

## Freedom From Violence: A Funder Survey

Welcome!

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Collective Future Fund, in partnership with the National Committee for Responsive Philanthropy, is launching a national survey of grantmakers to better understand this landscape and develop funder learning opportunities. By participating in this confidential survey, funders will add their voice to a first-of-its-kind resource on strategies to advance freedom from violence in the United States.

More information, including an FAQ, is available. Please reach out to [info@collectivefuturefund.org](mailto:info@collectivefuturefund.org) with any questions.

### Quick Facts

- The survey will take you up to **45 minutes** to complete from start to finish. We understand this may be a significant time commitment. Please know that this survey is the first of its kind to explore grantmakers' approaches to ending gender-based violence, and your participation will help to provide critical data on the field.
- Your survey responses will be kept **confidential**, with no identifying information about you or your institution used in the final report. Your survey responses will be combined with other grantmaking institutions taking the survey and presented in the aggregate.
- Your survey responses will help us understand the broader grantmaking landscape and the types of strategies that are funded to address safety, anti-violence, and gender-based violence in the U.S.

### Getting Started Tips

- As you consider who will complete the survey, we recommend the project officer/grants administrator who works most closely with grant award recipients take the lead in answering these questions so that the answers reflect day-to-day operations. If this is not possible, we encourage you to discuss your answers with the project officer/grants administrator who works most closely with grant recipients.
- You might **consider printing out the PDF version of the survey** to facilitate answering the survey across multiple staff and/or teams.
- For the purpose of this survey, "safety" is defined as freedom from violence. Please see additional definitions on our website.
- If there are questions that you cannot answer, feel free to skip the question and move onto the next question. We'd rather have some data than no data at all.

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Eligibility

1. Are you filling out this survey on behalf of a grantmaking institution? A grantmaking institution is any institution that awards grants, pass-through funds, or makes financial investments in 501c(3) and 501(c4) organizations, and for-profit entities. This includes public and private foundations, collaborative funds, government entities and so forth.

- Yes
- No

2. Does your grantmaking institution distribute funds to prevent or end violence in the U.S.?

- Yes
- No



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### About You/Your Institution

3. What grantmaking institution are you completing the survey for? \*No acronyms please.

4. What is your first and last name?

5. What is your position title?

6. What is your email address?

7. Institutional website URL:

8. Is your grantmaking institution a/an....? [Check all that apply]

- Intermediary
- Social Justice Funder
- Community Foundation
- Women's Fund
- Criminal Justice Funder
- Corporate Foundation
- Private Foundation
- Public Foundation
- Collaborative Fund
- Individual Donor
- Government Entity
- Nonprofit (national, statewide, local)
- Reproductive Justice Funder
- Economic Justice Funder
- Health Funder
- Other (please specify)



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### Safety Awards - General Characteristics

In this section we'd like to learn about your approach to safety grantmaking.

For the purpose of this survey, we define **safety** as the programs, policies, and cultural shifts that will create a world where everyone lives free from violence. This could apply to domestic violence, gun violence, child abuse, police brutality, and so forth.

For the purposes of this survey, we define **safety grants** as any grant or investment made to an organization to support their programs, policies, and campaigns to prevent or end violence and create a world where everyone lives free from violence. Some examples might include: violence-prevention curricula, advocacy to end criminalization of survivors, housing and economic security, healing and leadership support for survivors, mutual-aid to increase safety, culturally-responsive programs to address domestic or sexual violence, or elevating voices of survivors in policy and so forth.

9. How does your institution define safety?

10. How long has your organization made safety grants? [check all that apply]

- 0 to 5 years
- 6 to 10 years
- 11 to 15 years
- 16 to 20 years
- Over 20 years
- We have made some grants to end violence on and off over the course of the institution's history
- We plan to make safety grants in the future
- We have made very few safety grants
- We have not made any safety grants

11. If safety grants are made through other grant programs addressing other issue areas besides "safety," which areas are those? Check all that apply.

- Civil rights
- Gender justice
- Reproductive justice
- Health/Well-being
- Immigration
- Community development
- Economic equity/justice
- Education/Schools (e.g., mass shootings in schools, school to prison pipeline)
- Racial equity/justice
- Other (please specify)

- None of the above

12. Does your institution make safety grants.....: [Check all that apply]

- At the local level (city, county, parts of the state)
- Statewide
- Regionally (across several states, e.g., southwest)
- Nationally
- Not applicable: Geography is not a helpful way to understand our grants in this area

13. For each area below, indicate whether your safety grant recipients primarily conduct work that is.....: [Check all that apply]

- Direct service, e.g., advocacy, empowerment, health services, shelter
- Policy and advocacy, e.g., changing laws; petitioning the court to change laws, administrative policy changes, local policy changes
- Community organizing, e.g., resident engagement, marches or rallies, resident-led solutions
- Research, e.g., academic research, needs assessments
- Technology, e.g., research and development of new technologies, software, products, including social media apps, interactive websites
- Legal services and litigation, e.g., includes victim legal services
- Policing and law enforcement, e.g., includes training officers, funding law enforcement
- Culture, narrative, and communications, e.g., includes training journalists, changing social norms
- Re-granting, e.g., we give to pooled funds, collaborative funds, coalition partners
- All of the above
- Other (please specify)

14. There are many types of funders who make grants and investments in advancing safety/freedom from violence. Choose the funder category that best describes your institution's approach to safety.

- Safety funding is a core grantmaking program:** We explicitly make safety grants and these grants are a core part of our strategy. At least one of our portfolios, grant programs, or funding streams is explicitly intended to end violence. We fund organizations that have an explicit mission to end violence.
- Safety funding is somewhat a part of our grantmaking:** We make grants that advance freedom from violence, but it is not a core part of our strategy. Safety grants are made across various grant programs and funding streams. We fund some organizations that work on safety/freedom from violence, but they usually work on other issues as well. Only a few of our grantees have an explicit or sole mission to end violence of any type.
- Other (please specify)

15. Please provide a short history of your safety grants. For example, what led your institution to support safety? What was the institution's approach at the beginning? How did it change over time? What major changes (if any) have occurred (e.g., target population changed, type of grants changed)?

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16. What are you hoping to accomplish through your current grantmaking and strategic priorities today? **Tip:** Cut and paste your institutions priorities and/or grantmaking goals.

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17. Who are your safety grants intended to help and/or influence? Please check all that apply.

- We don't have a target population.
- The grants are primarily universal (designed to help all).
- People of color (in general)
- Women and girls (in general)
- Black women and girls
- LGBT+/Non-binary
- Workers (factory, farming, retail)
- Immigrants and refugees
- Survivors of violence
- People with disabilities
- Low-income people
- Children
- Criminal justice-involved
- Sex workers
- People living in rural areas
- Law enforcement
- Native women and girls
- People who commit violence
- Gun violence survivors
- Specific neighborhoods
- Men and boys of color
- Latina women and girls
- Asian women and girls
- Trans women of color
- Trans men of color
- Elderly
- Federal and local policymakers
- Non-binary people of color
- Other special populations:

18. There are many types of violence. For each type of violence listed below, indicate whether your institution makes grants in this area.

	Yes, we make grants in this area, it is an <b>explicit area of focus</b>	Yes, we make some grants in this area, but it is <b>not an explicit area of focus</b>	No, in general <b>we do not make grants in this area</b>
Violence (in general)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Domestic violence	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sexual violence	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Trafficking	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Interpersonal violence	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Gun violence	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Workplace violence	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Police violence	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Gender-based violence	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
State violence (e.g., structural oppression)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Community violence (e.g., gang violence, street shootings)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Hate crimes (e.g., anti-LGBT+, anti-Muslim, anti-Asian, anti-Black)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Violence against sex workers (commercial sexual exploitation)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Child sexual abuse, neglect, physical abuse	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

If you focus on additional types of violence, please include those below.





19. We are interested in learning about the lens that your institution uses to develop strategy and set priorities. Please rate the extent to which your institution as a whole would agree or disagree with the following statements.

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Not Applicable
It is our view that violence is a result of structural oppression	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
We view safety is its own movement in the same way as the MeToo movement or the Black Lives Matter movement	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Intersectionality and/or gender analysis influences our grantmaking priorities and strategy	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
We fund women of color-led organizations doing innovative work to end violence	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The connections between violence and our country's democracy is understood by senior staff at our institution	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
We recognize over-policing as a strategy to reduce violence is having adverse consequences for communities of color	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
We recognize over-policing as a strategy to reduce violence is having adverse consequences for LGBT+/Trans communities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Supporting survivor-led organizations is central to our strategy	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
We fund policing as the way to address violence	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
We consider freedom from violence to be an important racial and gender justice issue	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
We recognize state violence against marginalized people and women/trans/non-binary people is a sign of a weak democracy	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
We consider the demographic composition of key project staff and/or leaders of the organizations when we make funding decisions	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
We consider freedom from violence to be an important social justice issue	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
We recognize mainstream approaches to addressing violence has led to mass incarceration and/or the overuse of policing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
We emphasize that the root causes of gender-based violence are structural, not individual	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
It is important to us that our grantmaking goals address the needs of women of color	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
It is important to us that our grantmaking goals address the needs of transgender people and gender non-conforming people	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

We feel it's important to avoid using dehumanizing language

Repairing the harms caused by white male supremacy and patriarchy are important to us

Incarcerating people who commit violence is central to our strategy

We hire staff who understand gender oppression

We consider police brutality as a form of state violence

We consider terms like "perpetrator" to be dehumanizing language

The board (or similar entity) has had discussions about the intersections between gender and violence

Authoritarianism is something we might address in the future in our grantmaking

We fund alternatives to incarceration and punishment for those who commit violence

Comments:

20. What technical assistance or supports would help your institution apply an intersectional lens or a gender-based lens to your safety grantmaking?



21. For the purposes of this question, “survivors of violence” means anyone who self-identifies as having survived gendered, racialized, and/or sexualized violence. Please share how survivors of violence contribute to your organization’s work. Check all that apply.

- Survivors are members of our board or leadership team
- Survivors are hired as staff
- Survivors are regularly consulted to help design our strategy
- Grantee demographics is key grantmaking criteria
- We have not yet engaged survivors
- Other:

22. How is your institution accountable to the communities that you are seeking to help?



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### State of the Field

23. What are the three most important trends (opportunities and challenges) that are impacting your ability to reach your safety grantmaking goals?

24. What, if any, grantmaking trends are adversely impacting your grantees and/or award recipients?

25. What changes would you make within philanthropy to further help grantee organizations working to end violence?

26. Based on your experiences, to what extent do you agree with the following statements:

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
Most grantmakers apply an intersectional lens to their safety grant portfolios	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Most grantmakers who fund safety recognize the link between safety and structural oppression	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Most grantmakers who fund safety recognize the link between safety and strong democracies	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Most grantmakers recognize that funding given to survivors, women of color, and queer organizations should substantially increase	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Comments:



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### Grant Awards

**Tips:**

- We're interested in knowing more about your grant investments. It may be helpful to print this page and work with someone in your finance department to gather as much information as you can before filling out the survey online. We hope this information is available in a board report or program report. Please provide as much as you can. We realize that some data may be difficult to calculate.
- Your survey responses will help us understand the broader grantmaking landscape and the types of strategies that are funded to address safety, anti-violence, and gender-based violence in the U.S.

27. For FY2020 (or the latest year available), what **percent of total grant dollars** were awarded to projects or organizations working to prevent or end violence? Estimates are okay. Example answer: In FY2020, 20% of our grant dollars were awarded for the purpose of preventing or ending violence in the U.S.

28. For FY2020 (or the latest year available), how much money (**total dollars**) did you award to projects or organizations working to prevent or end violence? Estimates are okay. Example answer: In FY2020, we gave out \$5 million to prevent or end violence in the U.S.

29. For FY2020 (or the latest year available), what percentage of **safety grant dollars** were made through each of the following types of grants.... \*Note: Grant dollars, not percent of organizations or percent of awards.

	Pick percentage here
Multi-year grants	<input type="text"/>
General operating grants	<input type="text"/>
Project-specific grants	<input type="text"/>
Rapid response grants (grants made in response to a crisis, usually one-time grants)	<input type="text"/>
Invite-only (non-solicitation grants)	<input type="text"/>
Request for Proposal	<input type="text"/>
Other (e.g., grand challenges, fellowships)	<input type="text"/>

Comments

30. What is the average organizational budget of your safety grant award recipients?  
Example answer: Over \$500,000.

31. What is the average size of the grant award made to safety organizations?

32. For FY2020 (or the latest year available), what was the **total grant dollars** awarded to **women of color-led organizations** working to prevent or end violence? Example answer: Women of color-led organizations received a total of \$5 million in safety grants in FY2020.

33. For FY2020 (or the latest year available), what **percent of safety grant dollars** were made to **women of color-led organizations** working to prevent or end violence? Example answer: Women of color-led organizations represented 35% of all safety-related grant dollars.

34. For FY2020 (or the latest year available), indicate for each grantee organization below, **the total safety grant dollars** awarded to each organization type. For example: POC-led organizations received \$5 million in FY2020.

People of color-led organizations (POC-led)

Trans, non-binary, or gender-non conforming-led organizations

Survivor-led organizations

35. For FY2020 (or the latest year available), indicate **the percent of safety grant dollars** awarded to each organization type. For example, POC-led organizations received a total of 20% of all safety grant dollars in FY2020.

People of color-led organizations (POC-led)

Trans, non-binary, or gender-non conforming-led organizations

Survivor-led organizations

36. Are there any reports, websites, videos, blogs, or other material online that will help us learn more about your institution's contribution to the safety field? If so, please share a few links below.

Thank you for completing this survey!