

**American Rescue Plan (ARP)
City of Kalamazoo Violence Intervention
Phase 2 Funding Process**

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Opportunity Overview

- Programs operated by 501c(3) organizations aligning with City priorities are eligible to apply for a portion of \$457,000.00 in available resources.
- Minimum request amount of \$50,000.00 over grant term.
- Two-year grant term (January 1, 2024-December 31, 2025).
- Payment of the full annual amount awarded will occur at the beginning of each grant year (January 2024 and January 2025).
- Direct administrative costs can be included in the request. No indirect administrative cost can be charged. [Definition of Direct vs Indirect Administrative Costs](#)
- Monthly submission of grant expenditure documentation and quarterly reporting reconciling budget and outcome data required.
- Dedicated UWSCMI staff liaison will work with funded partners throughout the grant term to support success in meeting all grant requirements.

Eligibility Criteria

- Active 501c3 status
- Application completed and all federally required documents provided (UEI number, proof of insurance, financial documents, code of ethics/conflict of interest, record retention policy).
- Organization is not suspended or barred from receiving federal funding or operating federal program(s).
- Program aligns with the action steps outlined in the Kalamazoo Blueprint for Peace (See below for eligible activities).
- Program primarily serves residents in City of Kalamazoo core neighborhoods (Northside, Eastside, Edison).

Notes:

- If financial criteria are not able to be met, an organization may ask another organization to serve as fiscal sponsor.
- Priority may be given to proposals with documented collaboration between two or more community organizations.
- Applicants are strongly encouraged to meet with UWSCMI staff prior to submitting an application. [Make an appointment.](#)

Eligible Activities

Each funded project must align with the Kalamazoo Blueprint for Peace and specific eligible activities under SLFRF (State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds) Expenditure Category 1.11 – Community Violence Intervention. **As part of the application, applicants will be asked to identify the action step below that most aligns with their work:**

- 1. Stop the Shooting, Stop the Violence**
 - a. Establish formal partnerships to access timely and quality data to inform community safety efforts.
 - b. Increase public access to data to increase transparency and accountability for community safety.
 - c. Strengthen capacity, collaboration, and alignment of local Community Violence Intervention efforts.
 - d. Increase awareness and use of transformative practices and diversion programs for youth and adults.
 - e. Implement support services for survivors of violence, including hospital-community partnerships, hospital-based violence intervention programs and social service resource programs.

- f. Expand post-incident trauma healing support, including community events and critical incident debriefing for victims, witnesses and first responders connecting them to appropriate community supports.
- g. Support and promote individual capacity for conflict prevention, de-escalation and proactive bystander practices in schools and neighborhoods.

2. Increase Access and Build Capacity for Healing and Community Restoration

- a. Increase coordination of mental health and trauma services across agencies to support children, youth and families who have been exposed to multiple forms of violence.
- b. Strengthen restorative practices in courts, child welfare institutions, schools, and community settings to advance healing and repair relationships for survivors and perpetrators of violence and broader social networks.

3. Support Children, Youth, and Families

- a. Build access to high quality, affordable or no cost early learning supports (daycare, preschool, etc.) in priority neighborhoods.
- b. Increase coordination of youth job programs to link higher need youth to subsidized jobs and supportive services to strengthen employability and earn income concurrently.

4. Cultivate Economic Stability

- a. Provide access to resources that support stabilization in housing, employment, childcare, and transportation.

5. Foster Safe and Strong Neighborhoods

- a. Promote neighborhood revitalization and address physical blight and nuisance properties in priority areas, including working with landlords and municipalities.

Process Timeline

September 18, 2023

- **Requests for proposals released.** UWSCMI staff, City Commissioners, and community partners conduct targeted outreach to eligible grantees.
- **Application Opens on e-CImpact** **Link to apply:** <https://agency.e-cimpact.com/login.aspx?org=24045U>

September 18-November 3, 2023

- **Applicants work to complete application.** Ongoing technical assistance from United Way staff available.

November 3, 2023, at Noon

- **Application Submission Deadline**

November 6-24, 2023

- **Staff/Community Consultants review applications.**

December 4, 2023

- **Grantees notified of outcome.** Grant Agreements are provided to approved grantees. Those receiving partial funding are given the opportunity to adjust projected outcomes/budget.

December 15, 2023, at Noon

- **Grant Agreement Submission Deadline**

Week of December 18, 2023

- **Verification of all grant requirements. Grant Agreements signed by UWSCMI and returned.**
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January 1, 2024

- **Grant term begins.** Ongoing UWSCMI staff support provided for reporting and compliance with federal funding requirements throughout the grant term.

Ongoing through grant term

- **Monthly expenditure reports submitted by the 10th of each month for the previous month's expenditures.**
- **Quarterly reports submitted on April 10th, July 10th, October 10th, and January 10th of each grant year. The quarterly report will serve as that month's expenditure report as well.**

December 31, 2025

- **Grant term ends. Final report submitted on January 10, 2026.**
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