

2026 Violence Prevention Grant Recommendations

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Public Health
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Healthy people. Healthy places.



FUNDING PRIORITIES



Our communities need greater programming support in places where our Public Health Violence Intervention Team is operating.

COMMUNITIES

Harmony

Kennedy
Heights

Parks
Cedar

Madison
Estates

CHALLENGES

1

Access to
programs
and
resources

2

Community
cohesion

3

High calls
for
service

DETERMINATION PROCESS

1

Assessment of 553 community survey responses completed for the Violence Prevention Roadmap

2

Collection of information from Violence Intervention staff working in identified locations



PRIORITIES

1

**Child/youth
engagement**

2

Teen engagement

3

Adult engagement

4

Mental health





We received
and reviewed a
total of **22**
applications

REVIEW PROCESS



**Nine
experienced
reviewers**



**Two
reviewers
per
application**



**Reviewers
met to
discuss
scores**



**Top
Applications
in each
priority area
selected**



**6 applicants
selected,
following
VPU
evaluation**



APPLICATIONS RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING



Girls on the Run of South-Central Wisconsin: \$9,500

Girls on the Run empowers 3rd – 8th grade girls through movement, wellness, and social-emotional skills, focusing on underserved youth in Dane County.



Dane County Library Service: \$46,780

The grant will fund literacy mentors to work directly with children in the Park Cedar, Madison Estates, Kennedy Heights, and Harmony neighborhoods to engage children in literacy through group reading, read-alouds, book discussions, and other supportive activities.



Operation Fresh Start: \$35,000

Operation Fresh Start (OFS) will launch a year-long, community-centered outreach initiative connecting residents of Kennedy Heights, Park Cedar, Harmony, and Madison Estates to OFS's nine wraparound programs in education, employment, and supportive services.



Kennedy Heights Neighborhood Association: \$36,000

The Building Resilient & Peaceful Communities initiative is a late-night teen engagement program designed to reduce youth violence, build conflict resolution skills, and strengthen community belonging on Madison's North side.



WRTP | BIG STEP: \$35,000

WRTP | BIG STEP's Community Career Connection program will provide individualized career guidance to Kennedy Heights, Parks Cedar, Harmony, and Madison Estates residents with the goal of connecting people to skilled trades careers.



Sondercove Foundation: \$48,500

The SAFE Neighborhood Wellness initiative is a resident-guided, peer-led mental health program providing one-on-one support, and monthly neighborhood wellness activities shaped directly by resident input at Kennedy Heights, Parks Cedar, Harmony, and Madison Estates.



Questions?