

# Community Crime Prevention Grant Fund

## Public Meeting

January 13, 2012

### NOTES

#### **INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE**

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the Community Crime Prevention grant process.

The Community Crime Prevention Task Force was created in 2006 to address crime and its causes. Based on the work of the Task Force and the Community Recommendations for Addressing Crime in Indianapolis, in 2007, the City County Council passed funding for crime prevention initiatives. In 2011, the Indianapolis Parks Foundation was given the responsibility to administer the grant funds. 26 organizations were awarded a total of \$1.7 million in 2011.

The goal of the Community Crime Prevention Grant Fund is to fund programs that directly relate to and demonstrate results of preventing crime in Marion County.

The amount available to award is the same as last year, \$1.7 million. Applicants should request no less than \$50,000 and no more than \$250,000. The grant funds awarded must be used between June 1, 2012 and May 31, 2013. There will be no carryovers of grant funds.

The Indianapolis Parks Foundation has a small but mighty staff, but running a grants program takes a lot of people power. For that reason, Community Solutions came into the process early last year, just after the Letters of Intent were awarded. This year, Community Solutions is involved from the start and will be building on what was learned last year. Having been on both sides of requesting money and distributing money, staff members know the process and what organizations are going through and want to make it as clear and straightforward as possible.

#### **FOCUS ON POPULATION SERVED**

The biggest difference since last year is that there is a new focus on the populations being served and being able to show that there has been an impact. There will be priority for organizations providing direct services to people who have demonstrated they are likely to commit a crime, for example, they have already committed a crime, they have been in or involved in the criminal justice system in some way, or they were expelled from school (youth).

We are getting away from looking at people who fit in a demographic that is likely to commit a crime and moving to having a direct impact on people who have shown behavior that they are likely to commit a crime.

#### **LETTER OF INTENT**

The Letter of Intent is due January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2012 by 5:00 pm and will be done online (the link can be found at [www.indyparksfoundation.org](http://www.indyparksfoundation.org)) – no paper applications will be accepted. If you applied last year, the login information will be the same. The project period is from 6/1/12 – 5/31/13.

The following will be included:

- Project Name
- Target Population (2000 Characters) – Why is this population at high risk of committing a crime?
- Brief Description of Project (5000 Characters)
  - How will you achieve the impact for the target population?
  - Why did you choose this particular intervention?
  - What is the evidence that this intervention will work?
    - For example, did someone else do it, and it was successful? Did you do it, and it was successful? Does national research say that this is what needs to be done to prevent crime?
- Partners and their Roles – Who are your specific partners? What will their roles be?
  - If one organization could do this work, they would have done it already. This is a complicated issue and it takes partners.
  - It is better to have a few partners with thought out roles than simply to list 25 partners.
- What You Will Track and Report – What is the desired impact of your project? How will you demonstrate that impact?
  - Reduce recidivism (conviction for a new crime and/or violation of terms of supervision)
  - Decrease arrests
  - Increase employment and job retention among target population
  - Decrease substance abuse among target population
  - Increase connections to family, friends, and mentors among target population
  - Increase volunteerism among target population
  - Increase positive connections to school and community among target youth
  - Increase youth protective skills among target population (such as conflict resolution, anti-bullying, and drug/alcohol resistance skills)
    - These skills must apply to a population whose behavior demonstrates that they are likely to commit a crime. Example: It COULD NOT be all 8<sup>th</sup> graders in the school system. It COULD be all 8<sup>th</sup> graders in a youth detention center.
  - You will have to track at least one of the indicators listed above.
  - We want to be able to say what impact the Community Crime Prevention Grant funds have had on the particular target population. It is important for the accountability of the allocated funds.
  - Indicators of success will be tracked and reported. If you click a box to say that you will report on it, we will work with you to determine how that gets done.
- Agency History (500 – 1000 Characters)
  - There will be more room to talk about this if you move to the full application round – this is a brief description.
- Amount Requested
  - Must be between \$50,000 - \$250,000
    - We recognize that this is hard work and takes money.
  - Cannot be more than 60% of the program budget
    - It is important that the program be sustainable and not rely solely on CCPG funding.

- If you are asking for funding to support regular agency activity, than it would be 60% of the agency budget.
- Organization Line Item Budget (one page)
- IRS Determination Letter
  - If you received funding last year, we already have your determination letter.

### **TIMELINE**

- January 31<sup>st</sup> – LOIs due to IPF by 5:00 pm
- March 12<sup>th</sup> – Notification of full proposals
- April 6<sup>th</sup> – Full proposals due by 5:00 pm
- May 4<sup>th</sup> – Grantee notification
- May 22<sup>nd</sup> – Check presentation ceremony
- June 1<sup>st</sup> – Grant period begins

### **KEYS TO SUCCESS**

- ❖ Identify target population and the behavior that has been demonstrated that indicates they are at high risk for committing crime(s);
- ❖ Develop and articulate evidence-based strategies that will be used;
- ❖ Identify the indicators of success that will be tracked and reported;
- ❖ Demonstrate the organization’s capacity to be successful with the project; and
- ❖ Have a funding request that accounts for **no more than 60% of the program costs.**

### **QUESTIONS**

#### Questions Regarding Tracking and Reporting

**Q: What about delinquent child support?**

A: You could track that, but it is not one of the ones that is on the CCPG list.

**Q: Will you get extra points for, tracking all of the indicators?**

A: No. If you are awarded funding, we will work with you to make sure you are measuring your impact in the best way and not measuring just to measure.

**Q: If you track the recidivism rate, will the baseline be the Marion County recidivism rate?**

A: You will track how many of the people you are serving went back to DOC or jail. There won’t be a comparison population.

**Q: What is the time period for tracking, specifically regarding recidivism?**

A: It will be the grant year, so one year.

**Q: Are there certain indicators that will be used across the board for every project?**

A: No

**Q: While the indicators are standard, are the questions we will ask to measure standard?**

A: No. We will work with you to figure out how you can best measure what you said you will measure and provide some TA.

#### Questions Regarding Funds

**Q: It says that you don't provide capital funds. Does that eliminate asking for funds for all overhead items like rent?**

A: By capital funds, we mean that we will not buy a building for you. Last year, funding was provided for a van for transportation, rent, and staffing which are not considered capital funds.

**Q: If you are awarded funding, how are grant funds provided?**

A: Grantees are given 60% up front. About halfway through the project period, there will be reports and site visits. Based on those outcomes, they will receive the rest of their funding.

#### Questions Regarding Numbers of Proposals

**Q: The neighborhood centers are looking at applying as one group. Is this allowed?**

A: Yes it is. You will just need to figure out who will be the fiscal agent, and you will still be held to the \$250K grant maximum.

**Q: If an organization has programs for both youth and adults that would qualify, can it submit a proposal for each?**

A: Only one proposal per organization is allowed. It can put both into that one proposal.

#### Questions Regarding Completing Proposals

**Q: Can you save the Letter of Intent during the process of completing it online and come back to it later?**

A: Yes. You can also send your login information to partners/other organization staff to review.

**Q: Will you provide us with full proposal outlines, so we can start working on the full proposal?**

A: We don't have the revised full proposal done yet. We will be working on it, and when it is done, we will send out an email to let you all know that it is available on the Parks Foundation website.

#### Other Questions

**Q: Last year, agencies were asked to collaborate with the Parks Department. Is that necessary this year?**

A: No, but you are welcome to collaborate with them if you like.

**Q: Can you provide some clarification on evidence-based strategies?**

A: You have to be able to validate how you know what you will do has a high likelihood of success either through your past experience, someone else who did it successfully, or national research says this is what has to happen to help someone not commit a crime.

**Q: Regarding target population, does it matter the severity of why the youth were expelled or the severity of a criminal act?**

A: When you define the target population, you have to give your reason why. You will have to justify it.

#### **CLOSING**

Last year, we had 121 organizations apply asking for \$12 million. It was a challenging job honing them down to 26 organizations and \$1.7 million. We anticipate over 100 applications this year, and we will do our best to make sure awards are given within the guidelines we have set out, so please take the guidelines seriously.

This fund is tax payer dollars, and IPF wants to make a difference with those dollars and put them to good use. We want people to be successful and do this as accurately as possible. We live in your world, we take this seriously, and we want to help you be successful. Please use us.