

NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY – ACCLIVUS, INC – ILLINOIS SFY2027

SUMMARY

By way of this rapid release Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO), Acclivus, Inc is requesting proposals for Violence Prevention and Community Health grants to serve highest risk communities in Chicago. A total of \$2.125 million in funding will be granted to community-based organizations through this program*. Grants will support programs designed to reduce/prevent violence and those aimed at improving community health and well-being. Priority will be given to grassroots, local community groups founded and lead by members of the population which the program serves.

Application Instructions

Program Narrative Application must be submitted through the Acclivus NOFO portal at the URL below.

<https://redcap.acclivusinc.org/surveys/?s=HYEWNEADKR9NXMAT>

Program Narrative Application questions can be found for reference in the attachment labeled “Acclivus NOFO - Proposal Details”

A full checklist of documents required for each applicant are listed below. Any application submission which does not include all documents below may be disqualified any funding consideration.

Checklist of Required Documents

The following documents must be provided in the format included in this Notice of Funding Opportunity Packet.

- Uniform Budget – ICJIA Template
- Uniform Application – ICJIA Template
- PRA – Programmatic Risk Assessment

The following documents should be provided in the format included in this Notice of Funding Opportunity Packet.

- Independent Audit Reports for the organization’s prior 3 fiscal years, Management Letters associated, & itemized list any findings. Note that if the submitting organization does not have 3 years of independent audit reports, a letter explaining why no audits have been conducted and affirming when the organization anticipates an Independent Fiscal Audit will be conducted.
- Letter of support: State Representative serving the proposed community of service
- Letter of support: State Senator serving the proposed community of service
- Letter of support: Community-based group within the same community of service
- Current 501.c.3 Letter
- Screenshot of Organization profile from the state of Illinois GATA portal
- Resumes of key personnel

Application Deadline: July 6, 2026, 5 pm

Posted Date: June 22, 2026

Application Range: June 22, 2026 – July 6, 2026

Deadline for questions: June 28, 2026, 5 pm

Anticipated Award Notice Date: July 10, 2026

Projected Program Start Date: August 1, 2026

Program End Date: June 30, 2027

Purpose

For Illinois State Fiscal Year 2027, funds were appropriated by the Illinois General Assembly to Acclivus, Inc by way of the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority. Funds are intended to provide Community Health and Violence Prevention services to vulnerable communities across Illinois. State funds are administered through the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority with subrecipient selection and oversight provided by Acclivus. Acclivus anticipates total of \$2.125 million in funding will be granted to community-based organizations through this program. Funds can be used for one or more of the following purposes:

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- Enhance or expand (provide additional services) an existing Violence Prevention/Reduction or Community Health program model.
- Provide supportive services (i.e., behavioral health and workforce development) to high-risk individuals.
- Provide Community Health programming to serve highest risk populations.

Background

A comprehensive and community-driven response to violence and other community health disparities is needed to support community growth and development, in particular for those individuals at highest risk of engaging in violent behavior or becoming victims of that violence. This is accomplished through the development of authentic and trusted relationships in the communities in question facilitated by local organizations who are as knowledgeable about skilled intervention as they are credible and literate in the populations they serve.

Acclivus is a grassroots organization that employs a public health strategy and evidence-based strategies across intentional social networks to serve the most vulnerable individuals in the metro area – people disproportionately impacted by compounding barriers to health and success - by providing leveraging capital and coping capital to assist network members with personal and professional growth, and overcome common social challenges including poverty, criminal backgrounds, or limited formal education. Acclivus' flagship program is their Hospital Response Program, providing targeted violence prevention/intervention in real time to victims and loved ones served at local hospitals. Trauma-informed care, needs assessments, and therapeutic case-management services are structured to connect patients with resources that reduce risk of violent reinjury and further involvement in community violence. Acclivus currently provides street outreach in 9 Chicago community areas and 2 Greater Illinois Community prioritized for violence prevention (Douglas, Fuller Park, Grand Boulevard, Greater Grand Crossing, North Lawndale, Riverdale, Washington Heights, Washington Park, West Pullman – Municipalities Champaign & Harvey). Street level intervention uses violence interruption, preventative intervention, and community engagement to work with the target population. Credible outreach workers (those that have lived experiences as the clients they serve) working with key individuals in high risk communities to: mediate conflicts (identifying potential threats to prevent shootings as well as providing immediate crisis intervention after a shooting), Provide proactive services (connecting individuals at risk of becoming victims or perpetrators of violence to services such as case management, employment and trauma-informed mental services to mitigate further high-risk situations) and lastly community engagement (engaging the full community in prosocial, intergenerational activities).

Complimentary to direct services provided by Acclivus, this notice intends to support an expanded network of community-based groups to provide Community Health programming in collaboration with Acclivus and each other. Acclivus Leadership team will provide comprehensive Violence Reduction Training and technical assistance for programmatic, data/evaluation/monitoring, and fiscal matters to all agencies awarded through this initiative. Attendance at trainings and data reporting are both required functions of this program and failure to comply may impact future awards and fund drawdowns.

Eligible Applicants

Non-profits (IRS 501.c.3) or other organizations types (LLC/Corp) who will not profit from this initiative are eligible to apply. Individuals are not eligible to apply. Applicants are strongly encouraged to demonstrate community stakeholder support for agency and program, as well as demonstrating capacity of key personnel within the agency who will be involved in this project. 3 support letters are required in order to apply:

1. State Representative representing the proposed community of service
2. State Senator representing the proposed community of service
3. Local community-based organization located within/targeting the community served by the proposed project

Preference will be given to organizations demonstrating the following characteristics:

1. Capacity to serve Chicago area populations at highest risk for violent injury
2. Organization origin/current leadership demonstrate strong ties to service population

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3. Local stakeholder and grassroots support for agency and proposed project
4. Program proposal details plan to include evidence-based, case management program offerings

Fiscal Requirements

Recipients must submit periodic financial reports, progress reports, final financial and progress reports, and, if applicable, an annual audit report in accordance with the 2 CFR Part 200 Uniform Requirements. Future awards and fund drawdowns may be withheld if reports are delinquent, incomplete, or otherwise insufficient.

Applicants are also required to submit a financial and administrative risk assessment utilizing an Internal Controls Questionnaire (ICQ) for state fiscal year 2027 and obtain approval from their cognizant agencies before execution of the grant agreement. Delay in obtaining SFY27 ICQ approval will result in a delay in grant execution. Please refer to section entitled Prequalification for information on maintaining compliance with GATA and SAM.gov. Applicants will be monitored for programmatic and financial compliance with any applicable federal and state law including the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Award, 2 C.F.R. Part 200, the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act, 44 Ill. Admin. Code 7000, and ICJIA policies.

In addition to implementing the funded project consistent with the approved project proposal and budget, agencies selected for funding must comply with applicable grant terms and conditions and other legal requirements, including, but not limited to, the State General Revenue Funds and related regulations, the ICJIA Financial Guide and Policy and Procedure Manual, the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act, and the U.S. Department of Justice Grants Financial Guide, which will be included in the award documents, incorporated into the award by reference, or are otherwise applicable to the award. Additional programmatic and administrative special conditions may be required.

Program Requirements

- Applicants must demonstrate commitment to employing and serving individuals and groups at highest risk for deadly violent injury. Priority will be given to agencies led by members of the target population.
- Applicants must have a mission statement aligned with providing violence prevention and community health services to populations at heightened risk.
- Applicants must work with or be willing to work with those that are considered high risk, namely individuals at risk of being victims or perpetrators of potentially deadly street violence. Organizations must demonstrate a quality relationship with the proposed service population.
- Applicants must demonstrate community stakeholder support for proposed programming, outlined in required support letters.
- Applicants must include evidence-based case management in their program proposal. Case Management staff are employed to connect participants with resources and supports (employment, continued education, social service, healthcare or housing resources, etc.) and will be required to have consistent contact with program participants (minimally 4 contacts per month, 4 hours spent with each participant per month).
- Applicants will be required to submit ongoing financial reports and proposals must demonstrate the capacity to provide compliant financial reporting.
- Applicant program staff will be required to attend Acclivus' Violence Reduction Training and will be expected to input program data into a secure online database for program evaluation/monitoring and activity reporting.

Evidence-Based Programs or Practices

Applicants are strongly urged to incorporate research-based best practices into their program design, when appropriate. Applicants should identify the evidence-based practice being proposed for implementation, identify and discuss the evidence that shows that the practice is effective, discuss the population(s) for which this practice has been shown to be effective, and show that this practice is appropriate for the proposed target population.

Submission Dates, Times, and Method

- All required application materials must be submitted **by July 6, 2026, 5 pm**, to be considered for funding.

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Application checklist of required documents and all questions must be submitted via the portal at the URL below by the application deadline.

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- Proposals will not be accepted by mail, fax, or in person.
- Incomplete applications or those submitted by any process other than outlined above will not be reviewed.
- Late submissions will not be reviewed.
- Applicants are encouraged to submit their applications 72 hours in advance of the deadline. Technical difficulties experienced at any point during the process should be reported immediately to Acclivus, Inc by calling 312-766-7145 or emailing

Period of Performance

Funding is available for the period of **August 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027**. Based on program performance and fund availability, Acclivus may recommend continuation for up to 2 additional years.

Pre-Qualification

Pre-qualification for state or federal grants is required. Complete the prequalification process now and be ready to focus on other important aspects of your grant application, such as drafting a program narrative, proposing a budget, and producing any other vital information needed to secure funding for your program. Complete the following to pre-qualify:

- [Obtain a Data Universal Numbering System \(DUNS\) number.](#)
- [Register with the System for Award Management \(SAM\).](#)
- [Apply for, update, or verify your agency Employer Identification Number \(EIN\).](#)
- [Create a Grants.gov account with username and password.](#)
- [Complete registration in the Illinois GATA Grantee Portal.](#)

Technical Assistance

Please contact Acclivus with questions regarding the application process at the email address below. The deadline to submit questions is June 28, 2026, 5 pm. Email: **NOFO@acclivusinc.org**