

# ***FORCE FOR GOOD (FFG)***

*A CPD PROGRAM TO STRENGTHEN COMMUNITY AND FAITH-BASED NFPs*

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

**FFG** services (e.g. organizational assessments, classes, mentoring) are totally **free!**

Since 2011, 161 NFPs have applied to **FFG** to improve their ability to deliver important safety-net services.

**FFG** workshops are taught by **Forefront** (formerly the Donors Forum) subject matter experts.

**FFG** mentoring and pre- & post-assessments are provided by **Goodcity Chicago** subject matter experts.

## **WHAT PARTICIPANTS HAVE TO SAY ABOUT FFG:**

- *Extremely helpful. Our coach was just the catalyst we needed to get us ready to develop our first written strategic plan. He was thoughtful, understanding and on point.*
- *These sessions and the results from the organizational assessment report revealed areas of concentration that really need work in our church.*
- *The interplay with the other organizations was great!*
- *During the "CPD" session, we communicated that many youth experience negative encounters with the police on their way to our after-school and summer programming. The next day, two officers stopped by to tour our facility and learn more about the work we do.*
- *Effective but simple to the point training, and educational but not in a boring school class way.*
- *This could easily have been an all-day session. The information and delivery was just that good!*
- *Wouldn't change a thing!*
- *It's a pleasure to know that CPD is willing to collaborate and provide letters of support for projects that provide second chances and safer communities.*
- *The Chicago Police Department has become more approachable, understandable, manageable.*
- *The group project was powerful - now we can quickly share a concise overview of our project in 2 minutes. That's helpful!*

## **INTERESTED? READ ON!**

## FFG Participants have included:

- A Work of Faith Ministries, Inc.
- Alpha Temple MB Church
- Automotive Mentoring Group
- Beyond the Ball
- Big Buddies Youth Services
- Bright Star Community Outreach
- Cabrini Connections
- Catholic Youth Ministry at Morgan Park HS
- Chicago Youth Boxing Club
- Chicago-Lawndale AMACHI Mentoring Program
- Church of God Day Care & Head Start
- CircEsteem, Inc.
- Claretian Associates, Inc.
- Cornerstone Community Outreach
- DevCorp dba Rogers Park Business Alliance
- Divine Purpose Youth Performing Arts Center
- EMAGES, Inc.
- Empowerment through Education and Exposure
- Fathers Who Care
- For Action In Togetherness Hold Fast, Inc.
- Future Ties, NFP
- Garfield Park Community Council
- Good Hope Missionary Baptist Church
- Greater Roseland Chamber of Commerce
- H.O.P.E. Organization
- Harvest Holistic Community Development Corp
- Holsten Human Capital Development, NFP
- Hyde Park Neighborhood Club
- I.A.M.A.B.L.E. Center for Family Development
- Imagine Englewood if...!
- IMPACT Family Center
- Just Christ Ministries
- KLEO Community Family Center
- La Causa Community Committee
- Latinos Progresando
- Lawndale Christian Legal Center
- Leave No Veteran Behind
- Lights of Zion Ministries
- Lost Boyz, Inc.
- Major Adams Community Committee
- My Luv 4U2, Inc.
- Near North Unity Program/LaSalle Street Church
- New Life Centers of Chicagoland, NFP
- Nobel Neighbors
- North Lawndale Employment Network
- Peace and Ed Coalition, Back of the Yards
- Progressive Community Center
- R.B.C. Community Service Center
- Rahab's House, Inc.
- Ray of Hope Center of the Arts
- Restoring the Path - Crushers Club
- Rise Foundation
- Roll Call
- Roseland CeaseFire Project, Inc.
- Roseland Youth and Community
- RTW Veterans Center
- Rust Youth Connection
- Seeds Center of Maple Park
- South Shore Chamber, Inc.
- South Shore Planning and Preservation Coalition
- St. Agatha Family Empowerment (SAFE)
- St. Edmund's Redevelopment Corporation
- St. Joseph Services
- Taller de José
- Taproots, Inc.
- Teamwork Englewood
- The Christ Way MB Church
- The Planning Coalition
- Three Crosses of Calvary M.B. Church
- Trinity All Nations Outreach Ministry
- Ujima, Inc
- West Town Bikes



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## **A FORCE FOR GOOD: A CPD PROGRAM TO STRENGTHEN COMMUNITY AND FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS**

**INTRODUCTION:** The Chicago Police Department (CPD) knows that the ability of community and faith-based not-for-profit organizations (NFPs) to provide important safety-net services to communities suffering from high rates of crime is often limited by funding and other capacity issues. In 2011, recognizing that creating safe neighborhoods is impossible unless government and community work in partnership, CPD implemented **A FORCE FOR GOOD: A CPD Program to Strengthen Community and Faith-Based Organizations**. Funded by U.S. Department of Justice grants, **FFG** has provided capacity-building support to 80 competitively selected NFPs to improve their ability to deliver such services as: emergency shelter, clothing and food; youth tutoring, mentoring and structured activities in safe places; immigration issues advocacy; veterans support; economic development; counseling; job training and placement; conflict resolution; childcare; exposure to the arts; court advocacy/legal support; activities to strengthen community cohesion and resilience; reentry support – and more.

**APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION:** CPD is pleased to announce that NFP applications will be accepted for a new 12-month **FFG** program beginning in May 2016, confident that our continuing work to strengthen NFP *capacity to serve* will improve community cohesiveness, stability and public safety throughout Chicago.

**PROGRAM OVERVIEW:** **FFG** is designed to provide the Executive Leadership of competitively selected NFPs with the skill sets, knowledge, insights and supports they need to successfully meet the challenges faced by their organizations. Over 12 months, **FFG** will provide skill-building workshops, technical assistance and mentorship in areas including: **Working with the City to Improve Public Safety and Community Services; Marketing/Branding/Communication; Board Development; Use of Technology and Social Media; Strategic Planning; Project Management; and Fundraising.**

**PROGRAM BENEFITS:** (1) Funding opportunity announcements; (2) *Forefront* (formerly the *Donors Forum*) membership; (3) pre- and post-diagnostic assessments by *Goodcity* to identify specific organizational challenges and recommendations; (4) 12 half-day workshops to improve technical skills and knowledge; (5) goal-oriented, project-based mentorship; (6) an NFP support network (in-person and on-line opportunities to learn from and support each other); (7) interaction with leaders from CPD and other City agencies; (8) improved verbal and written messaging to funders and stakeholders; and (9) a *Certificate of Successful Completion*.

**ADVISORY BOARD:** **FFG** is actively managed by CPD's Grants Unit, who convenes an Advisory Board to (1) implement an objective and transparent application and selection process to identify NFPs with potential to provide much-needed services to Chicago communities experiencing high rates of violent crime, and to (2) continually refine and improve **FFG** capacity to serve NFPs. The **FFG** Advisory Board includes representatives from: CPD CAPS (Chicago Alternative Policing Strategy);



# CPD'S 2016-17 *A FORCE FOR GOOD* Program

## Class Schedule

### All New Participants:

- Must attend the May and June sessions.
- May attend Session 1, or Session 2, or both – but only those completing what they sign up for will be eligible to attend Session 3

### Mandatory for All New Participants:

**May 2016:** Understanding and Working with the CPD

**Jun 2016:** Partnering with the City & Accessing City Services

### Session 1: Creating a Foundation for a Strong Organization

**Jul 2016:** Creating a Theory of Change

**Aug 2016:** Working with Outcomes and Indicators

**Sep 2016:** Strategic Planning → **MENTORING**

### Session 2: Sustaining/Promoting a Strong Organization

**Oct 2016:** Social Media for Nonprofits

**Nov 2016:** Sustainability

**Dec 2016:** Board Development → **MENTORING**

### Session 3: Fundraising Support for a Strong Organization

**Jan 2017:** Nonprofit Finance

**Feb 2017:** Building Relationships with Funders

**Mar 2017:** Proposal Writing

**Apr 2017:** Individual Fundraising → **MENTORING**