

Safe in the City Grant

The Mayor’s Office of Neighborhood Safety (ONS) within 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 ONS 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 (SICG) 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 ONS’s *Public Safety Tool Kit* and the *Safe Places, Active Spaces* public safety activation playbook. These tools help empower and amplify community voices 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, increase community engagement and education around the issues that have direct impact and ultimately reduce violent crime.

As the SICG initiative has grown, we are now able to expand our reach and further the mission of this program. These enhancements are highlighted by the opportunity for bigger grant awards that can support larger and more sustained projects and programs.

Program Details

Grants will range up to \$10,000 divided across 3 grant tiers

#	Grant Tier	Eligible Applicants	Proposal Type + Expectations	Required Documents
1	Up to \$1,500	Individuals Groups Organizations Agencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small scale projects • One time/ one day event 	Application Support Document
2	\$1,501- \$5,000		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medium scale projects and programs • Multiple events / series 	
3	\$5,001- \$10,000		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Larger scale projects and programs reaching a greater amount of people • Multiple events / series 	

Proposals must **align with the main goals and objectives of the grant** but are not limited to the subcategories listed:

Empowerment

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

Peace & Safety

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

Trauma Response

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

- Proposals must support community centered activities taking place within the five boroughs
- Applicants can only submit **one** proposal per submission period

Please note: Submission of an application does not guarantee funding.

Qualification Requirements

- Must have a great, well thought out idea!
- Must be a resident, group, organization, or agency based in NYC serving NYC residents
- Organizations are not required to have 501(c)3 status

When + How to Apply

Until Further Notice: Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, applications can be submitted and will be reviewed on a rolling basis.



To apply, scan QR code or visit nyc.gov/peacenyc under the Resource Tab for a link to Safe in the City Grant Application.

Please note: PDF applications will no longer be accepted. All applications must be submitted through the online portal at the link above.

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What Happens Next

Proposal Review + Award Selections

- ✚ Proposal Review periods will occur on a rolling basis
- ✚ Applications will be reviewed and evaluated by ONS
- ✚ Each proposal will be evaluated individually and weighed against other proposals to determine grant recipients
- ✚ Evaluation criteria include but not limited to:
 - Alignment of proposal with the main goals of the SICG
 - Quality of the proposal
 - Potential impact of/ need for proposed activity/project/program
- ✚ Applicants will be notified of their application status and award decisions via email from ONS staff.
- ✚ Only one award may be granted per applicant per submission period

Funding Decisions + Award Disbursement

- ✚ Funding awards will be based on an evaluation of the proposed budget for the project described
- ✚ ONS will determine if the amount requested is justified or if a different amount will be awarded
- ✚ Grant funds must only be used to support the awarded project
- ✚ Awardees are required to complete a Grant Agreement (terms of the grant) and attend the Safe in the City Grant Orientation prior to the release of funds
- ✚ Funds will be released via check or electronic funds transfer (EFT) to a bank account
 - Paper check: Will be mailed
 - EFT: Deposited into bank account
- ✚ Grant awards above \$2,500 are subject to incremental funds disbursements and tax filings

Reporting + Grant Closeout

- ✚ Awardees are required to submit a Closing Report (provided by ONS) at the completion of the project
- ✚ Closing Reports includes a few questions about the impact of project, what was achieved, and lessons learned. Copies of all receipts and invoices must also be provided.
- ✚ Closing Reports are due 4 weeks after the project concludes.
- ✚ Failure to submit the Closing Report and receipts/invoices will result in exclusion from future grant consideration

Support + Inquiries

- ✚ 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.
- ✚ Inquires can be emailed to SafeintheCityGrant@cityhall.nyc.gov