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SUPPORTING SAFER COMMUNITIES

Application Workshop



The Partners

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- Launched through a groundbreaking partnership between The Carrie Meek Foundation and Miami-Dade County
- Funding from the Miami-Dade County Community Violence Intervention Initiative
- 3-year collaboration with Miami-Dade County Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Safety

\$7.3M
IN GRANTS

The Goals

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- Increase availability of resources
- Get more people to take advantage of those resources
- Mobilize and activate residents to help, too



Who can apply?

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- Nonprofits
- **Grassroots Groups**
- Residents
- Small neighborhood-based organizations
- Faith-based organizations
- Civic and other community-serving organizations



Who can apply?

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- **Grassroots Groups:** Formal or informal community-based organizations of residents leading projects and providing services to their community.
 - Based in and serves a neighborhood impacted by gun violence
 - Leaders with lived experience that informs their work
 - Strong relationships, access and credibility with residents
 - Experience organizing and providing services and activities for their community
 - \$500,000 or less annual budget
 - 15 people or fewer on staff

What can get funded?

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Service Areas

- **High-risk Interventionists:** Place credible, trusted adults in communities to safely intervene and break the cycle of violence.
- **Reentry Services:** Support individuals returning from incarceration to successfully rejoin the community and achieve a positive, fresh start.
- **Mental Health & Victim Outreach Services:** Provide mental health and supportive resources for survivors and individuals impacted by gun violence.



What can get funded?

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Grassroots Groups

- Can apply within any of the three Service Areas
- Programs and projects that develop and/or expand community-rooted efforts to reduce violence and/or improve safety in communities are also eligible:
 - *STEAM-focused activities*
 - *Youth health and wellness activities*
 - *College and post-secondary prep*
 - *Employment, internship and entrepreneurship support*
 - *Food security and education programs*

\$2.2M
IN GRANTS



How large are these grants?

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- Your funding request should reflect the proposed program's budget and the applicant's past organizational budget
- **\$500,000 is the maximum grant size**
- 18-month grant cycle, noting flexibility for one-time events or short-term activities
- We want to distribute these funds widely



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Evaluating Applications

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The Foundation will award grants to applicants that meet the eligibility criteria and whose proposal best achieves the overall SSC Program's goals.

- Approach (45 points)
- Relevant Experience, Past Performance, and Qualifications (20 points)
- Data Collection and Evaluation (15 points)
- Proposer's Budget and Financial Stability (10 points)
- Applicant's Funding Request (10 points)



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Submittable 101



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Submittable 101

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Thank you for utilizing The Carrie Meek Foundation's submission portal. This platform allows you to submit applications and reports for specific grant programs offered by the Foundation.

Supporting Safer Communities Application [Guidelines](#)

Ends on May 12, 2023

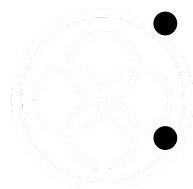




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- Profile
- Service areas
- Approach
 - Project
 - Staffing and experience
 - Funding request (budget)
 - Outcomes
- Capacity building
- Partners
- Sustainability
- Additional information





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- Profile
 - Lead Contact information
 - Organization or Individual
 - Organization information
 - 501c3 Status
 - EIN Number
 - Fiscal Agent
 - Mission/purpose statement
 - Neighborhood services site
 - Annual operating budget

Profile Section

1. Lead Contact's First Name: *

2. Lead Contact's Last Name: *

3. Lead Contact's Email: *

4. Lead Contact's Phone Number: *



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- Grassroot Organizations Section
- **Grassroots Groups:** Formal or informal community-based organizations of residents leading projects and providing services to their community.
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19. Are you a grassroots organization as defined by above? *

Yes

No



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Service areas

- High-risk interventionists
- Reentry services
- Mental health and victim outreach services
- Community-rooted efforts to reduce violence and/or improve safety in neighborhoods

Service Area(s)

An applicant can only submit one application*. However, the project/initiative for addressing community violence intervention can be one that includes/incorporates one or more service areas as described in the Background section in the RFP.

* The only exception to submitting only one application is for a fiscal agent for a collaborative that also manages its own direct service program.

20. For which of the program service areas are you interested in applying? (Select all that apply) (See RFP for description of program service areas) *

- High-risk Intervention
- Reentry Services
- Mental Health and Victim Outreach Services
- Community-rooted efforts to reduce violence and/or improve safety in neighborhoods





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Write a brief description of your project/initiative

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Tell us about your project/initiative.

21. What is your project/initiative name? *

Limit: 100 words

22. Write a brief description of your project/initiative. *

Limit: 350 words

- Describe your organization's mission and history.
- Describe what services your organization provides and who receives these services.
- Describe your project.
- Describe whom your project is supposed to help.
- Describe why your organization is qualified to implement the project/initiative.

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Briefly describe the issue(s) it is designed to address

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Limit: 350 words

24. What do you hope to achieve? (Describe the goals and end results of your project/initiative) *

Limit: 350 words

- What is the issue you are trying to address?
- Why is this issue worth addressing?
- What can be the potential risk of not addressing the issue? How will the target population or community be impacted if this issue is not addressed?
- Why is your organization/you best suited to address this issue?
- How is the issue you are addressing aligned with the Supporting Safer Communities Goals?

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What do you hope to achieve?

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Limit: 350 words

24. What do you hope to achieve? (Describe the goals and end results of your project/initiative) *

Limit: 350 words

- Describe what you hope your participants will achieve because they participated in your project (e.g., increased social-emotional growth, increased job readiness skills).
- When do you expect them to achieve these results (e.g., at the end of the project year, within six months of programming)?



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How will you implement your project/initiative?

A	B	C	D	E	F	G
	What	Who	When	Goals	Making the connection	Timeline
	Name of activity and write a brief description of activity	Who are you serving?	Frequency, time, duration	What is the desired outcome of the activity?	How does this activity help you achieve your project/initiative goal?	Anticipated start date for this activity.
Activity #1						
Activity #2						
Activity #3						
Activity #4						
Activity #5						
Activity #6						
Activity #7						


- When describing your activities, be sure the activity description is clear and aligned with your overall goals.
- Provide any research evidence supporting that the activities you are proposing will likely result in what you hope to achieve (i.e., outcomes).

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Who do you serve?

26. Who do you serve? (Describe your target population) *

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Limit: 350 words

27. How does your project/initiative help build safer more supportive communities and create opportunities for residents impacted by gun violence? *

Limit: 350 words

- Describe whom your organization generally serves. This would be participants who receive any level of services.
- Describe whom your project/initiative will serve.
- Describe the demographic make-up of and the geographic location of your target population.

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How does your project/initiative help build safer more supportive communities and create opportunities for residents impacted by gun violence?

- Describe how your project/initiative goals and activities align with *building safer, more supportive communities and providing opportunities for residents impacted by gun violence.*
- Describe how your proposed activities have been linked in the research literature to creating safer communities.
- Describe how the opportunities you offer residents affected by gun violence are needed by this group and have been found to be effective in the research literature.

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Estimate the number of people your project/initiative will reach/engage.

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29. Please select the anticipated gender of the participants of your project/initiative. (Select all that apply) *

- Women
- Trans Women
- Men
- Trans Men
- Non-Binary
- Another

30. Please select the anticipated race/ethnicity of the participants of your project/initiative. (Select all that apply) *

- American Indian or Alaskan Native
- Asian or Asian-American
- Black, African-American, Afro-Caribbean
- Hispanic or Latino
- Native Hawai'ian or Pacific Islander
- White or European
- Another

- The estimated number of people your project/initiative will reach/engage should be realistic, given your staffing structure and access/proximity to the community.

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If the project has been offered before, briefly describe outcomes.

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Limit: 250 words

34. Describe any challenges you anticipate with implementing your project/initiative and how you plan to overcome them. *

Limit: 250 words

- Describe the “when, where, who” of the project/initiative previously offered. Describe when the project was offered.
- Describe the population and community the project/initiative served.
- Describe outcomes achieved. Describe how the proposed activities have effectively achieved outcomes when previously offered.

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- When describing anticipated challenges, consider every programming component (e.g., advertisement, recruitment, access, engagement, site location, partners, project sustainability).
- Do you anticipate challenges at the beginning of implementation (e.g., recruitment, staffing) or mid-year?
- Do you anticipate any challenges with engagement or transportation?
- Share potential ideas of how you will overcome challenges.



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Who will lead your project/initiative?

Staffing Section

35. Who will lead your project/initiative? (Please identify their name(s) and describe their role) *

Limit: 250 words

36. Describe their relevant experience, past performance, and qualifications to lead project/initiative. *

Limit: 250 words

37. What is their relationship and access to the community? *

Limit: 250 words

- How many staff members are needed to implement the project activities?
- What is the title and responsibilities of staff members?

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- What are the qualifications/experience of your staff members?
- What are your staff's strengths (e.g., experience, credentials) and resources (e.g., partners, in-kind) for this project?
- What are the qualifications/experience of your organization?
- Are there lived experience related to the work that can serve as evidence that you are qualified to do the work?



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- Describe how you have engaged with and have access to the community.
- Provide examples that illustrate your relationship with and access to the community.
- Indicate the years staff members or your organization have worked in the target community.
- If applicable, indicate the number of staff members who reside in the community you are proposing to implement the project/initiative.
- Indicate how you will use your relationship with the community to access and recruit participants.
- Describe how your relationship and access to the community will benefit your project/ initiative.

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- Funding request (budget)
 - People costs
 - Program costs
 - Admin costs
 - Budget worksheet
 - Item
 - Rationale
 - Amount

	A	B	C	D	E
1	PEOPLE COST - Salaries/Wages and Benefits	Rationale (describe this expense)	Amount	Requested Amount	Budget Line Item Clarification
2	Personnel				What is the total salary allocated to this program/project/initiative across all positions?
3	Payroll taxes (salaries x 7.65%)		0		This formula will automatically calculate
4	Contract employees/program consultants				Are you paying folks who aren't staff to work on this program/project/initiative?
5	Healthcare coverage or stipend				What is your cost for health care benefits for the personnel above?
6	Transportation stipend				Do you cover milage or give a stipend for it to the personnel above?
7	Staff development/certifications				Are there expenses related to training for the personnel above?



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How do you or how will you define success in your project/initiative?

Outcomes/Evaluation

42. How do you or how will you define success in your project/initiative? *

Limit: 250 words

43. If you receive funding, what specific results do you believe you should commit to achieving over the grant period? *

Limit: 250 words

44. How do these outcomes align with the SSC Program goals? *

Limit: 250 words

- When responding to this question, consider what success would look like for your project/initiative.
- What changes would you need to see to conclude that your project/initiative was successful?
- Think beyond mere attendance. Just because someone participated in your project/initiative does not mean they are better off.
- Consider what changes your participants need to see to conclude that your project/initiative worked. For example, would you need to see an increase in job readiness skills or communication skills to conclude your project/initiative ?

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- When responding to this question, align your results with the goals and objectives of your project/initiatives.
- Consider results that can be realistically achieved each grant year.
- Consider the activities you are proposing.
- What results do you expect to see with each activity? Your outcome results should go beyond counts (e.g., number attended, number of sessions implemented), but should address changes (e.g., % increased, % improved).



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- Describe how the outcomes you expect to achieve align with these goals.
- Provide research literature that documents the effectiveness of the activities you are proposing to meet the outcomes you hope to achieve.



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What data, if any, are you collecting now?

45. What data, if any, are you collecting now? *

Limit: 250 words

46. What data will you collect to measure how well you achieve the SSC Program goals? *

Limit: 250 words

- Data captured via intake forms, assessments, and project activities are all viable data sources.



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Limit: 250 words

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Limit: 250 words

- Data should be organized by 1) data that proves the activities were implemented (e.g., attendance data, # of sessions completed) or output data, and 2) data that demonstrates participants are better off having participated in your project/initiative or outcome data.
- Be sure not to promise data you cannot realistically or legally collect.
- Describe how the data will be collected and by whom.
- Describe any issues of access to collect data and all issues of confidentiality.

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- Capacity building
 - How can we make you better and expand your capacity?
 - What internal and external supports will strengthen your ability to do the work?

Capacity Building

47. What support would you need to ensure your project/initiative is executed effectively, and you can measure your impact?
For example, staff training/ certifications. *

Limit: 250 words

48. What help would you need to ensure your organization's long-term ability to do this work? *

<input type="checkbox"/> Board development	<input type="checkbox"/> Financial management	<input type="checkbox"/> Fiscal accountability	<input type="checkbox"/> Fiscal sponsorship	<input type="checkbox"/> HR development
<input type="checkbox"/> IT management	<input type="checkbox"/> Mission and vision development	<input type="checkbox"/> Program design and evaluation	<input type="checkbox"/> Senior leadership development	<input type="checkbox"/> Staff development
<input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising	<input type="checkbox"/> Grant writing	<input type="checkbox"/> Grant management	<input type="checkbox"/> Board leadership development	<input type="checkbox"/> Legal affairs
<input type="checkbox"/> Marketing, Communication, and External Relations	<input type="checkbox"/> Strategic planning			

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- Collaboration
 - With whom are you collaborating in this project/initiative?
 - Name, responsibility/activities, outcome and cost

Collaboration (Partner and Service)

51. Please identify partner name(s), activities, roles, and expertise that will be used.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
1	Partner	Organization Name	Contact Person	Address	Email	Phone	Role (Title)	Responsibilities (Activities Describe)
2	Partner #1							
3	Partner #2							
4	Partner #3							
5	Partner #4							
6	Partner #5							
7	Partner #6							
8	Partner #7							
9	Partner #8							



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- Sustainability
 - What can be done to sustain this program beyond the grant period?
 - What are other funding streams you are considering?
 - What are your fundraising plans?
 - How will you build your organization's capacity to bring in additional funding?

Sustainability

52. Tell us how the project/initiative will be sustained after grant funding ends. *

Limit: 250 words

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- Additional information
 - What can you share to enhance your application narrative?
 - Videos, reports, graphics

Attachment

53. Please attach any supplemental information that will support your work. This may consist of video responses, outreach plan, evaluation plans, letters of support, MOU, etc.

Choose File

Select up to 10 files to attach. No files have been attached yet. You may add 10 more files.

Acceptable file types: .doc, .docx, .pdf, .gif, .jpg, .jpeg, .png, .svg, .tif, .tiff, .mp4, .mpg, .webm, .wmv



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- Questions?



Resources

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- Technical assistance
 - Application Workshop (Fridays)
 - Budget buildout (Wednesdays)
 - Grant writing (Tuesdays)
- Office hours
- Website resources – CarrieMeekFoundation.org/SaferCommunity
 - RFP
 - Program Guidelines
 - Frequently Asked Questions



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Evaluation Process and Timeline

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- Initial review for eligibility and completeness of application
- Technical evaluation by Review Teams
- Selection Committee review

RFP Release

April 5

Deadline for Receipt of Questions

April 21

Deadline to Request Assistance with Application

May 5

Application Submission Deadline

May 12

Evaluation Process

May - June

Projected Notice of Award

July - August



- Agreements signed as contracts are approved

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US!



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