

Request for Proposals

Community Violence Intervention and Prevention (CVIP) Strategy and Procurement Development

I. BASIC INFORMATION

Application Release Date: September 3rd
Application Due Date & Time: September 16th, 2026
Anticipated Contract Term: October 2026-April 2027
Anticipated Award: \$200,000
Announcement Date: October 2nd, 2026 (anticipated)
Maximum Number of
Contracts Awarded: 1
Maximum Funding Amount: \$200,000

Questions: Questions regarding this application must be transmitted in writing to MayorsFundtoAdvanceNYC@mayorsfund.nyc.gov by September 9th at 10:00am EST. Answers will be posted on www.nyc.gov/fund on or about September 14th or otherwise addressed in a question-and-answer session to be held on September 14th at 1:00.

All proposals must be submitted through this link:

<https://wkf.ms/4zLCVWO>

Register here for the Q&A: <https://wkf.ms/4i518kK>

II. APPLICATION SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

General Guidelines:

Required Documents:

- ☐ Application Cover Sheet
- ☐ Responses to Application Questions
- ☐ Budget: Project Budget (see template) and your organization's annual budget for the last 2 years
- ☐ Key Staff Resumes: Resumes and/or Description of Qualifications for key personnel staffing the project
- ☐ Organizational Chart: Include the Program Organizational Chart, showing how the proposed services fit into your organization
- ☐ Work Sample: Please provide work previously done that highlights your strength in a similar capacity to this RFP. (E.g. research output/publication, toolkit, media campaign)
- ☐ Copy of organization's malpractice insurance policy
- ☐ Proof of 501(c)(3) status, if applicable
- ☐ [Doing Business Data Form](#)

Technical Requirements

- Application documents must be combined into a single PDF.
- Formatting requirements:

- 12pt font, 1-inch margins
- Page numbers
- Name of applying organization at the top of every document

III. PROGRAM BACKGROUND & RATIONALE

Under the direction of the Deputy Mayor for Community Safety (DMCS), the Office of Community Safety (OCS) develops citywide community safety strategies and coordinates the work of the Office of Crime Victim Services (OCVS), Office of Neighborhood Safety (ONS), Office to End Domestic and Gender-Based Violence (ENDGBV), Office for the Prevention of Hate Crimes (OPHC), and the Office of Community Mental Health (OCMH). OCS focuses on strengthening the social fabric that keeps communities safe, streamlining and expanding evidence-based and common-sense safety interventions, and strengthening wraparound services so no New Yorker is left behind. The creation of OCS is the first step toward fulfilling Mayor Mamdani’s pledge to create a Department of Community Safety, a city agency that advances a whole-of-government approach to building safer communities for all New Yorkers.

New York City is at a crossroads regarding its community violence intervention and prevention (CVIP) ecosystem investments and strategies. Over 10 years ago, NYC was one of the first cities in the country to invest in community-based violence interruption, adopting the Cure Violence model as its primary approach. With an FY27 investment of over \$92 million and a new RFP to be released in FY28, the City’s CVIP approaches require distinct attention and care.

This moment presents an opportunity not only to assess the City’s existing CVIP investments, but also to examine how they can be strengthened through closer alignment with complementary community safety strategies, including behavioral health, gender-based violence prevention and response, precision intervention strategies, and other evidence-based approaches. The resulting CVIP approach should preserve and build on the strengths of New York City’s community violence field while identifying opportunities for greater coordination, stronger connections across areas of need, shared learning and improvement practices, and holistic responses to the complex factors that contribute to violence.

To support this work, the DMCS and OCS seek a strategic planning partner to support the development of the Office of Community Safety’s **Community Violence Intervention and Prevention Strategy and Procurement**, ensuring that future investments are informed by evidence, community expertise, and OCS’s broader vision for community safety.

IV. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Mayor’s Fund seeks proposals from qualified organizations with demonstrated expertise in community violence intervention and prevention, strategic planning, implementation research, public procurement, organizational capacity building, and stakeholder engagement to serve as the City’s strategic

planning advisor for Community Violence Intervention and Prevention (CVIP) Strategy and Procurement. The awardee will support the City to:

- Assess the current CVIP ecosystem in NYC, including strengths, challenges, and opportunities for improvement.
- Design and facilitate an inclusive stakeholder engagement process with current providers, elected officials, community organizations, and other relevant entities.
- Incorporate national evidence, emerging and innovative practices, and lessons from peer jurisdictions to inform recommendations for the CVIP ecosystem in NYC.
- Identify opportunities to strengthen coordination across CVIP and complementary community safety efforts including but not limited to behavioral health, gender-based violence prevention and response, workforce capacity building, hate violence prevention, and reentry.
- Develop a recommended action plan with clear goals, priorities, methods and timelines for the City's CVIP investments.
- Prepare a Crisis Management System concept paper that can be shared publicly to solicit feedback, as is required for the public procurement which will follow.
- Translate the action plan, concept paper, and feedback into a well-designed Request for Proposals for the City's next iteration of Crisis Management System investments.

The Mayor's Fund will contract with the selected organization, with the Office of Community Safety serving as project manager.

V. EXPECTED DELIVERABLES AND TIMELINE

The awarded consultant will be responsible for completing the following deliverables over a 10-month period:

- Deliverable #1: CVIP Ecosystem Assessment
 - Review existing investments, assess against national evidence and peer jurisdictions, identify strengths, opportunities, and needs spanning workforce, performance management, technical assistance, staffing, and infrastructure
 - Identify opportunities to strengthen coordination and results across CVIP ecosystem and infrastructure
- Deliverable #2: Stakeholder Engagement and CVIP Action Plan
 - Develop and implement a stakeholder engagement plan; facilitate listening sessions with providers, community organizations, people with lived experience, philanthropy, researchers, and elected officials; produce stakeholder summaries and demonstrate how feedback informed recommendations.
 - Produce an action plan with clear goals, priorities, methods and timelines. The action plan should also include governance and performance management recommendations, and an implementation roadmap for NYC's CVIP ecosystem
- Deliverable #3: Public Crisis Management System (CMS) Concept Paper

- Develop a public-facing concept paper to support stakeholder review and feedback before procurement decisions are finalized.
- Deliverable #4: Procurement Strategy and CMS Request for Proposals
 - Develop a CMS procurement framework, recommended service categories, funding model, performance measures, evaluation framework, draft procurement documents, and provide technical assistance through procurement release.

Date	Milestone
October 2026	Project kickoff and finalize workplan
Oct-Dec 2026	Ecosystem assessment and stakeholder engagement
January 2027	First draft of action plan, concept paper, and procurement recommendations
February 2027	Finalize and release public concept paper
March 2027	Finalize CVIP action plan incorporating public feedback
April 2027	Finalize RFP redesign
May 2027	Release RFP
June 2027	Project close out

VI. APPLICATION EVALUATION

Proposals will be evaluated against the criteria set out below. The process does not assign points to individual questions, but instead awards a maximum score for each evaluation criterion.

Criteria 1	Experience developing CVIP strategies or complex community safety systems-change initiatives	25 points
Criteria 2	Experience conducting ecosystem assessments, implementation research, and evidence synthesis	20 points
Criteria 3	Experience designing public procurements, funding strategies, or Requests for Proposals	20 points
Criteria 4	Project approach, stakeholder engagement strategy, and methodology	20 points
Criteria 5	Qualifications and experience of the proposed project team	10 points
Criteria 6	Budget	5 points
	TOTAL	100

VII. APPLICATION MATERIALS & QUESTIONS

To apply, submit the required documents listed above as well as your organization's responses to the following questions. Note: applicants will not receive a budget, cover sheet, or any other templates from the Mayor's Fund during the RFP process. Applicants are encouraged to utilize best practices, and professional style to complete the application questions and prepare application materials.

1. **Community Violence Intervention and Prevention Experience:** Describe your organization's experience assessing, designing, or strengthening community violence intervention and prevention work. Include examples of how your work shaped policy, practice, funding, or systems change.
2. **Research and Ecosystem Assessment:** Describe your experience conducting landscape analyses, implementation research, literature reviews, or ecosystem assessments; and your experience synthesizing research, practice, and stakeholder perspectives into actionable recommendations.
3. **Stakeholder Engagement and Facilitation:** Describe your approach to designing and facilitating planning processes involving community-based organizations, philanthropy, individuals with lived experience, researchers, and other stakeholders.
4. **Project Approach:** Describe your proposed methodology and project management approach for completing all listed deliverables.
5. **Project Team:** Describe the proposed project team, including the relevant experience, roles and responsibilities of each key team member.

VIII. SELECTION PROCESS

Award of the contract will be made to the applicant whose application receives the highest cumulative score across all listed criteria.