

OFFICE OF VICTIM SERVICES AND JUSTICE GRANTS

NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY (NOFA)

FISCAL YEAR 2024 (FY24)

Safe Passage, Safe Blocks RFA

The Office of Victim Services and Justice Grants (OVSJG) in partnership with the Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice (DMPSJ) announces the availability of FY 2024 grant funds for strategies designed to improve student safety along school commute routes and during identified school-related events within identified Safe Passage, Safe Blocks priority areas.

Safe Passage, Safe Blocks (SPSB) utilizes a community-based crime reduction model to improve student safety in Safe Blocks priority areas through surveillance and violence interruption services. Safe Passage Ambassadors are trained to identify, intervene, deescalate, and report violence against students.

Core required implementation components include:

1. Monitoring of student commute routes within the assigned Safe Blocks priority areas.
2. Working collaboratively with schools, relevant District agency staff, other SPSB teams, and the surrounding community to identify, intervene, diffuse, and report community violence.
3. Supporting attendance by encouraging students to attend class daily and on time.
4. Positively engaging with students, families, businesses, civic associations, institutional facilities, and community members within the priority area to build support for the SPSB program.
5. Developing and maintaining networks of neighborhood contacts and relationships to enable detection of potentially violent conflicts so that program staff may intervene to de-escalate and mediate them to prevent violence.
6. Ensuring staff suitability and participation in all training and technical assistance.
7. Collecting and analyzing program data to identify trends and ensure proper program implementation.

Eligible Organizations/Entities: Any public or private, community-based non-profit agency, organization, or institution located in the District of Columbia is eligible to apply. For-profit organizations are eligible but may not include profit in their grant application. For-profit organizations may also participate as subcontractors to eligible agencies.

Anticipated grant award period: October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024

Application Submission Deadline: Wednesday, July 12, 2023

The Request for Applications (RFA) will be available electronically beginning **Monday, June 12, 2023** at <https://ovsjg.dc.gov/page/funding-opportunities-current> and the District's Grant Clearing House website at <https://communityaffairs.dc.gov/content/community-grant-program>. All applications must be submitted to OVSJG's online grants management portal, [ZoomGrants™](#).

For additional information regarding this grant competition, please email ovsjg.RFAquestions@dc.gov with the subject line reference "FY 2024 SPSB RFA."