

Hate Violence Prevention Initiative

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The Hate Violence Prevention Initiative is seeking \$1.1 million in funding for nine community-based organizations that are working citywide and across Jewish, Arab-American, LGBTQ, immigrant, Black and Brown identities to prevent and respond to hate violence in our city.

Over 300 hate crimes were reported to the New York Police Department in 2018. However, obtaining a resolution to a hate incident through reporting to the police is insufficient for healing in communities, “hate crime” is a narrowly defined legal framework, and increased penalties for hate crimes do not deter assailants from committing acts of violence. Hate violence and bias incidents can only be prevented in the community, by the community — not by the police or by prosecutors.

The Hate Violence Prevention Initiative would support community-based work coordinated by a coalition of groups working across identities to make New York safer for our communities.

The coalition includes the Audre Lorde Project, Arab American Association of New York, Brooklyn Movement Center, Center for Anti-Violence Education, Desis Rising Up & Moving, Global Action Project, Jews for Racial and Economic Justice, Make the Road New York, and the New York City Anti-Violence Project and would support the organizations to build on the work we are doing, including:

- Bystander/upstander intervention trainings to empower community members to ally themselves with victims when an incident of hate or harassment is underway in public.
- Community-based, culturally competent reporting of hate violence incidents. Marginalized communities feel safest reporting incidents to community-based organizations, which can help them to make a safety plan and determine whether or not they would like to report to law enforcement or another city agency.
- Community care, including community-led transformative justice processes that focus on challenging and transforming the perspectives of people who do harm in our neighborhoods, as well as counseling and peer support services for survivors of violence.
- Rapid incident responses that may include community alerts, town hall meetings, neighborhood safety events, and will also create space for targeted school-based and neighborhood education across multiple identities.

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<i>Agency</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Arab American Association of New York (AAANY)	\$75,000
Audre Lorde Project (ALP)	\$100,000
Brooklyn Movement Center (BMC)	\$100,000
Center for Anti-Violence Education (CAE)	\$150,000
Desis Rising Up & Moving (DRUM)	\$150,000
Global Action Project (GAP)	\$75,000
Jews For Racial and Economic Justice (JFREJ)	\$150,000
Make the Road New York (MRNY)	\$150,000
New York City Anti-Violence Project (AVP)	\$150,000
Total Initiative Ask	\$1,100,000