

## Gun Violence Prevention Network

### Program Summary & Application

#### A Signature Learning Opportunity

The Gun Violence Prevention Network will use our iterative, action-oriented peer learning approach that has been honed over a decade of CFLeads programming. The project will be guided by national gun violence prevention experts and speakers who will provide substantive information on current research and best practices and connect teams to resources.

#### About the Network

The Gun Violence Prevention Network will consist of four-person teams organized by each of the six participating community foundations.

Teams will include:

- The community foundation CEO or other senior leader with the external relationships necessary to bring local partners to the table;
- One or two senior staff members; and,
- At least one community partner, such as a representative from a local violence prevention organization, public health and/or public safety department, or other foundation.

The Network will meet three times during 2021 and early 2022. It will kick off with one virtual meeting over two days, followed by two in-person meetings. Each in-person meeting will take place over two days, to begin on the afternoon of the first day and conclude at the end of the second day.

Meeting elements include:

1. Customized program content from field experts;
2. Structured peer advising;
3. Team action planning; and
4. Informal networking time.

Community foundations that are current CFLeads investors will receive priority consideration for this Network. Not yet a CFLeads investor? Visit [Support Our Work](#) to learn more about becoming one.

## Benefits to Community Foundations Participating in the Network

If selected for Network participation, your community foundation will receive the following benefits:

- Information to gain a better understanding of effective gun violence prevention practices;
- Guidance from session presenters and one-on-one advice from subject matter experts in applying specific gun violence prevention best practices, leading to tangible milestones in your local violence prevention work;
- Support on crafting short-term action plans your team will carry out *between* the Network meetings, leading to stronger team effectiveness;
- Assistance in creating a blueprint to start or expand local gun violence prevention activities post-network; and
- Regular, organized and well-structured exchanges with other community foundations, leading to strong peer connections to draw upon in the future;

## Required Community Foundation Commitments

CFLeads is committed to building a community of practice. The Network participants will maximize their experience and the experience of others when all members fully participate. Each community foundation has much to give and much to gain.

To participate in the Gun Violence Prevention Network, selected community foundation teams commit to:

1. The creation of a 4-person team as outlined above, who remain consistent throughout.
2. Full team attendance at all three meetings of the Network (locations TBD):
  - a. Meeting 1 (virtual):
    - Tuesday, September 28 – 2:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Eastern
    - Wednesday, September 29 – 12:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Eastern
  - b. Meeting 2: January 27 – 28, 2022 (in-person, California location)
  - c. Meeting 3: May 2 – 3, 2022 or May 3 – 4, 2022 (in-person, location TBD)

Should public health guidelines require it, we will give you advanced notice of any meeting schedule changes.

3. 90-minute team interviews in advance of each network learning meeting.
4. Completion of team homework to be presented at each meeting.

5. Active engagement with other participating community foundations to further learning.

There is no fee to participate in the Gun Violence Prevention Network. If selected, community foundation teams will be responsible for travel and accommodations for all team members to all meetings.

### **Key Application and Network Launch Dates**

A summary of the key dates for the next two months is below. Note there are additional project dates, including planned Network meeting dates, as discussed above and in the attached application form.

1. **June 30, 2021:** Gun Violence Prevention Network optional info session
2. **July 12, 2021:** Applications due. Please submit your application via email to Alaina Ennamorati, Project Coordinator at [aennamorati@cfleads.org](mailto:aennamorati@cfleads.org).
3. **August 3, 2021:** Announcement of community foundations selected to participate in Gun Violence Prevention Network.
4. **August 4, 2021:** Selected community foundations receive Terms of Participation from CFLeads
5. **August 13, 2021:** Community foundations return signed Terms of Participation to CFLeads.
6. **August 16 through 20, 2021:** CFLeads holds team interviews with Network participants.

### **Questions?**

If you have questions on the Gun Violence Prevention Network, please email **Angela Brown**, CFLeads Vice President for Policy and Program at [Abrown@cfleads.org](mailto:Abrown@cfleads.org).

### **Ready to Apply?**

Please complete the application form on the following pages. Once complete, save this document and send a copy to Alaina Ennamorati at [aennamorati@cfleads.org](mailto:aennamorati@cfleads.org) by July 12.

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Community Foundations  
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**APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN  
CFLEADS GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION NETWORK  
June 2021**

**Section 1: Your Community Foundation and Team**

Community Foundation or Affiliate:	_____
Address:	_____
Year founded:	_____
Geographic area being served:	_____
Staff size:	_____
Primary Contact Regarding the Application Process:	_____
Title:	_____
Phone:	_____
Email:	_____

If you are an affiliate, please provide the following about your community lead: Name, CEO, and contact information.

Please provide the names, titles and contact information for each team member that would participate in the Gun Violence Prevention Network. Please describe why each member is appropriate for this learning opportunity.

## Section 2: About Your Community Foundation

1. Has your community foundation embraced local gun violence prevention as an organizational priority? Please describe.

2. What has been the community foundation's decision-making process that led it to take on gun violence prevention as an organizational priority? Please briefly describe one or two organizational actions the CEO or senior leadership took to help ensure the success of the work. List **no more than two** examples below.

3. Increasingly, community foundations are taking steps to ensure that race and ethnicity do not determine life outcomes. Has your community foundation engaged staff and/or board members in deepening their understanding of the importance of and their capacities to advance racial equity? Please describe

**one or two** activities to increase your board and staff understanding of racial equity.

4. Please describe the community foundation’s racial and ethnic diversity at the staff, senior staff, and board levels.

### Section 3: Your Current Activities

1. Please tell us about your foundation’s current gun violence reduction and prevention work. In no more than a paragraph or two, please describe:
  - **Desired community impact:** What result(s) do you hope to achieve in the community? Is your community foundation pursuing any identified population-level result(s)? Include one or two of your foundation’s key partnerships, if any, in which partners work closely with you in advancing the desired community impact(s.)
  - **Results:** To date, what has been the most important result of your gun violence prevention work, if any?

2. What are you seeking to gain from participation in the Gun Violence Prevention Network? Please identify the top one or two outcomes of participating in the Gun Violence Prevention Network that would most make your participation worthwhile.

3. Does your community foundation have staff and/or board members who are trusted among marginalized populations and willing to build relationships between those populations and the foundation? Please describe.

4. Please briefly describe any of your community foundation's recent activities with nonprofit organizations, including neighborhood or civic associations, led by people of color.

5. Does your community foundation currently have or have access to local, racially disaggregated data on gun violence? If so, please share the applicable time periods for this data and the data source(s).

### **Section 4: Expectations**

As is described in the above Summary, the success of the Gun Violence Prevention Network depends on the full commitment of each participating team. While we understand that conflicts will occasionally arise, we expect participants will commit to:

- Creating a team that must include the community foundation’s CEO or senior leader, a senior staff member or two, and at least one community partner;
- Full and consistent team attendance at the three, two-day meetings that are a hallmark of this initiative; and
- Actively sharing and learning in real time with community foundation peers.

### **Section 5: Signatures**

#### **CEO commitment from community foundation or affiliate**

By signing below, if selected to participate, I agree to all of the commitments and expectations set forth in the Gun Violence Prevention Network overview and this application.

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Signature of CEO

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Date

**Commitment from lead community foundation CEO on behalf of affiliate (if relevant)**

By signing below, I acknowledge and support the application from an affiliate of the community foundation I represent.

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Name of lead community foundation

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Signature of CEO of lead community foundation

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Application Submission**

Applications are due 11:59 p.m. Eastern, July 12, 2021. Please send applications to: Alaina Ennamorati, Project Coordinator, at [aennamorati@cflleads.org](mailto:aennamorati@cflleads.org).