



Dear colleagues,

Do you know community leaders, neighborhood advocates and passionate volunteers working every day to make Chicago safer and more peaceful?

Please help spread the word about an immediate grant opportunity to support their work.

Recognizing the potential for a spike in violence in Chicago during the summer months, the [Partnership for Safe and Peaceful Communities](#), a coalition of 40 funders committed to aligning their grant making to support proven and promising approaches to reducing gun violence, will once again administer the Chicago Fund for Safe and Peaceful Communities (Fund), a rapid-response fund for community-led summer activities. For the fourth year, the Fund will support immediate intervention by grassroots groups – on blocks and neighborhoods – working to keep our city's communities safe.

The 2019 Chicago Fund for Safe and Peaceful Communities will award grants ranging from \$1,000 to \$10,000 to support activities designed to promote peace, build trust, and strengthen relationships, and led by Chicago residents in 21 prioritized communities (full list in the RFP). These could include educational events, group or youth activities, recreational activities, festivals, performances, activities that improve community-police relationships, and more.

The Fund has a simple application process, and grants will be awarded quickly.

- **Applications must be submitted by April 10, 2019.**
- **Grant awards will be announced on May 13, 2019, and funds distributed on May 22, 2019.**
- **All activities related to the grants must be completed by October 31, 2019.**

To apply, organizations should prepare a short proposal and budget, and have 501(c)3 nonprofit status or partner with an organization that has that status, and have an annual operating budget of no more than \$500,000. The application for funding is available at https://cct.smartsimple.com/s_Login.jsp.

An in-person technical assistance (TA) session to help guide organizations through the application process will be held on March 14th at 10 am at the MacArthur Foundation, 140 S. Dearborn, 17th floor. Attending the TA session is not a requirement to apply for funding. Accommodations for people with special needs will be provided upon request.

Many thanks,

The Chicago Community Trust

[About the Partnership for Safe and Peaceful Communities](#)

The Partnership for Safe and Peaceful Communities is a coalition of 40 Chicago funders and foundations committed to aligning their funding to support proven and promising approaches to reducing gun violence. To date, members have committed more than \$50 million to street outreach and transitional jobs, police reform and community relations, gun policy reform, and a rapid-response fund for community-led summer activities. Learn more at: <http://safeandpeaceful.org/>.