

Focused Interruption Proposal for CJRI Consideration

Website: www.focusedinterruption.org

Mission: Our mission is to use a holistic approach to reduce generational trauma by providing evidence-based intervention and prevention services to the people, neighborhoods, and families most impacted by gun violence

Focused Interruption Proposal:

PRIORITY REQUEST:

1) Fund 4 Full Time Community Safety Workers -

Cost: \$84,964 each with salary and benefits (\$339,856 total)

Community Safety Workers provide intervention at the neighborhood level. They work with the district police officers, social service agencies, medical facilities, etc in order to connect with referred people who are at risk of gun violence. They provide not only de-escalation, but also practical means such as food gift cards, gas cards, employment leads, etc

At current capacity, we are able to only provide one neighborhood with 2 part time Community Safety Workers. If we were able to provide a Full Time Community Safety Worker on each side of Madison, the rate of gun violence would decrease since the violence would be interrupted before it happened. They would be able to connect with the district police and social service agencies on a regular basis and interact with neighborhood members in almost real time.

ADDITIONAL OPTIONS:

2) Fund 4 Full Time Outreach Workers –

Cost: \$84,964 each with salary and benefits (\$339,856 total)

Outreach Workers are on the frontline of gun violence. They respond to the local hospital(s) when there is a shooting to de-escalate the situation, they follow-up with the victim(s) when requested by the hospital staff and/or family and they facilitate any needs the victim(s) or their families might have. Focused Interruption has assisted in relocating families, helped pay for funerals, paid cellphone bills and other real needs of these victims of gun violence have. Without the Outreach Workers, many of these needs would go unmet.

At current capacity, we have 3 part time Outreach Workers. The ability to have 4 Full Time Outreach Workers would enable us to meet with staff and families at all times of the day and/or nights and enable us to reach out to resources in almost real time.

3) Training for Staff- \$10,000

- a. Attend regional and national conferences to inform attend Health Alliance for Violence Intervention Meeting

Thank you for your consideration.