



Wisconsin Community Safety Fund Request for Applications Overview

Overview

The Wisconsin Community Safety Fund (WCSF) was created to support local, evidence-informed activities that enhance the safety and wellbeing of children, youth, and families throughout Wisconsin. Recognizing the need to increase community capacity for violence prevention, this round of funding has been made available to support projects taking a public health approach to increasing public safety and community well-being. This Request for Applications (RFA) is designed to attract innovative projects that enhance the quality of life, safety, and wellbeing in communities outside of the city of Milwaukee impacted by historic increases in violence since the start of the Covid-19 pandemic.

The Comprehensive Injury Center at the Medical College of Wisconsin (MCW) provides tools, training, and technical assistance to communities throughout the state committed to addressing violence and injury as public health issues. As the designated administering agency for the Wisconsin Community Safety Fund, we have taken responsibility for establishing funding priorities, developing application criteria, awarding, and disseminating grants, providing technical assistance and assessing project results. A diverse statewide advisory committee was convened to inform the priorities and criteria of this RFA. This document provides information about this funding opportunity and instructions to help those eligible apply for a portion of the available funds.

Program Description

Through this RFA, MCW is seeking applications for projects designed to advance public health solutions to violence. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention defines a public health approach as any effort that enhances the health, safety, and well-being of a population.

Understanding that different forms of violence have disproportionate impacts on certain populations, it is important that interventions are informed by reliable data, best practices and voices of impacted communities. For example, gun violence disproportionately involves young men ages 15-35 while child abuse, by definition, disproportionately impacts young people under the age of 18. Intimate and gender-based violence disproportionately impacts women and girls.

Projects will be funded to address one or more of the following community safety priorities:

- [Firearm Violence](#)
- [Sexual and Gender Based Violence](#)
- [Intimate Partner Violence](#)
- [Child Abuse and Neglect](#)
- [Adverse Childhood Experiences](#)
- [Youth Violence](#)
- [Suicide](#)

A total of \$10,400,000 is available under this announcement for a total of 3 years. No additional funding beyond 2025 has been committed at this time. Applicants are strongly encouraged to pursue supplemental funding to sustain projects beyond the funded grant period covered by this granting program. **Funded projects are expected to commence December 1, 2022 and conclude by December 31, 2025**

Approximately 10, three-year grants will be awarded ranging from \$300,000 to \$1,000,000. No matching funds are required for this granting program however agencies must demonstrate administrative and financial capacity to manage reimbursement-based grant contracts. MCW reserves the right to extend the deadline or reissue this RFA until all grant funds are allocated.

Granting Agency

This Request for Applications (RFA) is issued by MCW with funding provided by the State of Wisconsin. MCW will serve as the sole point of contact for this RFA. All communications with MCW regarding this RFA should be directed to the Comprehensive Injury Center Division of Violence Prevention at: WCSF@mcw.edu

The contract agreement(s) resulting from this Request for Applications will be administered by the Medical College of Wisconsin.

Eligibility Requirements

MCW provides guidelines for eligibility below. MCW will interpret eligibility criteria to align with program objectives and American Rescue Plan Act requirements. Eligibility determinations by MCW are final. **This RFA is for projects serving populations residing outside the city of Milwaukee only.** Agencies based in Milwaukee providing services to communities outside the city of Milwaukee are eligible to apply.

Applicants must review and sign the Attestation of Compliance with Federal Terms and Conditions document and include it in the attachments section of the application.

Eligible Applicant Agencies

1. Municipal, Tribal, County, Governmental entity or school district serving residents outside of the city of Milwaukee

2. Nonprofit, nongovernmental organization serving populations outside of the city of Milwaukee with current 501(c)3 tax-exempt status registered with the Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions and have one of the following statuses as of the RFA deadline date: “in good standing”, restored to good standing”, “incorporated/qualified/registered”, “organized”, or “registered”

Conduct operations in Wisconsin and have an administrative presence in Wisconsin, In operation since at least January 1, 2019, OR be sponsored by a government, nonprofit, nongovernmental organization with 501(c)3 status. The sponsor relationship must be in place at the time the application is submitted, and the sponsor must meet the eligibility requirements. The sponsor must also be a signatory on the application and complete the attestation and other forms required in the RFA.

Types of Projects

This RFA is intended to fund the implementation of new violence prevention programs or expansion of existing efforts to address the rise in violence. Projects must incorporate activities informed by best practices in [public health and violence prevention](#).

These funds **cannot be used for academic research, law enforcement, courts, or correctional services**. The State of Wisconsin has allocated separate and significant funding resources for these activities through the American Rescue Plan Act.

Project Expenses	
Allowable	Not Allowable
Salary and Fringe	Facility Construction or Repairs
Program Operations and Activities	Enforcement personnel, facilities, or equipment
Equipment less than \$5,000	Court/Prosecution Services
Events	Correctional Services
General Operating Costs	Academic Research Studies
Travel, Training, and Lodging	Drug/Substance Misuse Treatment Services
Food for Community Meetings/Activities	
Participant incentives	

Facilities and Administrative Costs

Reimbursement of [facilities and administrative](#) costs will be limited to 10%. These costs should be included in project budget.

Clarifications and/or Revisions to the Request for Applications

If an applicant discovers any significant ambiguity, error, conflict, discrepancy, omission, or other deficiency in this RFA, the applicant should notify MCW of such error at WCSF@mcw.edu and request modification or clarification of the RFA. If it becomes necessary to provide additional clarifying data or information, or to revise any part of this RFA, revisions/amendments and/or supplements will be posted to the [WCSF webpage](#).

MCW may accept questions during a scheduled webinar presentation or by email to: WCSF@mcw.edu

Questions posed to the WCSF program will be published in a Q&A document on the WCSF webpage. All applicants are encouraged to check the [WCSF webpage](#) on a regular basis for posted questions and answers.

Reasonable Accommodations

MCW will provide reasonable accommodation, including the provision of informational material in an alternate format, for qualified individuals with disabilities upon request. Any applicant in need of reasonable accommodation should contact MCW at: WCSF@mcw.edu

Calendar of Events

Listed below are specific dates/times of actions related to this Request for Applications. The actions with specific dates must be completed as indicated unless otherwise changed by MCW. If MCW finds it necessary to change any of these dates and/or times, it will do so by issuing an amendment(s) to this RFA via the [WCSF webpage](#). There may or may not be formal notification issued for changes to target dates and times.

Item	Due Date
Letter of Intent	September 9, 2022
Application Technical Assistance Period	September 14-30, 2022
Full Application Deadline	September 30, 2022
Applicants Notified	October 28, 2022
Project Start Date	December 1, 2022

Grant Agreement Term

Funds administered under this RFA shall be effective on the execution date and shall be in force until all eligible activities are completed and all required documents are submitted to MCW. Expenses must be incurred between December 1, 2022, and December 31, 2025.

Reporting Requirements

Agencies awarded funding under this RFA will be expected to submit quarterly program and financial reports to MCW detailing the use of funds, activities conducted, populations served, and progress toward desired results. Agencies will also be required to submit data to support performance measurement and evaluation of the program(s), as determined by MCW. MCW will supply a report document for completion by grantees and prescribe the dates upon which the reports are due. MCW will also provide training and technical assistance on data collection and evaluation throughout the duration of the award.

Additional quarterly reporting requirements include:

- **Civil Rights Compliance** - Provide a copy of the log of complaints of discrimination on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, and limited English proficiency covered by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and

implementing regulations. Such a log shall include a list of all reviews or proceedings based on the complaint, pending, or completed, including outcome for the grant performance period.

- **Executive Compensation Reporting** – Grantee will indicate whether, in the preceding fiscal year Grantee received:
 - Less than 80 percent of its annual gross revenues from Federal procurement contracts (and subcontracts) and Federal financial assistance subject to the Transparency Act, as defined at 2 CFR § 170.320 (and subawards); and/or
 - Less than \$25,000,000 in annual gross revenues from Federal procurement contracts (and subcontracts), and Federal financial assistance subject to the Transparency Act (and subawards); and/or
 - If Grantee cannot answer yes to both 1.a.&b., indicate whether the public has access to information about the compensation of its five most highly compensated executives for the preceding completed fiscal year through periodic reports filed under section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78m(a), 78o(d)) or section 6104 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.
- **Lobbying Reporting** - If the amount of the grant exceeds \$100,000.00 Grantee will report whether they have complied with disclosure requirements set forth in 31 CFR § 21.110 and 31 CFR Appendix B to Part 21.

Preparing and Submitting Application

General Instructions

The evaluation and selection of a grantee(s) and the contract grant agreement will be based on the accurate completion of the full application, attestation responses, and submission of all required attachments. Failure to respond to each of the questions or requirements in the RFA may result in rejection of an application.

Incurring Costs for Completing Application

The Medical College of Wisconsin is not liable for any cost incurred by applicants in replying to this Request for Application.

Submitting the Application

Applicants must submit completed application with any required attachments and materials no later than **September 30, 2022 at 11:59pm** through the on-line application portal located on the [WCSF webpage](#). MCW will not accept applications by email, mail, hand delivery, or facsimile machine (fax).

Full Application Organization and Format

The application contains the following sections. All sections are required. Failure to completely address all questions may result in disqualification of the application. The details required in each section are listed below:

Section 1	Organization Information
Section 2	Project Narrative
Section 3	Budget and Budget Justification (Attachment)
Section 4	Project Workplan (Attachment)
Section 5	Attestations and Required Signatures
Section 6	MCW Attestations (Attachment)

Multiple Applications

An eligible agency may only submit one application as a lead applicant. An applicant serving as a primary applicant/fiscal agent for another program/agency may not submit a separate application but can be a partner/collaborator on more than one application led by other eligible lead agencies.

Oral Presentations

MCW may require applicants to participate in a virtual interview to support and clarify their applications. MCW will make every reasonable attempt to schedule each presentation at a time that is agreeable to the applicant. Failure of an applicant to interview on the mutually agreed upon date scheduled may result in rejection of the applicant's application. If needed, interviews would occur the week of September 12, 2022 - September 16, 2022

Withdrawal of Applications

Applicants may withdraw an application at any time by submitting a request via email from an authorized representative of the applicant to WCSF@mcw.edu. If a previously submitted application is withdrawn prior to the application submission due date and time, the applicant may submit another application on or before the RFA due date and time.

Application Selection and Award Process

Application Evaluation

This RFA was developed with input by a statewide advisory committee. Accepted applications will be reviewed by a separate selection committee ("Committee"), consisting of members who have been selected because of their professional expertise and knowledge of the topic(s) relevant to the focus of this RFA.

The Committee will review and score all accepted applications against the criteria listed below. The Committee's scoring will be tabulated, and applications will be ranked based on the numerical scores received. Other factors including but not limited to geographic diversity, population focus, and program saturation may be considered beyond numerical rankings for selection. These factors are at the sole discretion of MCW.

Application Review Criteria

Applications will be assessed on a range of factors including:

1. Experience and capacity to successfully implement proposed activity
2. Capacity and experience managing grants and contracts
3. Level of community engagement and collaboration for proposed activity
4. Clear and achievable goals, objectives, and timeline
5. Understanding the disproportionate impact of violence in your local community
6. Overall project design to address identified community safety issues

Right to Reject Applications and Negotiate Grant Agreement Terms

MCW reserves the right to reject all applications. MCW reserves the right to negotiate the terms of the contract grant agreement(s) that result from this Request for Applications, including the total award amount and individual budget items with the selected applicant prior to entering into a contracted grant agreement.

Award Amounts

Grant amounts shall not exceed a total of \$3,000,000 over 3 years (\$1M annually). MCW reserves the right to negotiate, limit or amend grant awards in accordance with objectives of the program and available funding.

Method of Award

Awards will be primarily based on selection committee scores. Funds may not be requested for expenses reimbursed from any other funding source. MCW reserves the right to consider other factors for granting awards in addition to selection committee scores.

Notification of Award

All applicants who submit an accepted full application will be notified of their application result at the primary point of contact email provided in full application. Notifications will be emailed to primary contact for applicant agency by **October 28, 2022**. Upon notification, sub-recipient monitoring and subaward negotiation will commence by the Grants and Contracts Office at the Medical College of Wisconsin.

Full Application Form

Full application can be completed by clicking [here](#)