



Hope and Heal Fund Request for Proposals

The Hope and Heal Fund welcomes letters of intent to identify research baselines, best practices, and/or interventions to enhance the effectiveness of gun violence prevention programs among three California communities: the LGBTQ community, Latinos, or Military Veterans.

Overview

Over the past decade, gun violence has claimed 35,000 lives in California. The Hope and Heal Fund (“the Fund”) is a donor collaborative committed to addressing this urgent issue by amplifying the power and resources of individual donors, foundations, and corporations to stand up to gun violence in California.

The Hope and Heal Fund supports a combination of proven solutions and big bets that together have potential to create meaningful change. Through its grants, the Fund will prioritize supporting successful approaches, sparking innovation where it’s needed, and targeting populations most affected by gun violence to eventually have the greatest impact statewide.

Grant Opportunity

In fall 2017, the Hope and Heal Fund will provide grant support to organizations working to **enhance the effectiveness** of gun violence prevention efforts in California within the Fund’s focus areas of community violence; domestic violence; and self-harm and suicide. The objective of this funding is to advance efforts to identify research baselines, best practices, and/or evidence-based interventions in gun violence prevention and to provide the data, infrastructure, messaging, evaluation, and support needed to reduce gun-related deaths and injuries in the state.

Specifically, the Fund seeks to fill important research gaps and determine baselines on gun violence prevention within three identified communities: the **LGBTQ community**, **Latinos**, and **Military Veterans**. In order to address gun violence effectively among these communities in California, it is critical to fill any research gaps about the nature of gun violence among these communities and about any new policy and community-level interventions that could be most effective. It is equally critical to conduct research to identify those existing interventions that require better implementation, awareness, and education in order to be effective.

The Fund will support the most promising proposals that aim to advance work among any of the three identified communities.

The Hope and Heal Fund is a project of the New Venture Fund (NVF), a US-based, 501(c)(3) public charity.

Grantee Selection Criteria

Successful applicants will propose a scope of work that aims to achieve the objectives outlined above, among one, some, or all of the identified communities (the LGBTQ community, Latinos, and Military Veterans). They will do so by incorporating some or all of the following approaches in their proposal:

Fill Research Gaps

- Identify critical research gaps and areas of needed additional investigation
- Establish (or enhance) a baseline of data on the main drivers of gun violence in the identified communities

Education and Awareness

- Elevate the visibility and awareness of the unique issues related to gun violence in the identified communities among key stakeholders, policymakers, and community organizations
- Engage a cross-sector network of research, researchers, and community members to provide a holistic perspective on how gun violence affects the identified communities

Identify Successful Models of Interventions

- Identify best practices and interventions that advance efforts in gun violence prevention in the identified communities
- Test and assess interventions within the identified communities to determine the relative efficacy of each

Grant Requirements

NVF will require applicants who are awarded funding to submit a brief narrative and financial report at the end of the funding period that summarizes their activities and accomplishments and provides a complete accounting of all expenditures made from the grant. Applicants who receive funds will receive reporting instructions and templates to assist them in the preparation of these reports.

Please note NVF grant funds cannot be used for lobbying activities, as described in sections 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

Application Process and Timeline

The application process consists of the following steps:

1. Interested applicants should prepare a brief (600 words maximum) letter of intent that includes:
 - The specific California communities that your project will address:
 - i. The LGBTQ community

- ii. Latinos
- iii. Military Veterans
- Your research rationale and hypothesis
- A summary of your research approach
- The anticipated amount of your funding request (up to \$150,000)

Letters of intent should be sent as a Word attachment to info@hopeandhealfund.org by **Monday, October 2, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. PT**. All applicants who submit a letter of intent by this date will be informed of their status no later than Friday, October 13.

2. After reviewing each applicant's letter of intent, the Hope and Heal Fund will invite select applicants to submit a complete grant proposal. A complete proposal will include:

- Responses to the Application Questions (see below)
- A completed organizational budget
- A completed project budget
- Organizational documents, including:
 - a. Most recent audited financial statements (if unavailable, submit unaudited financials including balance sheet and profit and loss statement for 2016)
 - b. List of board of directors and key staff
 - c. Most recent form 990

Applicants invited to submit complete grant proposals will be provided with instructions for how to submit their proposals through NVF's online portal. All complete proposals must be received by **Friday, November 3, 2017 at 5:00pm PT**. All applicants will be notified of final funding decisions no later than **Friday, December 15, 2017**.

In order to encourage proposals from a wide range of community-based organizations, all applicants that submit complete, valid grant proposals will be provided with a modest stipend, in recognition of the time invested to complete a complete proposal.

Application Questions

Applicants whose letters of intent are approved by the Hope and Heal Fund and are invited to prepare a complete grant proposal must submit answers to the following questions via NVF's online portal by **Friday, November 3, 2017 at 5:00pm PT**.

1. Provide a summary of your work to-date to advance gun violence prevention, including:
 - Notable successes and impact achieved
 - Notable challenges and lessons learned
2. Describe the proposed scope of work for your project, including:
 - The specific challenge your project will address, and how it will address it
 - The specific California communities that your project will address:

- The LGBTQ community
 - Latinos
 - Military Veterans
 - The Hope and Heal Fund focus area(s) that your project will address:
 - Community Gun Violence
 - Domestic Gun Violence
 - Self-Harm and Gun Suicide
 - Core project deliverables
 - Project timeline
3. Describe how you would propose to measure the impact of your project, including:
 - Short-term outputs (to be measured within 1 year of project launch)
 - These might include a valid and comprehensive research baseline against which the Fund (and others) can measure future progress, or others as determined by your project.
 - Intermediate-term outcomes (to be measured within 2-5 years of project launch)
 - These might include the quantity and quality of outreach to affected communities to raise awareness about baseline findings or successful interventions, or others as determined by your project.
 4. Identify how you will engage with the identified communities in an authentic manner to co-develop research plans and share findings.
 5. Identify potential risks that might impede your ability to fully implement your project and your plans to mitigate those risks.
 6. Identify the personnel that will be working on this project, including:
 - Project team members and primary point of contact
 - Key partners and/or subcontractors (where applicable)
 7. Provide a narrative summary of your financial request, to accompany your completed project budget. This summary should include:
 - The grant amount you are requesting
 - An explanation of the key cost drivers for this work
 - Other sources of funding for this work

Contact Information

Additional questions may be directed to Brian Malte, Executive Director, at bmalte@hopeandhealfund.org.