Department for Children, Youth and Families

Request to accept an allocation from New York State Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) for participation in the Safe Summer NY 2021 program and amend the 2021 budget

As part of the Governors Executive Order declaring gun violence a Disaster Emergency, the department for Children Youth and Families was notified that our Youth Bureau has been provided an allocation of \$50,000. The money is to be used to support hyper-local stabilizing institutions in the "hot spot" zip codes identified by the NYS Office of Family and Children Services, for the prevention of gun violence.

Zip Codes Identified as Hot Spots

12202
12204
12205
12206
12207
12210

Population to be served with this allocation: youth ages 14-24 residing in above geographic areas who are at high risk or have known involvement in gun violence

Eligible Grantees: small/grass-roots organizations or clubs in the hyper-local environment. Programs must be easily accessible to the target population

Examples include but are not limited to: (offered during high-risk times: evenings, nights, weekends, and holidays)

- Black-owned bookstores (for writing/poetry)
- Local clubs serving high-risk youth
- Community music and art studios and programs
- Restorative justice coalitions
- Technology programs
- Local garden clubs
- Local civic organizations

NOTE: Traditional large-scale organizations that <u>do not</u> have a successful track record or capacity to serve youth in the target population are not the intended or appropriate grantees.

Collaborators/Stakeholders:

Youth Bureaus must engage impacted stakeholders during the planning process (suggested stakeholders per OCFS)

- Youth including youth in detention or jail on gun charges
- Family members of youth impacted by gun violence
- SNUG and/or GIVE program staff/partners
- Grass roots organizations
- Community schools/MBK programs

Program types (include but not limited to)

- STEAM (Science, technology, engineering, arts, mathematics)
- Sports (extended hours and days)
- Arts (spoken word, music, theater, visual, dance, etc.)
- Civic Engagement
- Restorative Justice
- Youth Leadership