

# Macon Violence Prevention Grant Program

**Deadline:** May 10, 2024 | 12 noon

## **Purpose**

The Community Foundation of Central Georgia in partnership with Macon-Bibb County established this grant program to support local charitable organizations (501c3 public charities and faith-based organizations) in their efforts to reduce violent crime in our community. The Macon Violence Prevention Grant Program aligns with the County's Macon Violence Prevention Strategic Plan to support organizations in their work to reduce and ultimately prevent violent crimes. Through this program, the Community Foundation will consider applications for community-led projects and services that are designed to reduce and/or prevent violent crime in Macon-Bibb County.

## **Funding Priority**

The Macon Violence Prevention Grant Program will give priority to charitable organizations (501c3 public charities and faith-based organizations) that demonstrate the ability to achieve one or more of the following Community-led strategies from the MVP Strategic Plan:

1. Improving Macon's education system from early childhood through adult education
2. Investing in mental health resources and consumer participation
3. Providing more supervised activities for youth
4. Providing support, education, and accountability for parents
5. Providing more resources to intervene in situations involving domestic violence
6. Increasing access to transportation

*More detailed descriptions of each priority can be found in the [Macon Violence Prevention Strategic Plan](#).*

The Macon Violence Prevention program WILL NOT fund:

- Organizations that are not tax-exempt under section 501(c)(3) public charity of the Internal Revenue Code
- Grants to individuals
- Operating, program, and construction costs at schools, universities, and private academies unless there is significant opportunity for community use or collaboration
- Organizations or projects that discriminate based upon race, ethnicity, age, gender, or sexual orientation
- Political campaigns or direct lobbying efforts of 501(c)(3) organizations
- Post-event, after-the-fact situations or debt retirement
- Annual appeals, galas, or membership contributions
- Fundraising events such as golf tournaments, walk-a-thons, and fashion shows

## **Geographic Restrictions**

Grant applicants **must be based** in Macon-Bibb County. In addition, projects and services must also be carried out in Macon-Bibb County. Priority will be given to programs that will work in the areas of the County that have the highest crime rates.

**Maximum Grant Amount**

To ensure that impact and creativity are not impeded, there is not a minimum or maximum grant size. Please keep in mind that up to \$800,000 will be awarded in this cycle and it is unlikely that one grant will be awarded the entire pool of funds. Also, an organization’s track record for successful program implementation and strong governance practices are factors considered for the grant awards.

**Macon Violence Prevention Grants Program Timeline**

| <b><u>Date</u></b>        | <b><u>Action/Deadline</u></b>              |
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| April 4, 2024   1:00 PM   | Applicant Orientation                      |
| April 1, 2024             | Application window opens                   |
| TBD                       | Office hours held for technical assistance |
| May 10, 2024   12:00 noon | Application window closes                  |
| May 23 – May 27, 2022     | Grantee notification                       |
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### **Grantee Requirements**

Applicants and grantees must be a 501c3 or faith-based organization based in Macon-Bibb County. The proposed program must be delivered in Macon-Bibb County.

As a condition to apply and receive grant funding applicants and grantees agree to attend the following:

- Orientation
- Monthly training and collaborative learning exchanges

Grantees must provide quarterly reports and attend a mid-year check-in to receive the second half of funding and to be eligible to apply for MVP grant funding and other CFCG grant programs in the future.

Grantees agree that during the term of the grant, and the three years following, to collect data and provide it to CFCG on the program. The grantee and CFCG will agree at the outset on the data to be collected.

Additionally, grantees agree to follow communication guidelines provided by CFCG when sharing information about the grant to the media and the organization's constituents.

### **How to Apply:**

You will need a User ID and Password to access the application. [Click here to register.](#)

### **Reporting Requirements:**

All Macon Violence Prevention Grant Program recipients must complete two types of reports: 1) Interim Progress Reports, and 2) Final Report. These reports will include a financial update that details how grant funds have been used. Final reports are due within thirty days after depletion of the grant funds, prior to submitting a new grant application, or no later than one year from the date your grant period began, whichever is earliest. For example, if you received a grant in the April 2022, cycle, the grant period began 7/1/2022 and your final report is due no later than 7/1/2023. To be eligible for future grants, the Community Foundation must have completed final reports on file for all previously awarded grants when submitting a new grant application.

### **Technical Assistance:**

If you have problems or need assistance completing the application, please contact Darius Maynard of the Community Foundation at 478-750-9338 or [mvp@cfpga.org](mailto:mvp@cfpga.org).

**Criteria Used to Review Applications**

| <p><b><u>Consideration/Summary</u></b></p>   | <p><b>WILL NOT<br/>CONSIDER<br/>FUNDING</b></p>   | <p><b>HESITANT TO<br/>CONSIDER<br/>FUNDING</b></p>  | <p><b>WILL CONSIDER<br/>FUNDING</b></p>   |
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| <p><b>1. Statement of the problem and alignment with one or more of the Macon Violence Prevention Strategic Plan’s Community Priorities</b></p> <p><i>Addresses specific priority area of MVP Strategic Plan</i></p> | <p>Applicant does not adequately state the problem; no evidence-based justification for the project—little or no discussion of connection between proposed project and the Macon Violence Prevention Strategic Plan’s Community priorities. The applicant does not include a clear statement of work to be completed or make a compelling case.</p> | <p>Discussion of connection between proposed project and the Macon Violence Prevention Strategic Plan’s Community priorities. The applicant fails to make a compelling case.</p>  | <p>Applicant clearly states the problem and provides a strong rationale for grant funding, clearly explaining activities and outcomes. There is a clear connection between the proposed project and the Macon Violence Prevention Strategic Plan’s Community priorities. The significance of the proposed activities is clear and well defined.</p> |
| <p><b>2. Program Capacity, Project Design, and Implementation</b></p> <p><i>Demonstrates the ability to achieve program outcomes that reduce risk factors and/or enhance protective factors.</i></p>                 | <p>Project design is vague and not clearly linked to project goals. Organization does not demonstrate capacity to achieve program outcomes that reduce risk factors and/or enhance protective factors.</p>  | <p>Adequate project design with procedures and activities is defined, but project is unclear, lacks innovation, and is not clearly linked to project goals. Organization demonstrates little to moderate capacity to achieve program outcomes that reduce risk factors and/or</p> | <p>Strong and innovative project design with procedures and activities that are well defined, fully explained, and link to project goals. Organization demonstrates great capacity to achieve program outcomes that reduce risk factors and/or enhance protective factors</p>   |

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|  |   | enhance protective factors  |  |
| <p><b>3. Data-Driven</b></p> <p>Demonstrates the ability and/or a plan to collect program performance and impact data</p>  | <p>Proposal does not include any methods to assess participants, evaluate the project, and does not incorporate feedback from participants (and if applicable parents or partner organizations) to improve programming.</p> | <p>Proposal includes at least one method to assess participants or evaluate the project and has a good plan for data collection, receives feedback from program participants, but does not have a clear plan to incorporate it to inform program design and delivery.</p> | <p>Proposal includes a solid data collection plan, and a variety of methods to assess participants, elevate and celebrate individual and community agency, benchmark success and challenges.</p> <p>Data plan reflects continuous feedback and incorporation of information from community, stakeholders, and program participants to evaluate the project and inform program design and delivery.</p> |
| <p><b>4. Financial Management and Budget</b></p> <p>Demonstrates the ability to account for grant funding and leverage other financial and/or in-kind support from other community partnerships.</p> | <p>Key expenses are neither described nor justified. The method for arriving at budgeted expense categories/ amounts is not provided.</p>   | <p>Some expenses are described and justified. The method for arriving at budgeted expense categories/amounts is unclear or requires inference.</p>  | <p>Key expenses are fully described and justified. The method for arriving at budgeted expense categories/amounts is clearly explained. Budget is directly connected to project description, goals, and timetable. Budget demonstrates commitment to money flowing to the hands of program participants and other residents that are asked to assist with program implementation.</p>                  |

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| <p><b>5. Collaborative Approach</b></p> <p>Demonstrates the ability to partner with other public agencies and/or nonprofit organizations to support crime prevention and/or reduction efforts. Provides a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for each collaborating partner.</p> | <p>Critical project partner is missing from the project plans, or at least one collaborative partner's contribution to the project is unclear. No MOUs provided.</p>  | <p>Proposal shows some indication of appropriate collaborative partners. Applicant has provided MOUs for some partners, but not all.</p>                                    | <p>Proposal includes a well-defined plan identifying appropriate collaborative partners, each of which add value to the program. Applicant has provided MOUs for all partners.</p> |
| <p><b>6. Outreach, direct service, and/or case management</b></p> <p>Clear methods for implementation of the program are outlined in the application</p>  | <p>Proposed work does not provide any evidence-based interventions and has no focus on outreach/engagement strategies, direct services nor intensive case management (or other affiliated interventions).</p> | <p>Proposed work mentions some aspect of evidence-based interventions, outreach, direct service, and or case management but does not provide details on implementation.</p> | <p>Proposed work provides evidence-based interventions and has a clear focus on outreach, direct service provision, and/ or case management.</p>                                   |
| <p><b>7. Organization supports opportunity and inclusion for all</b></p> <p>Organization through the proposed project works to eliminate inequities and disparities</p>   | <p>Application does not address how the organization and/or project will address eliminating inequities and disparities.</p>  | <p>Application mentions aspects of eliminating inequities and disparities but does not provide details on how this is implemented.</p>                                      | <p>Application has a clear focus on opportunity and inclusion, and clearly addresses eliminating inequities and disparities.</p>   |