

# **REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS:**

## ***Community Safety through Prevention and Intervention***

### **ABOUT BAPTIST COMMUNITY MINISTRIES:**

Baptist Community Ministries (BCM) is a faith-based, Christian, private philanthropic organization serving the Greater New Orleans community. Over the past 27 years, BCM has worked diligently to partner with local nonprofits and other organizations in an effort to build a healthier community. BCM primarily invests in programs in the areas of Health, Education and Public Safety.

### **REQUEST:**

BCM invites applications from non-profit organizations and government agencies to work in collaboration to develop, implement, evaluate, disseminate and sustain viable community public safety interventions.

BCM's Public Safety strategy aims to:

- Identify and expand community-based supports that prevent entry OR discourage return to the criminal justice system with particular focus on youth/young adult populations
- Support opportunities for greater involvement of faith-based community in prevention efforts
- Support promising and/or existing efforts by fortifying investments in preventive programs and services with particular focus on youth/young adult populations

Examples of community interventions that have the potential to influence public safety outcomes include, but are not limited to:

- Workforce development and/or training programs to address economic instability
- Opportunities that leverage changes to policies, program and practice at local and state levels

- Criminal/juvenile justice system policy changes to address gaps and disparities
- Behavioral health programs and services for at risk or court involved youth to prevent entry or recidivism

#### **ELIGIBILITY:**

- Programmatic work must impact Orleans and Jefferson parishes (impact on outlying parishes may be included)
- Applicants must be classified as one of the following: tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organizations (excluding churches and 509(a) private foundations); governmental entities (Section 170(c)(1)); and state colleges and universities (Section 511(a)(2)(B)).
- Fiscal agents/sponsors are ineligible for funding
- Audit Requirement: All BCM grantees are required to submit an audit during each year of funding (no exceptions are made for this requirement)

#### **GRANT AWARDS:**

- Requests must be at least \$50,000 and may not exceed \$150,000 per year. (*Requests demonstrating capacity for greater impact/reach may be considered for larger investment.*)
- Grants can be awarded for one (1), two (2) or three (3) years in duration.

#### **DESIRED COMPETENCIES AND EXPERIENCES:**

- Alignment with BCM's mission and core values
- A commitment to public safety and to improving outcomes for the Greater New Orleans area
- Demonstrated experience in public safety policy and/or programming

- A thorough understanding of the youth development, juvenile justice, criminal justice, behavioral health and/or workforce development landscape
- Documented experience working with local and regional partner organizations

## **HOW TO APPLY:**

All proposals must include the information below. Missing information will result in disqualification.

- Proposal Narrative (not to exceed five (5) pages):
  - *Challenge/problem statement (with supporting data)*
  - *Proposed approach/strategy to address challenge*
  - *Evidence of community/target audience buy-in*
  - *Target outcomes/impact with accompanied timeline*
  - *Organization's capacity to address challenge*
  - *Organization's experience working with partners/coalitions to achieve desired goals*
- Budget (three years maximum request)
  - *Direct Costs*
  - *Indirect Costs (not to exceed 12% of total direct costs)*
  - *Other funding sources (secured or pending), if applicable (funding must be up to date)*
- Audit (current)
- Board list (current)
- Key staff biographies

Budgets must include a detailed budget narrative outlining description of all line-item categories.

## **DEADLINE:**

All proposals are due by **Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup> (5pm CST) and must be submitted via BCM's online portal by clicking the following link:**

**<https://us.grantrequest.com/application.aspx?sid=2349&fid=35088>**

Late submissions will not be accepted.

### **APPLICATION REVIEW:**

All proposals will be assessed and scored by BCM staff in consultation with independent expert reviewers. Proposals are evaluated on their alignment with BCM's strategy, project design, applicant capacity, project context, sustainability and potential for scalability. Please allow for at least six weeks for a funding announcement.

### **POINT OF CONTACT:**

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