

FY22 BUILDING BLOCKS DC GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION FALL MINI-GRANTS

ADMINISTERED BY PROGRESSIVE LIFE CENTER



BUILDING BLOCKS DC OVERVIEW

- BUILDING BLOCKS DC, AND ITS PARTNERED GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER, IS THE FIRST-OF-ITS-KIND IN THE COUNTRY TO ADDRESS GUN VIOLENCE USING A PUBLIC HEALTH APPROACH. THROUGH BUILDING BLOCKS DC, THE BOWSER ADMINISTRATION WILL FIRST SERVE RESIDENTS BY FOCUSING ON THE SMALL NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS RESPONSIBLE FOR A SIGNIFICANT PERCENT OF GUN VIOLENCE IN THE DISTRICT.
- BBDC IS ALSO CO-CREATING PLACES BY FOCUSING ON THE SMALL NUMBER OF PLACES WHERE THE MOST GUN VIOLENCE IS OCCURRING ALL WHILE BUILDING THE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER WHICH COORDINATES VIOLENCE PREVENTION EFFORTS CURRENTLY LEAD BY DISTRICT AGENCIES, NONPROFIT PARTNERS, AND COMMUNITY-LEAD EFFORTS.

DYRS OVERVIEW

- THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH REHABILITATION SERVICES (DYRS) IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SUPERVISION, CUSTODY, AND CARE OF YOUNG PEOPLE CHARGED WITH A DELINQUENT ACT IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA IN ONE OF THE FOLLOWING CIRCUMSTANCES:
 - YOUTH WHO ARE DETAINED IN A DYRS FACILITY WHILE AWAITING ADJUDICATION.
 - YOUTH WHO ARE COMMITTED TO DYRS BY A DC FAMILY COURT JUDGE FOLLOWING ADJUDICATION.
- YOUTH CAN BE INITIALLY COMMITTED TO THE AGENCY UNTIL AGE 18 AND MAY REMAIN IN THE CARE OF DYRS UNTIL THE AGE OF 21. THE AGENCY PROVIDES COMPREHENSIVE SUPPORT SERVICES TO COMMITTED YOUTH IN OUR SECURE FACILITIES AS WELL AS WITHIN THE COMMUNITY. DYRS IS DESIGNED TO HELP YOUNG PEOPLE GET ON THE RIGHT TRACK AND SUCCESSFULLY TRANSITION INTO ADULTHOOD.
- DYRS WORKS WITH FELLOW DISTRICT AGENCIES, COMMUNITY PARTNERS, AND JUVENILE JUSTICE EXPERTS TO ACHIEVE THESE GOALS. DYRS COLLABORATES TO IMPLEMENT INNOVATIVE, RESEARCH-BASED MODELS THAT ALIGN WITH BEST PRACTICES IN THE JUVENILE JUSTICE AND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FIELDS.

PLC OVERVIEW

- PROGRESSIVE LIFE CENTER (PLC) PROVIDES QUALITY MENTAL HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES TARGETING INDIVIDUALS, FAMILIES, ORGANIZATIONS AND COMMUNITIES IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, MARYLAND, DELAWARE AND PENNSYLVANIA.
- AS A COA ACCREDITED SERVICES PROVIDER, PLC OFFERS TREATMENT AND TRADITIONAL FOSTER CARE, KINSHIP CARE, YOUTH DIVERSION, FAMILY PRESERVATION, AND CULTURAL DIVERSITY AND TEAM BUILDING TRAINING. PLC ALSO OFFERS MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES DIRECTLY TO THE PUBLIC.
- PLC PROGRAMS ARE SHAPED BY A CORE BELIEF IN THE INNATE STRENGTH OF THE INDIVIDUAL, THE INFLUENCE OF FAMILY, AND THE SUPPORT OF THE COMMUNITY TO POSITIVELY IMPACT AND CHANGE BEHAVIOR LONG-TERM.

BUILDING BLOCKS DC MINI-GRANTS OVERVIEW

- THE OFFICE OF GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION PARTNERED WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH REHABILITATION SERVICES AND PROGRESSIVE LIFE CENTER ON THE DISTRIBUTION OF GRANTS TO COMMUNITY MEMBERS ENGAGED IN EFFORTS AIMED AT REDUCING GUN VIOLENCE IN THOSE NEIGHBORHOODS MOST AFFECTED.
- FOR THE FALL, THERE IS ONE TYPE OF GRANT AVAILABLE:
 - \$5,000 MINI-GRANTS WILL BE AWARDED TO INDIVIDUALS, ORGANIZATIONS, ETC. TO CREATE ACTIVITIES THAT ENGAGE RESIDENTS, LEADERS, AND ORGANIZATIONS IN PROMOTING PUBLIC SAFETY.

BUILDING BLOCKS DC GRANTS OVERVIEW

- PRIORITY WILL BE GIVEN TO THOSE DISTRICT LOCATIONS AFFECTED BY RECENT GUN VIOLENCE. CATEGORIES INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO:
 - COMMUNITY WEALTH
SKILLS BUILDING, LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT, COMMUNITY COHESION & ENCOURAGEMENT, PROVIDING SUPPORT OF BASIC NEEDS
 - COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION
COMMUNITY ORGANIZING ACTIVITIES, NEIGHBORHOOD OUTREACH
PROVIDING ACTIVITIES IN A SAFE SPACE, MURALS, BLOCK CLEANING, COMMUNITY GARDENS
 - COMMUNITY HEALING
COMMUNITY RESPONSES TO VIOLENCE, RESTORATIVE JUSTICE SUPPORTS
DIRECT INTERVENTION ACTIVITIES, HEALING/MENTAL WELLNESS

BUILDING BLOCKS DC GRANTS OVERVIEW

- ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS:
 - INDIVIDUALS, COMMUNITY-BASED NON-PROFIT GROUPS AND ORGANIZATIONS, CLERGY GROUPS, OR SMALL BUSINESSES LOCATED IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY. FOR PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS ARE ELIGIBLE BUT MAY NOT INCLUDE PROFIT IN THEIR GRANT APPLICATION. FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS MAY ALSO PARTICIPATE AS SUBCONTRACTORS TO ELIGIBLE AGENCIES.
- LENGTH OF AWARDS:
 - THE ANTICIPATED GRANT AWARD PERIOD IS JANUARY 7, 2022, TO FEBRUARY 28, 2022.

BUILDING BLOCKS DC MINI GRANTS OVERVIEW

- **APPLICATION PROCESS**

- APPLICATIONS CAN BE FOUND ON THE PLC WEBSITE
- APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED USING THE TEMPLATE THAT IS AVAILABLE
- THE APPLICATION DEADLINE IS 5PM ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH
- APPLICATIONS CAN BE SUBMITTED AT ANY TIME, BY EMAIL TO APPLICATIONS@PLCNTU.ORG
- NO APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER 5PM ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH

BUILDING BLOCKS DC MINI GRANTS OVERVIEW

- **REVIEW PROCESS**

- ONLY COMPLETED APPLICATIONS WILL BE READ AND SCORED BY REVIEWERS
- EACH APPLICATION WILL BE SCORED BY MULTIPLE REVIEWERS
- REVIEWERS WILL MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON PROPOSALS TO BE AWARDED
- THE FINAL DECISION ON ALL AWARDS WILL BE MADE BY BUILDING BLOCKS DC DIRECTOR
- ALL AWARDED AND NOT AWARDED APPLICATIONS WILL RECEIVE EMAIL NOTIFICATION BY FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17TH

BUILDING BLOCKS DC MINI GRANTS OVERVIEW

- **AWARD PROCESS**

- AWARDED APPLICANTS WILL SUBMIT A W9 IN ORDER TO RECEIVE AWARD FUNDS (NOT TO EXCEED \$5,000)
- AWARDED APPLICANTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT BANK ACCOUNT INFORMATION AND A VOIDED CHECK
- AWARDED APPLICANTS WILL RECEIVE A CONTRACT THAT MUST BE SIGNED AND RETURNED TO PLC BEFORE PAYMENTS WILL BE MADE
- AWARDED APPLICANTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO MEET WITH PLC ACCOUNTING, IN PERSON, TO CONFIRM ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED AND TO CLARIFY RECONCILIATION DOCUMENTATION
- AWARDED APPLICANTS WILL BE ASKED TO GIVE A TIMELINE FOR WHEN THEIR PROJECT WILL BEGIN AND END
- AWARDS WILL BE MADE BY DIRECT DEPOSIT
- ALL APPLICANTS MUST SUBMIT PROOF OF EXPENDITURES NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, MARCH 11TH

BUILDING BLOCKS DC MINI GRANTS OVERVIEW

- **PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION PHASE**
 - AWARDED APPLICANTS MUST COMPLETE ALL PROJECTS BY FEBRUARY 28TH, 2022
 - AWARDED APPLICANTS CAN BEGIN PROJECTS DURING THE WEEK OF JANUARY 7TH, 2022
 - ALL PROJECTS WILL BE MONITORED BY PLC/BBDC STAFF FOR COMPLETION
 - REPORTS AND/OR PICTURES AND/OR VIDEO WILL BE USED TO DOCUMENT PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION AND COMPLETION
 - BBDC/PLC WILL ASSESS IMPACT OF PROJECTS

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

- ALL APPLICATION QUESTIONS SHOULD BE SENT TO APPLICATIONS@PLCNTU.ORG **ONLY**. MINI GRANT QUESTIONS CAN BE SUBMITTED UP UNTIL FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH AT 5PM AND WILL BE POSTED ON THE PLC WEBSITE BY TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH
- THE MINI GRANT APPLICATION DEADLINE IS [**5PM ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH**](#)

FY22 BUILDING BLOCKS DC GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION FALL MINI-GRANTS

ADMINISTERED BY PROGRESSIVE LIFE CENTER

