

# National OVP Network

## October 2025 Newsletter

### From the Director

#### Greetings, Network members!

As we enter the fourth quarter and continue advancing the [NOVPN Strategic Plan](#), I'm proud to reflect on the powerful momentum we've built together.

In Q3, we convened members for our third virtual gathering of the year, where we previewed the NOVPN dashboard and began shaping shared key performance indicators for the Network. We also hosted our fourth Annual NOVPN Convening, which brought together 155 attendees from nearly 50 jurisdictions for two and a half days of learning, reflection, and connection centered around the theme of Harnessing Community Power: The Path to Sustainability. In addition, we held an impactful regional convening in the Midwest, creating space for collaboration, strategy, and shared learning.

As we close out the year, we're keeping our foot on the gas. Guided by your feedback, we're finalizing a national repository of training and technical assistance providers; refreshing our website, which will include a membership-level based NOVPN Dashboard to highlight your data and stories; making adjustments to in-person convening dates; and piloting our Network Ambassador Program. We'll share more details and what's ahead for 2026 at our upcoming Q4 virtual convening.

We're proud to be in this movement with you.

In community,

**Shantay Jackson**  
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### Welcome New Members

### Event Calendar

Join us in welcoming the Chattanooga, TN, Mayor's Office of Community Safety and Gun Violence Prevention and the State of New Mexico Violence Prevention Program Unit to the Network!

Find all important Network events here! **NOTE: Events are invitation only.** [Let us know if you haven't received an invitation.](#)  
**11/20/25: Q4 Virtual Convening**

### In the News



[Louisville sees 25% drop in violent crime, city leaders credit prevention programs](#)

['Builds us back up': Computer program provides opportunity to incarcerated women at St. Louis jail](#)

[Columbus city leaders take a data-driven approach to address domestic violence](#)



[City of Buffalo names first-ever Office of Gun Violence Prevention executive director](#)

[Seattle outs \\$14.7 million on the table to break youth gun violence trends](#)

[Columbia's leader of violence prevention weighs in on downtown crime fighting efforts](#)



NOVPN sends a big hat tip to the [Albuquerque Violence Intervention Program \(VIP\)](#)! VIP plays a vital role in addressing the root causes of trauma and violence across the community. Housed within the Albuquerque Community Safety (ACS) Department and grounded in the ACS philosophy of "the right response at the right time," VIP provides specialized programs that support individuals and families affected by addiction, domestic violence, gun violence, and youth violence. VIP helps prevent retaliation, promote safety, and break cycles of harm by working directly with those at the highest risk of involvement in violence. Through a collaborative and trauma-informed approach, the program complements ACS's behavioral health and crisis response work by offering long-term prevention and recovery-focused care. Together, these efforts strengthen community well-being and build a foundation for lasting safety and healing.



Join us in applauding [Rise Up Rochester \(RUR\)](#) in Rochester, NY! RUR is dedicated to interrupting violence and supporting impacted victims, families, and neighborhoods. The organization's Outreach Team plays a critical role in these efforts, responding to homicide scenes to comfort grieving families, mediating disputes to stop violence from spreading, and mentoring high-risk youth through its Boys 2 Men program. RUR's presence extends into schools, neighborhoods, and community events, ensuring that those most impacted by violence receive care, guidance, and opportunities for healing. Together, these efforts help restore peace, build trust, and strengthen Rochester's communities.

Proud of one of your OVP's on-the-ground partnerships? [Tell us about it!](#)



OVPs play a key role in funding community-based organizations to deliver and sustain evidence-informed services. When developing grant opportunities, clearly identify funding sources; set objectives, metrics, and priorities; and define award amounts. Consider offering multi-year funding to promote sustainability. Allow adequate time between the release of any request for proposals/applications (RFP/RFA) and the proposal submission deadline, and create space for prospective applicants to ask questions and seek clarification. The RFP/RFA's due date should be based on the RFP's complexity. For simple/micro/mini grants, allow 4-6 weeks. For moderately complex RFPs, allow 6-8 weeks. For complex/multi-year RFPs, allow 8-12 weeks. Establish a review committee with relevant experience to assess applications and select recipients. Ideally, review committee members are compensated for their time. Be sure to provide feedback to applicants whose applications have been denied. Finally, create a written grant agreement outlining eligibility criteria, performance metrics, reporting requirements, and financial and programmatic deadlines.

### Grant Opportunities

### Job Board

#### Check out these funding opportunities:

- [Ben and Jerry's Foundation National Grassroots Organizing Program](#) (Rolling LO); focus: unrestricted, general operating support for community-based, grassroots organizations confronting social and environmental injustice)
- [Search Candid's Philanthropy News Digest](#) for national and local private grant opportunities

#### Here are some violence reduction-related positions that are open within the Network:

- [Program Coordinator, Violence Prevention, Allegheny County Health Department - Pittsburgh, PA](#)
- [Violence Interrupter, Hillcrest Children and Family Center - Washington, DC](#)
- [Hate Crimes and Youth Violence Prevention Coordinator, Manhattan DA - NYC](#)



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