



## 101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2019 and 2020

HB2313

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#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act

Creates the Illinois Violence Reduction Funding Act of 2019. Requires the Secretary of the Department of Human Services to make grants to community-based organizations for the purpose of carrying out community-based violence reduction programs. Provides that the programs shall reflect strong community involvement and provide specified services including: (i) youth services; (ii) trauma-informed counseling services; (iii) public awareness campaigns; and (iv) job readiness training programs. Contains provisions concerning eligible activities; selection criteria; eligible entities; application requirements; and reporting requirements. Effective July 1, 2019.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT  
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning violence reduction.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the  
5 Illinois Violence Reduction Funding Act of 2019.

6 Section 5. Purpose. The purpose of this Act is to establish  
7 a program within the Department of Human Services to administer  
8 competitively awarded grants to community-based organizations  
9 to reduce violent crime within the State of Illinois.

10 Section 10. Definitions. As used in this Act:

11 "Community-based organization" means a private  
12 not-for-profit organization that is capable of addressing  
13 violence prevention and reduction within the State of Illinois  
14 by using a culturally competent approach, and that is located  
15 within a community:

16 (1) with an unemployment rate that is at least 26%  
17 higher than the State's average unemployment rate  
18 according to the Illinois Department of Employment  
19 Security, adjusted yearly;

20 (2) that has a violent crimes rate that is at least  
21 10% higher than the State's average per capita violent  
22 crimes rate; and

1           (3) that is representative of very low-income  
2           populations.

3           "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Department of Human  
4           Services.

5           "Very low-income" means a person or household whose income  
6           is at or below 50% of the median family income, adjusted for  
7           household size, for the county where the household is located.

8           Section 15. Program requirements. The Secretary shall,  
9           subject to appropriations, make grants to community-based  
10          organizations for the purpose of carrying out community-based  
11          violence reduction programs as provided under this Act. All  
12          programs funded in accordance with the provisions of this Act  
13          shall reflect strong community involvement. In addition,  
14          funding provided under this Act shall be used by each  
15          community-based violence reduction program to provide, at a  
16          minimum, one of the following services:

- 17               (1) violence prevention;  
18               (2) youth services;  
19               (3) after school programming;  
20               (4) trauma-informed counseling services;  
21               (5) youth work experiences;  
22               (6) job readiness training programs;  
23               (7) public awareness campaigns;  
24               (8) services for disconnected youth;  
25               (9) capacity building;

- 1 (10) grant management;
- 2 (11) writing and development;
- 3 (12) organizational structure and sustainability;
- 4 (13) street-level outreach; and
- 5 (14) other priority areas.

6 Section 20. Eligible activities. Implementation grants may  
7 be used to carry out the activities listed in Section 15. Other  
8 eligible activities include administrative costs of the  
9 community-based organization which may not exceed a specified  
10 percentage of the amount of assistance provided, as determined  
11 by the Secretary, that is necessary to support the capacity  
12 development of the community-based organization.

13 Section 25. Selection criteria. Priority in the awarding of  
14 grants under this Act shall be given to community-based  
15 organizations with experience operating violence reduction  
16 programs in accordance with this Act.

17 Section 30. Eligible entities. Community-based  
18 organizations or public agencies with experience using a  
19 culturally competent approach to reduce neighborhood violence  
20 shall also be eligible for grants under this Act.

21 Section 35. Application requirements. The Secretary shall  
22 require that an application for grants under this Act contain,

1 at a minimum:

2 (1) a request for an implementation grant, specifying  
3 the amount of the grant requested and its proposed uses;

4 (2) a description of the applicant and a statement of  
5 the applicant's qualifications, including a description of  
6 the applicant's experience operating a violence reduction  
7 program in accordance with this Act;

8 (3) a description of the educational and job training  
9 activities, work opportunities, and other services that  
10 will be provided to program participants;

11 (4) a detailed budget and a description of the system  
12 of fiscal controls and auditing and accountability  
13 procedures that will be used to ensure fiscal soundness;

14 (5) a description of any contracts and arrangements  
15 entered into between the applicant and other agencies and  
16 entities, including all in-kind donations and grants from  
17 both public and private entities that will serve to augment  
18 funds provided under this Act.

19 Section 40. Annual report. The Department of Human Services  
20 shall prepare an annual report summarizing costs and outcome  
21 data associated with the violence reduction programs  
22 implemented in accordance with this Act. The report must  
23 include, but not be limited to, the following information: the  
24 number of participants in each program and the average cost per  
25 participant. The Department must submit its report to the

1 General Assembly by December 31, 2019 and by December 31 of  
2 each year thereafter.

3 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,  
4 2019.