



Grant Making Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Neighborhood Safety Fund (NSF)?

The NSF is a donor-advised fund of the Cleveland Foundation, established through a partnership with the City of Cleveland. This fund, seeded with a \$10 million investment in 2023, will perpetually invest in evidence-based interventions and solutions to reduce violence and promote safety across the City of Cleveland.

Who can apply for the Grant?

501c3 organizations working on a mission to intervene and prevent community violence. Organizations without 501c3 status are still eligible to apply using a fiscal agent with the capacity to support and are financially healthy with the current 990 forms on file.

How Do I Apply for the Grant?

Applications will be accepted on the [Cleveland Foundation](#) website Grants Gateway portal beginning October 9th, 2023, at 8:00 a.m. No paper applications will be accepted.

What is the Application Period?

The application will be open from October 9, 2023, through November 15, 2023 (six weeks)

What is the Implementation period?

The Funding Period will be December 2023 – December 2024.

How many applicants will be awarded?

The number of grants will be determined based on the application pool and the recommendations from the NSF Advisory Committee. The goal is to distribute \$1M in 2023.

What costs are allowable and unallowable?

Grants *should be* for violence prevention efforts, including but not limited to:

- Capital updates or other needs.
- Staffing,
- Direct services
- Strategic direction
- Supplementing existing programs, interventions, and initiatives
- Piloting evidence-informed and community-centered programs

Grants *should not be used for* punitive enforcement strategies, policing equipment, or tactics.

When are funds distributed for the Grant, and what is the distribution process?

The NSF Advisory Committee will make recommendations by December 8th, with the grantee award announcement going out on December 15th. The applying organization or fiscal agent must be set up to receive an Electronic Funds Transfer, also known as ACH. For help in setting up your ACH, contact ACH@clevefdn.org.