Roseland/Washington Heights	Sub-Grantee	\$500,000
ONE	Rogers Park/Uptown	Sub-Grantee	\$250,000
TARGET Area Development Corporation	Auburn-Gresham/Chatham	Sub-Grantee	\$500,000
The Southwest Organizing Project	Chicago Lawn/West Lawn	Sub-Grantee	\$300,000
UCAN	North Lawndale	Sub-Grantee	\$150,000
TOTAL			\$2,550,000