

## Safer Communities – Category Summary

**The Safe Communities Program is now part of The Miami Foundation’s signature grant program, Community Grants, as a new funding category, “Safer Communities”.** This category is made possible by the longstanding partnership with the State Attorney’s Office of Miami-Dade County, 11th Judicial Circuit to promote safety and amplify opportunities across Greater Miami.

The Miami Foundation is grateful to have served, for over a decade, as the programmatic partner overseeing the management of the Denise Moon Memorial Fund and State Attorney’s Fund for a Safer and Healthier Community. Their charitable funds have supported crime prevention and survivor support since 2013 for Miami-Dade County.

Interested applicants and past grantees may now be eligible to apply for funding from Community Grants for the Safer Communities category. Read more about Community Grants [here](#).

## Funding Priorities – Safer Communities

The Safer Communities category under the Miami Foundation’s signature program, Community Grants, supports nonprofits whose mission exists within these five priority areas. The descriptions below are intended only to provide guidance and are not meant to be exclusive. All proposals responding to these priority areas will be considered equally.

*Eligible organizations may submit only one proposal application.*

- **Crime Prevention and Deterrence | Build a safe community that offers opportunity for all people** by activating residents to improve community safety as well as investing in economic and educational mobility to develop alternatives to illicit activity, particularly for people who were previously incarcerated or involved in the justice system. This may include job training or placement programs as well as educational programs about illicit substances to prevent impaired driving.
- **Human Trafficking | Support minors or adults who are survivors of human trafficking** through high-quality services such as health care, substance abuse treatment, mental health services, housing, immigration services or other critical needs.
- **Substance Dependence Services | Guide people to overcome substance dependence or misuse** by providing wraparound services that may include substance abuse counseling and treatment, mental health services, or support strategies to develop personal resilience.
- **Survivor Assistance | Help survivors and their loved ones overcome** the financial, health, or other challenges they face as a result of being victims of gun violence or other crimes. This may include education assistance.
- **Youth Development | Prepare youth to successfully reach their full potential in academics, career, and life** by supporting youth *whose life experiences or environments put them at risk for*



*becoming involved in crime or violence.* This may include mentoring, educational support, employment and career preparation, or personal development.

## **Why is The Miami Foundation incorporating the Safe Communities program into Community Grants?**

This decision is in alignment with the Foundation's shift towards our principles around trust-based philanthropy. Recent shifts to the Community Grants program include:

- A bi-annual, open-call application cycle, resulting in less administrative burden for applicants
- Applicants that receive awards will likely get larger, more stable, two-year funding to support their missions without needing to re-apply each year
- Grant reporting and administration are streamlined with all grant cycles, with reporting happening in alignment
- Powerful marketing and outreach effort that is built into Community Grants, allowing more organizations to learn about and apply for the opportunity

The Foundation will maintain this program in deep partnership with the Office of the State Attorney.

- The State Attorney's Office will continue to advise on the category guidelines and designate individuals to participate in the application review process.
- The State Attorney's Office will continue to be part of the final consultation regarding final grant awards and amounts.
- Interim grant reports related to the new Community Safety category will be shared with the State Attorney's Office.

## **What is the history of the Safer Communities' Program?**

The Safe Communities Program strives to ensure safety and opportunity for all Greater Miami residents. We do this by investing in education and economic mobility; health services to overcome substance dependence; and collective action to improve community safety. The Fund is particularly focused on supporting survivors of human trafficking, gun violence, and other crimes as well as the people who were previously involved in the justice system.