

2024 Grants for Emerging Researchers in Gun Violence Prevention Request for Proposals

Background

Grandmothers Against Gun Violence Foundation (GAGVF) works to end gun violence in our communities by raising funds for research that informs public health and safety policies. We recognize gun violence as a complex public health problem that takes many forms: suicides, homicides, mass shootings, unintentional shootings, intergenerational trauma, and community violence. We seek remedies in research, education, and community engagement. The Foundation was created as a 501c3 nonprofit in 2019 to address the decades-long absence of research on gun violence and its prevention. By supporting emerging researchers, our grants help to launch careers for the next generation of gun violence prevention researchers. We see it as a worthwhile investment, one that will impact gun violence prevention far into the future and lead to policies and practices that save lives.

In the past six years, the Foundation has funded nine studies. We have funded studies on firearm ownership and storage, neighborhood gun violence, domestic violence protection orders, the mental health impacts of school shootings, hospital-based community violence interventions, and homicide/suicide within the context of intimate partner violence.

For information about those research projects, visit our website: https://www.foundationgrandmothersagainstgunviolence.org

Research Priorities

1. Projects that engage **emerging researchers** who demonstrate interest in a career in gun violence prevention. <u>Eligible applicants*</u>: Doctoral students; post-doctoral scholars, early career researchers (within 5 years of completing PhD)

- *Applicants must be sponsored by an experienced scientific mentor.
- 2. Researchers within Washington State with projects that will inform gun violence prevention at local, state and/or national levels.
- 3. Research in **diverse disciplines** including (but not limited to) public health, social work, psychology, medicine, nursing, public policy, urban planning, epidemiology, and education.

- 4. Research projects that address **community-identified problems** and involve partnerships between academic researchers and community-based gun violence prevention programs.
- 5. Projects that identify **new questions or issues in an under-funded or emerging area** of gun violence prevention research. <u>Types of projects:</u> Systematic reviews of literature, pilot studies, <u>qualitative</u>, qualitative, or mixed method studies, intervention studies, program or policy evaluation studies
- 6. **Projects that build on findings from projects previously funded by the Foundation**. See summaries of previous research projects on the Foundation website.

Proposal Timelines

Request for Proposals release: February 5, 2024

Proposals due: April 1, 2024 Grantees notified: May 20, 2024 Award letters sent: June 17, 2024

Available Funding

In 2024, GAGV Foundation expects to distribute a total of \$80,000 and award up to three grants.

Proposal Guidelines

4 pages maximum (exclusive of references and biosketches); single-space, 12-point font, 1-inch margins

Required components

- Project Title and Abstract
- Research question; problem addressed
- Gaps in the scientific literature; GVP policies or practices addressed
- Target population (age, race/ethnicity, geography)
- Proposed method(s) of inquiry
- Plan for reporting and disseminating findings, including study participants, the public, and GAGVF
- Estimated timeline and budget
- *Biosketches of researchers including sponsor (not included in page limit)
- Protection of human subjects, if applicable
- Major references (not included in page limit)
- Letter(s) of institutional support (from senior researcher, department or school, as appropriate)

^{*}biosketch of emerging researcher should include an educational/professional plan or statement.

Submit proposal to ggmail.com. Questions may be directed to Kay Beisse, Foundation Research Chair, at this email address.

PLEASE NOTE: Interested researchers, including students, are invited to attend a Zoom meeting on Tuesday, February 27, 2024, 9:30 – 10:30AM to learn more about the Foundation and the 2024 funding opportunities. Please request the Zoom link by contacting us at gagvfoundation@gmail.com.