



PROGRESSIVE LIFE CENTER FY25 Building Blocks DC (BBDC) Student-Led Project Application



Important Guidelines

1. One application will be accepted per applicant. Only completed applications will be considered.
2. Eligibility
 - a. Applicant MUST be D.C. resident, currently enrolled, D.C. high school student.
 - b. Applicant MUST also have the application signed by a trusted adult/mentor who must also serve as the point of contact with PLC for the purchase of all items related to the project.
3. Applications can be submitted at any time up to the deadline through this email address: applications@plcntu.org. The only information to submit is this application form, nothing else will be accepted. **ALL applications are due by 11:59pm on Friday, March 21, 2025.**
4. Up to eight (8) projects will be funded. Funding opportunities will be up to \$3,000. Funding notifications will be made **no later than Friday, April 4, 2025, by 5:00PM** via email. If notified, mandatory orientation/onboarding will be on **Tuesday, April 8, 2025, at 6:00PM**.
5. Projects can be implemented once applicants have accepted the award and attend the onboarding/orientation. **All projects must end by/on May 31, 2025.**
6. A Virtual Information Session will be held on **March 3, 2025, at 7pm***. Questions related to the application can be sent to applications@plcntu.org. PLC will post a frequently asked questions document to our website by close of business on **Friday, March 7, 2025**.
7. All projects must serve DC residents only. Projects must occur in Washington, D.C.

INTRODUCTION

This FY25 Student-Led Project Application announces Progressive Life Center (PLC) in coordination with the Office of Gun Violence Prevention (OGVP) and the Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services (DYRS) intention to invest in the students to provide supports and services. PLC seeks students to propose innovative projects to support reductions in gun violence for District of Columbia communities. PLC encourages applicants with unique proposal ideas that promote community/school enhancement and rehabilitation as we seek to expand supports and services provided to our communities.

Please use regularly checked email. If an applicant does not have access to email, please provide the best phone number. PLC and OGVP will use the above information to notify applicants of their status. Failure to respond to grant notifications by 5:00PM on April 11, 2025, will result in the withdrawal of the grant award.

 Allowed Projects (Eligible for Funding)	 Unallowed Projects (Not Eligible for Funding)
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Community Service & Outreach <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Volunteer initiatives benefiting local communities ○ Public health awareness campaigns ○ Environmental sustainability projects 2. Educational & Academic Initiatives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Student research projects with community impact ○ Workshops, training sessions, or skill-building events ○ Tutoring or mentorship programs 3. Campus Engagement & Student Well-Being <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Student-led events promoting diversity and inclusion ○ Mental health awareness campaigns ○ Career development programs (networking, speaker panels) 4. Innovation & Entrepreneurship <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Tech or business ideas with a social impact ○ Sustainability and green energy initiatives ○ Prototype development for non-commercial use 5. Arts & Cultural Projects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Performances, exhibitions, or cultural showcases ○ Public murals or campus beautification projects ○ Creative storytelling initiatives (film, photography, podcasts) 6. Technology & Digital Innovation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Open-source software development for educational use ○ Community-focused app development ○ Digital literacy and accessibility initiatives 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Travel outside of the District of Columbia 2. Personal or Unrelated Expenses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Tuition, housing, or student loan payments ○ Personal travel not tied to the project ○ Clothing or non-essential personal items 3. For-Profit or Commercial Ventures <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Startups or businesses for personal gain ○ Events with ticket sales or revenue-focused activities ○ Paid internships or salaries for project team members 4. Political or Lobbying Activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Endorsing political candidates or parties ○ Fundraising for political campaigns ○ Lobbying efforts to influence legislation 5. Religious or Exclusively Faith-Based Initiatives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Worship services or proselytization activities ○ Religious retreats or conferences with exclusive participation ○ Projects promoting a specific faith without broader community impact 6. Non-Student Led or Faculty-Run Projects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Initiatives primarily led by faculty or external organizations ○ Projects without significant student involvement in leadership 7. Risky or Non-Compliant Activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Events involving alcohol, drugs, or other controlled substances ○ Extreme sports or activities with high liability risks ○ Projects that do not comply with university or government policies 8. Luxury or Extravagant Expenses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ First-class travel, five-star accommodations ○ Expensive catering, entertainment, or décor beyond necessity ○ Purchase of high-end technology not essential to the project

SECTION 1: STUDENT INFORMATION

Thank you for your interest in creating a positive impact on your community. Please complete the application below.

Applicant Information	
Full Name:	
Age:	
Grade & School	
Email:	
Phone Number:	
Names of Team Members (if applicable)	

Trusted Adult/Mentor Information (*Required*)	
Full Name:	
Role/Organization:	
Email:	
Phone Number:	

SECTION 2: PROJECT INFORMATION/DESCRIPTION

Event Details	
Project Title:	
Ward(s) where project will take place (list all)	
Neighborhood(s) where project will take place (list all):	
Date(s) of project (if multiple, list all):	
Project/Event Time:	
Estimated Number of Participants:	
Amount Requested (up to \$3K):	
Describe Your Event Idea in 5-7 Sentences:	

Choose one or more categories that best describe your project:

Community/Wealth

- Skills Building
- Leadership Development
- Community Cohesion & Engagement
- 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 Health Wellness

Goals & Impact	
What gun violence related issue does your project aim to address?	
How will your project make a positive impact in your community?	
How will your project measure and determine success?	

Planning & Safety	
What steps will you take to keep participants safe?	
What security, first aid, or other safety measures are in place for the project? (Explain)	

Create a work plan and timeline of tasks needed to complete this project successfully.

Task (describe if necessary)	Completion Date
i.e. Create a flyer and for the event	4/5
i.e. Book and confirm the venue	By 4/11
i.e. Meet with my trusted adult/mentor about the logistics of the event	4/9, 4/16, 4/23

Budget & Resources (*PLC reserves the right to reject the purchase of items.)

- a. Budget must be aligned with the proposal described above. Note: All budgeted items will be reviewed and assessed during the evaluation of your proposal. Be as accurate and descriptive as possible. Donated items may be reflected in this budget as well. NOTE: No purchases of appliances, hardware (i.e. computers, cameras, instruments), software, etc. can be above \$250 Purchases for all items related to the project will be made by PLC. PLC reserves the right to decline purchases even if the project is accepted.

Item (short description)	Cost per item	Quantity	Total
i.e. Vision Boards: we will do vision boards. The pricing includes magazines, scissors, sticks, boards, markers etc.	30.00 per person	20 people	600.00
i.e. Food: drinks, snacks, meal	30.00 per person	30 people	900.00

SECTION 3: COMMITMENT & AGREEMENT

If selected, I agree to follow all safety guidelines, provide a post-event report, and ensure responsible event execution.

Yes

No

DATED: _____

By: _____
Applicant Signature

DATED: _____

By: _____
Trusted Adult/Mentor Signature

SECTION 4: GENERAL INFORMATION

1. How did you hear about this grant?

Progressive Life Center

Family Success Centers

OGVP Staff

DYRS Staff

Community Event

Community Based

Organization

Friend or Community Member

Other:

*****Congratulations, you have completed the application!!*****

******Submission of an application does not guarantee funding******

****All complete applications will be reviewed by a panel of reviewers****

****All awarded grantees must participate in site visits coordinated by OGVP, trainings coordinated by OGVP/PLC and should be prepared to respond to data requests in the form of surveys and post grant meetings****

****Final decisions are made by the Office of Gun Violence Prevention****