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Tuesday, May 13, 2025

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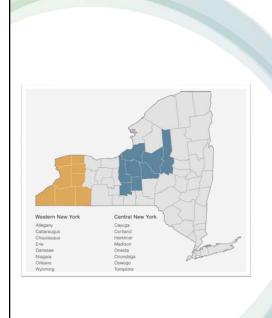
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The FAQ document will be posted on www.hfwcny.org/imaginenonviolence by 5/23/25.



- Introduction to the Health Foundation
- Imagine Nonviolence Overview
- Close the Gap Program & Eligibility
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Health Foundation for Western & Central New York

Our mission is to improve the health and health care of the people and communities of western and central New York.

Our vision is a healthy central and western New York where racial and socioeconomic equity are prioritized so all people can reach their full potential and achieve equitable health outcomes.

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Initiative Overview

Imagine Nonviolence is an initiative to support community-based organizations working toward safer, healthier communities through projects to raise awareness of firearm safety, reduce the risk of firearm injury, prevent gun violence, and provide resources.

Firearm injury happens in many forms: self-harm, intimate partner violence, unintentional injury, and community violence, among many others.

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Two Options for Applicants

The Health Foundation for Western & Central New York invites proposals for **Imagine Nonviolence.** Applicants should choose from the following **two opportunities** and funding levels.

CLOSE THE GAP (up to \$5,000)

EXPAND THE REACH (up to \$15,000)





Close the Gap will provide funding up to \$5,000 to existing firearm safety and/or gun violence prevention programs currently receiving other grant funding to support their work.

Close the Gap funding must be used to strengthen the delivery of an existing program and cover expenses that cannot be charged to the program's existing funding source(s).



Supplemental funding provided is intended to be utilized within 12 months to support programs that receive grants from other funding sources to support their gun violence prevention work.

To apply for Close the Gap, applicants must:

- operate within one or more of the 16 counties the Health Foundation serves,
- be a non-profit with 501(c)3 status or affiliated with one who can receive and manage grant funds on their behalf, and
- currently be managing a grant-funded program that addresses gun violence and risk of injury from a firearm.

While all eligible organizations are invited to apply, preference will be given to organizations not previously funded through Imagine Nonviolence: Close the Gap.

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The following questions are included in the online application:

- 1. Describe the organization leading the program, including the mission, a brief description of services offered, and the population(s) served.
- 2. Describe the program for which you are seeking supplemental funding.
- Identify the program cost not covered by existing grant funding and how Imagine Nonviolence funds will be used.
- Explain how this supplemental funding will help improve the overall effectiveness of your program.





Expand the Reach will provide up to \$15,000 to support projects working to reduce gun violence, prevent firearm-related injuries, and increase safety for pregnant and birthing people, young children, and/or older adults and their caregivers.

Expand the Reach programs will:

- expand existing firearm violence prevention work to include a focus on pregnant and birthing people, children under age five, and/or older adults and their caregivers, or
- expand existing work focused on pregnant and birthing people, children under age five, and/or older adults and their caregivers to include a focus on firearm injury prevention.



Some examples of projects the Foundation is interested in supporting include those that will:

- train clinicians, doulas, community health workers, and other service providers to screen for firearm safety and provide resources to increase safety for their clients/patients,
- educate community members about the dangers of unsecured firearms in the home and provide resources to increase safety,
- address firearm injury prevention for older adults with cognitive and/or physical impairments and their caregivers, and/or
- address the safe transfer of firearms due to physical and/or cognitive decline or after death.

A list of helpful resources and promising programs is included at the end of the RFP document.

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Expand the Reach is intended to provide twelve months of funding to support small-scale standalone or pilot initiatives.

To apply for Expand the Reach, applicants must:

- operate within one or more of the 16 counties the Health Foundation serves,
- be a non-profit with 501(c)3 status or affiliated with one that can receive and manage grant funds on their behalf, and
- currently or plan to work with pregnant and birthing people, young children, and/or older adults and their caregivers, or partner with organizations that work with these populations.

Funds may not be used to support mergers and acquisitions, building or capital projects, drug development, or direct grants to individuals.



Expand the Reach applicants must **complete the** *online application* **and upload a** *project budget***.** (A budget template is provided in Fluxx.)

A summary of the questions are included in the online application:

- Describe the organization leading the project, including the mission, a brief description of services offered, and population(s) served.
- 2. Describe the project for which you are requesting funding. Include an outline of the proposed activities and a brief timeline.
- 3. What are the needs/gaps you are trying to address with the proposed project or enhancement?
- 4. Describe the expected impact of your project. Please include project goals and expected benefits for participants.
- 5. If you do not currently serve pregnant and birthing people, young children, and older adults and their caregivers, how do you plan to reach those groups?
- 6. If you do not have experience or expertise in firearm safety and/or gun violence prevention, how do you plan to gain the required knowledge?
- Please list any additional partner(s) you plan to engage for this grant.
 Describe how the partner(s) will enhance and support the work. If you do not know specific names of partner(s), please describe the types of partners you plan to engage.
- 8. How will you engage and reach community members, and how will you encourage input and feedback from them?

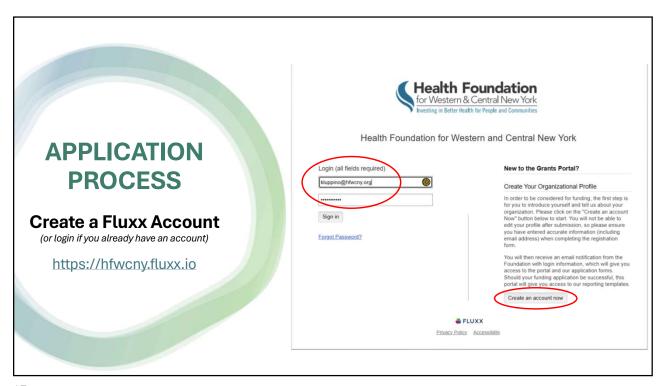
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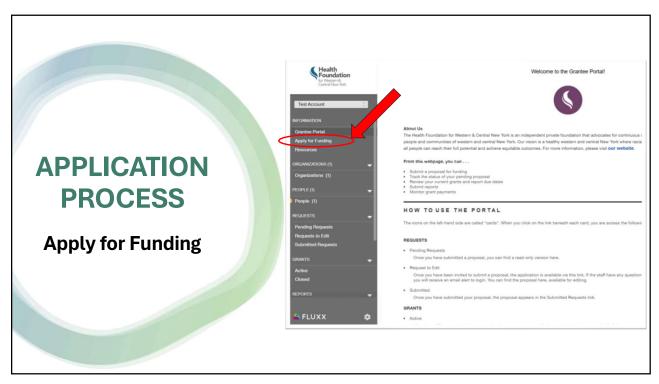


Please refer to the full RFP for all the details on eligibility and application requirements.

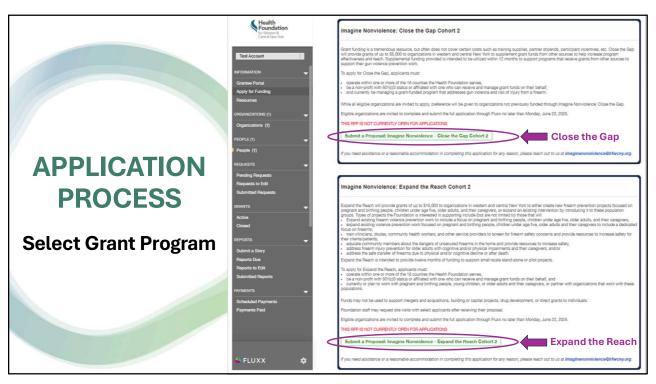
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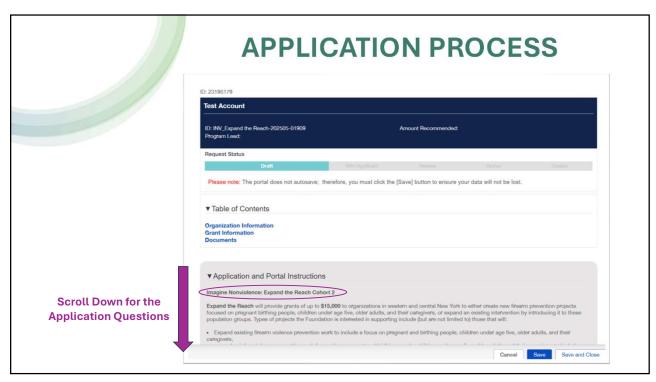
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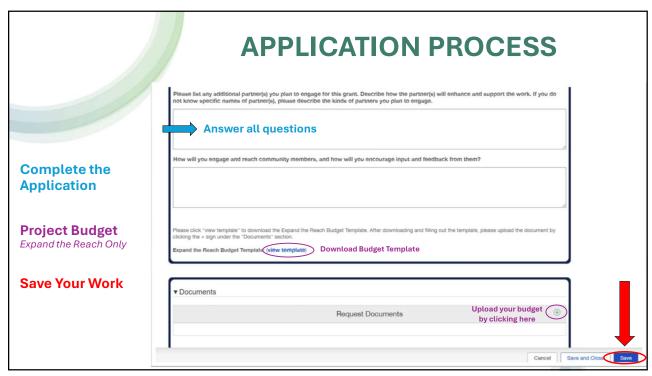


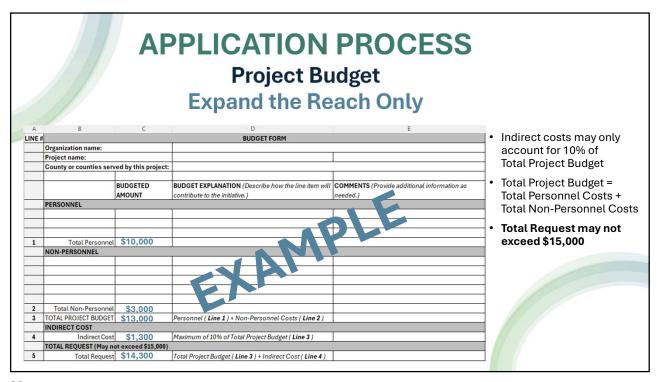


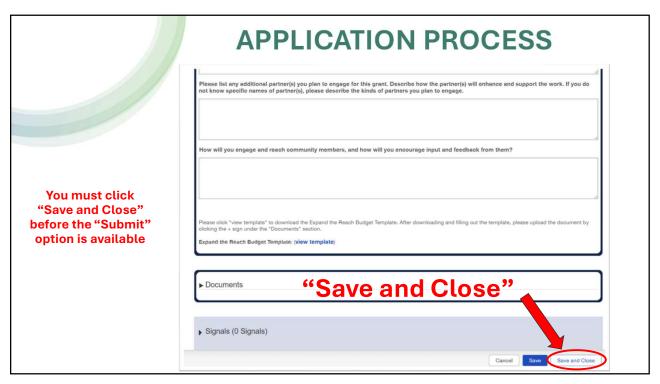


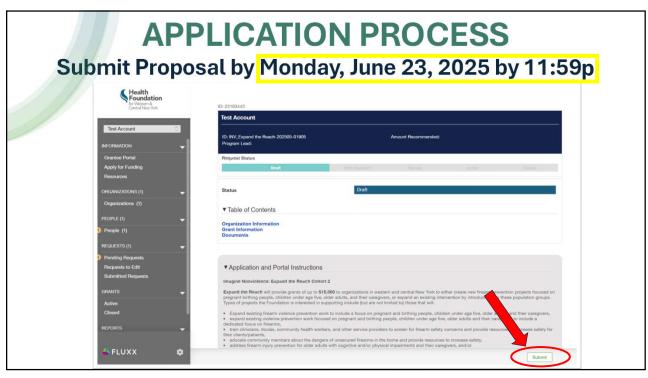














GRANTEE REQUIREMENTS

- Due Diligence
- Learning Community Participation
 - Evaluation Workshop 10/17/25
 - Virtual Kickoff Event 11/12/25
 - Two meetings one virtual, one in-person
 - Capstone Event 11/6/26
- Reporting Requirements
 - Narrative Reports
 - Track and Report Performance Measures
 - Financial Reports or Attestation
- Participation in Program Evaluation



Tuesday, May 13, 2025	Informational webinar and RFP released
12:00 pm	(Recording available online after 5/13.)
Tuesday, May 13, 2025, through	Submit questions to
Tuesday, May 20, 2025	imaginenonviolence@hfwcny.org by 5/20/25
	for inclusion in the FAQ document.
Friday, May 23, 2025	FAQ document released
Monday, June 23, 2025 by 11:59p	RFP submissions due
June 30, 2025 – August 5, 2025	Foundation staff to conduct site visits as
	needed
Week of September 22, 2025	Awards announced
October 17, 2025	Virtual Evaluation Workshop
9:00 am – 11:00 am	
Wednesday, November 12, 2025	Virtual kickoff event & grant contracts begin
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm	
April 2026 & July 2026	Learning community meetings
	(one in-person, one virtual)
Friday, November 6, 2026	Capstone event
9:00 am - 11:00 am	





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All applications must be submitted via Fluxx by **Monday, June 23, 2025 by 11:59p**.

Any questions regarding submitting using Fluxx should be directed to imaginenonviolence@hfwcny.org or 716-852-3030





Thank you for your participation today and for your interest in supporting this important work!