



Brighton Park Neighborhood Network

Working together for Healthy Families, Strong Schools, and a Safe and Thriving Community

Request For Proposals

The Brighton Park Neighborhood Network is requesting proposals from agencies who are interested in providing free, bilingual services in Brighton Park. With the support of United Way Metropolitan Chicago, the Brighton Park Neighborhood Network will award a total of four grants: one grant per each of the following service categories: 1) community-based mental health services, 2) domestic violence and sexual assault services, 3) child sexual abuse prevention education, and 4) school based mental health counseling services. Program implementation will be for a 1-year period from January 1, 2021- December 31, 2021. Proposals are due by 5pm on October 30, 2020.

Background

The Brighton Park neighborhood is located on the southwest side of Chicago. Data indicates that 84.7% of Brighton Park residents identify as Latino, 46.4% identify as foreign-born, and 40% identify as having limited English proficiency. Brighton Park is among one of the 26 community areas that the Chicago Department of Public Health identifies as having high economic hardship in its Healthy Chicago 2.0 report. In addition to economic hardship, Brighton Park also experiences high levels of community violence and domestic violence. Community residents experience trauma associated with exposure to violent crime, economic marginalization, systemic racism, threats of deportation, and now the economic stressors and the loss of loved ones due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Brighton Park Neighborhood Network (BPNN) has identified a critical need for a range of psychosocial supports within the Brighton Park neighborhood that promote healing from trauma and address holistic well-being. Recent needs assessment data have demonstrated that barriers such as cost, insurance status, immigration status, limited availability of culturally and linguistically appropriate services, and lack of services in close proximity impede families from accessing supportive services. In an effort to address these needs, the BPNN is seeking to award one grant per the following four service categories: 1) community-based mental health services, 2) domestic violence and sexual assault services, 3) child sexual abuse prevention education, and 4) school based mental health counseling services.

Program Service Categories & Award Amount

Community-Based Mental Health Services- grant award: \$129,000

The Brighton Park Neighborhood Network (BPNN) will contract one partner agency to provide free, bilingual (English/ Spanish), culturally appropriate, long-term mental health services in Brighton Park. Services may include individual, family, and group counseling. Long-term services are defined as services

that conclude when the program participant deems that they are ready to end treatment, rather than having a predetermined session limit. Services are expected to primarily serve adult residents in Brighton Park. Applicants who are able to provide free childcare services and transportation assistance (i.e., bus passes) during the provision of services will be given priority. The BPNN seeks to provide comprehensive, wrap around services to families in Brighton Park. In addition to providing mental health services, the contracted agency is expected to fully engage in BPNN meetings and develop strategic partnerships with other service providers and link participants to other services and resources when appropriate.

Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Services- grant award: \$85,000

The Brighton Park Neighborhood Network (BPNN) will contract one partner agency to assist survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault with safety planning, counseling, advocacy, self-sufficiency, and navigating the legal system in a way that respects their right to confidentiality and self-determination. Free, bilingual (English/ Spanish), culturally appropriate domestic violence and sexual assault services must be provided in Brighton Park, and services are expected to primarily serve Brighton Park residents. Applicants who are able to provide free childcare services and transportation assistance (i.e., bus passes) during the provision of services will be given priority. The BPNN seeks to provide comprehensive, wrap around services to families in Brighton Park. In addition to providing domestic violence services, the contracted agency is expected to fully engage in BPNN meetings and develop strategic partnerships with other service providers and link participants to other services and resources when appropriate.

Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Education—grant award: \$23,000

The Brighton Park Neighborhood Network (BPNN) will contract one partner agency to provide bilingual (English/Spanish) child sexual abuse prevention education to students, parents, and staff at Brighton Park schools. During e-learning, services will be delivered primarily through virtual platforms. When in-person learning resumes at CPS schools, services will be provided at the schools during the school day. The BPNN seeks to provide comprehensive, wrap around services to families in Brighton Park. In addition to providing child sexual abuse prevention education, the contracted agency is expected to fully engage in BPNN meetings and develop strategic partnerships with other service providers and link participants to other services and resources when appropriate. Applicants must be ranked as a Level 1 remote learning partner with CPS to qualify for this contract.

School Based Mental Health Counseling—grant award: \$120,000

The Brighton Park Neighborhood Network (BPNN) will contract one partner agency to provide school-based mental health services and supports at two schools in Brighton Park. During e-learning, services will be delivered primarily through virtual platforms. When in-person learning resumes at CPS schools, services will be provided at the schools during the school day. Services may include individual and group counseling for students, crisis intervention, training and consultation for staff and students, and referral to services in the community. The BPNN seeks to provide comprehensive, wrap around services to families in Brighton Park. The contracted agency is expected to fully engage in BPNN meetings and develop strategic partnerships with other service providers and link participants and their families to

other services and resources when appropriate. Applicants must be ranked as a Level 2 remote learning partner with CPS and be credentialed as an official SEL provider with CPS to qualify for this contract.

Length of Grant

The Brighton Park Neighborhood Network Steering Committee will select one agency for each service category that will receive a subgrant award for the amount listed for that category. Program implementation will be for a 1-year period from January 1, 2021- December 31, 2021. The subgrantee will be eligible to apply for a second year of funding.

Program Reporting

The selected agencies will be responsible for submitting quarterly program and fiscal reports to the Brighton Park Neighborhood Council. Additionally, the selected agencies will work with the BPNN Health, Public Safety, Education, and Financial Stability Committees as appropriate to ensure that the program is achieving the expected outcomes.

Grantee Qualifications

Proposers must be recognized as a 501(c)3 at the time the proposal is submitted. If the proposer is not designated as a 501(c)3 and is utilizing a fiscal agent, the fiscal agent must be a 501(c)3. The proposer must be financially stable, in good standing, and licensed in any area in which licensure is required. Any BPNN partner agency that is submitting a proposal will not be able to participate in the selection process. Finally, the proposer must be familiar with the Brighton Park community and/or have experience providing services to Brighton Park community residents.

Proposal Submission

Agencies interested in submitting a proposal should do so by submitting all required documentation outlined below by **5pm on October 30, 2020**. Proposals submitted after this deadline will not be accepted. Proposals are to be submitted to Sara Reschly via email at sreschly@bpncchicago.org and must include in the subject line the service category for which a proposal is being submitted (i.e. "BPNN Community-Based Mental Health Services Proposal"). Questions concerning this RFP should be directed to Sara Reschly via email at sreschly@bpncchicago.org.

Required Documentation

Applicants must submit the below required documentation. Proposals that are missing any of these documents will be considered incomplete and will not be reviewed.

1. Proposal Narrative (see proposal questions section)
2. Program Budget
3. 501(c)3 determination letter
4. Previous year audited financials or end of year balance sheets.

Selection Processes Timeline

September 23, 2020	Open Request for Proposals (RFP)
October 30, 2020	Proposals must be submitted by 5pm
December, 2020	Selected agencies are notified of awarded grant
December, 2020	MOU signed
January 1, 2021	Grant activities begin

Proposal Evaluation

All proposals will be reviewed by a selection committee. The selection committee will be comprised of representatives from various Brighton Park Neighborhood Network partner organizations. Any BPNN partner agency that is submitting a proposal will not be able to participate in the selection process for that service category. The selection committee will review and rank all proposals, and will then recommend the top 2-3 proposals to the BPNN Steering Committee. The BPNN Steering Committee will review the top proposals and approve the final selection. Selected agencies will be notified of the awarded grant in December 2020.

Proposal Questions

1. Describe your organization's mission, history, and experience providing services. Please include what experience your organization has in serving a Latino, low income, and immigrant population. (maximum of 2000 characters)
2. Reflect on your agency's successes and challenges in enrolling and maintaining participants from Brighton Park in your programs. (maximum of 3000 characters)
 - a. How many residents from Brighton Park does your agency currently serve? Of the total number of individuals who are currently receiving services through your agency, approximately what percentage reside in Brighton Park?
 - b. What barriers do Brighton Park residents face in accessing services through your agency? How has your agency worked to reduce these barriers?
 - c. How is your agency serving clients in a safe and healthy way during the COVID-19 pandemic?
3. Provide a description of the proposed project that encompasses all of the points included below. When describing your proposed activities, please be sure to explain how you will link program participants to other services as appropriate in order to address resource needs that cannot be addressed through your program. (maximum of 4000 characters)
 - a. Description of proposed activities;
 - b. How many individuals from 60632 will be served in a year;

- c. Description of the outreach and promotion strategies that will be used to increase the community's knowledge of services;
 - d. Description of agency's capacity to supervise services; and
 - e. Description of expected program outcomes.
 - 4. Describe your engagement with the Brighton Park Neighborhood Network, including (maximum of 1000 characters)
 - a. History of your organization's involvement with the BPNN;
 - b. Description of your organization's experience conducting collaborative projects with other organizations in the community, including with BPNN partners; and
 - c. Description of how you will work with the BPNN to provide wrap around services to program participants?
 - 5. Describe how you will measure and evaluate the success of your proposed project activities. (maximum of 2000 characters)
 - 6. Describe your agency's experience managing grant funds and overseeing grant reporting. (maximum of 1000 characters)
 - 7. Complete the attached budget form and submit with proposal.
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About Brighton Park Neighborhood Council

The Brighton Park Neighborhood Council (BPNC) is a community based, non-profit organization serving a working class neighborhood on Chicago's Southwest Side. BPNC's mission is to create a safer community, improve the learning environment in public schools, preserve affordable housing, provide a voice for youth, protect immigrant rights, promote gender equality, and end all forms of violence. With the support from United Way of Metropolitan Chicago, BPNC convenes the Brighton Park Neighborhood Network.

About the Brighton Park Neighborhood Network

The Brighton Park Neighborhood Network (BPNN) seeks to build the capacity of our community to dramatically improve outcomes for every resident by providing comprehensive support in education, health, and employment. This work is led by community members, social service agencies, and neighborhood schools to create a safe and thriving neighborhood for all.

The goals of the Brighton Park Neighborhood Network are to:

- Increase the percentage of students in 3rd, 6th, 8th, and 9th grades at BPNN partner schools who end the year "on track".
- Improve the physical health and emotional wellness of community residents. We will do this by increasing access to and use of preventative health care services and mental health services.
- Increase access to life-sustaining jobs and ensure that Brighton Park residents have the resources to build assets and reach financial stability.
- Decrease violence and abuse (physical, verbal, emotional) in our families and neighborhood by 60%. We will achieve this through parenting groups, case management work, and increasing employment, and educational opportunities.