

## St. Louis Area Violence Prevention Commission

### Youth Pop-Up Events Application Instructions

#### Program Purpose:

The goal of the St. Louis Area Violence Prevention Commission (VPC) Youth Pop-Up Event program is to increase access to safe spaces and activities for youth and young adults who are most impacted by gun violence. Events can be inter-generational but should primarily feature activities designed to engage youth ages 16 – 25. We are looking for a variety of events throughout the City of St. Louis. You may propose a single event or a series of events. The maximum budget request per event is \$5,000, however, the number of estimated attendees will be taken into consideration to justify requested costs.

#### Type of Events [All events must be free to participants]:

1. **Block party/Street party** – neighborhood event on a lot, street, or public space that is accessible, safe, and welcoming. Please indicate in your application if you will require a permit for street closure.
2. **Arts event** – class, workshop, or group activity featuring visual or performing arts that can be performed by members of the public. This is not long-term arts instruction.
3. **Beautification event** – community garden, clean-up, mural painting, minor repairs, or other activities that clean, improve, and beautify a shared public space.
4. **Social gathering** – youth focused event that features music, food, games, and/or social activities. These events should be appropriately supervised, but not overly structured or programmed.
5. **Health and Wellbeing** – indoor or outdoor event that provides group activities to improve health and wellbeing.

#### Before you Apply:

Funding for these events is provided by the City of St. Louis Department of Health with support from the St. Louis Area Violence Prevention Commission. As public health agencies, we will review all proposed activities to ensure that they align with the values, mission, and purpose of these units of government. Alcohol, smoking, and illegal substances will not be permitted at these events. We also reserve the right to limit the number of event participants and enforce other safety measures to ensure compliance with any local health and safety guidance related to COVID-19. You will be required to document attendance and participation at all funded events as well as substantiate all expenses. More details on reporting requirements will be provided to selected partners. Please consider your timeline before applying. Project start dates cannot be sooner than the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the month **after** you apply. For example, if your project will occur in July, you will need to submit your proposal by June 7<sup>th</sup>.

#### To Apply: Applications are due the 7<sup>th</sup> of each month

1. Complete the Project Description Template
2. Complete the Required Budget Template
3. Upload the Project Description and Required Budget through the [Application Google Form](#) – you will also submit other required information using the Google Form