

Columbus Office of Crime Prevention

2020 Grant Application

Submitted by:

Southern Anti-Racism Network for Strong Parental  
Involvement in Community Education (SPICE)

&

Columbus Organizing Together (CO<sub>T</sub>)



# Application for Columbus Office of Crime Prevention Grant

## A. Applicant

Name of Organization: Southern Anti-Racism Network/SPICE

Address: PO Box 6582, Columbus, GA 31907

CEO/Executive Director: Theresa El-Amin

Contact Person/ Title: Theresa El-Amin Regional Director and Board Chair

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Has the applicant organization ever received a grant from COCP?  Yes  No

If yes, when was the grant made? 2019 Was a final report submitted?

Yes  No

## B. Project

Project period (full life of project) July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021

Where, specifically, will it occur? Columbus Public Library and neighborhood community centers

Approximately how many people will benefit from the project? 200

How did you arrive at the above numbers? Based on expected participation of parents and children in low-performing schools and youth endanger of delinquency and incarceration

When will funds be needed? August 2020

Grant amount requested (must be no more than 90% of total project expense) \$45,000

Total project revenue and support (from line 3, pg. 6) \$50,000

Total project expenses (from line 12, pg. 7) \$50,000



## C. Project Budget

### Project Revenue and Support

#### 1. Revenue

Admission/Ticket income \_\_\_\_\_

Other Revenue \$45,000 (Crime Prevention) \_\_\_\_\_

#### 2. Support (indicate with \* if already committed) \_\_\_\_\_

Corporate support \_\_\_\_\_

Foundation support \_\_\_\_\_

Other private support \$2,000\* (Individual Donor) \_\_\_\_\_

Government support

Federal \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_

Other County agency \_\_\_\_\_

Organizations cash applied to project \$3,000 \_\_\_\_\_

**3. TOTAL PROJECT REVENUE AND SUPPORT \$50,000**

### Project expenses

#### 4. Personnel (give as much detail as possible) \_\_

**SPICE Coordinator (\$15,000)** will train parents and students in the use of Chromebooks including the use of Office 365 to comply with Muscogee County School District (MCSD) personalized learning strategy for grades 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup>. **SPICE Coordinator** will also recruit and supervise volunteers.

**Community Organizer (\$15,000)**-Columbus Organizing Together (COT) staff will build collaborations in support of families in need of affordable housing and support for youth in danger of delinquency and incarceration. Neighborhoods will include high poverty and low opportunity areas where youth are known to engage in gang activity.

**Subtotal: Personnel \$30,000**

5. Consultants and professional fees\_\_\_\_\_

6. Supplies and equipment\_\_\_\_\_

75 new Chromebooks at \$200 each with Office 365 = \$15, 000

Notebooks for SPICE Coordinator and teachers, art supplies, early reader books, folders, pens and pencils= \$1000

Subtotal, Supplies and equipment \$16,000\_\_\_\_\_

7. Travel (Itemize) Taxi shuttle transportation for families and volunteers as needed\_\_\_\_\_

Subtotal, Travel \$1,000\_\_\_\_\_

8. Printing and copying\_\_\_\_\_

SPICE color brochures (500) = \$500; 50 parent-teacher resource folders=\$450, recruitment materials, parent surveys= \$450, graduation certificates (100) =\$100

Subtotal, Printing and copying \$1,500\_\_\_\_\_

9. Marketing and publicity\_\_\_\_\_

10. Mailing/postage\_\_\_\_\_

11. Telephone/fax\_\_\_\_\_

Subtotal, Other\_\_\_\_\_

12. Other- Refreshments for each class and community meetings = \$1,500

Subtotal, Other \$1,500

**13. TOTAL PROJECT EXPENSE \$50,000**

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## D. PROJECT SUMMARY/NARRATIVE

1. **Organization:** Briefly state the primary purpose of the organization

Southern Anti-Racism Network (SARN) develops campaigns and projects to end racial disparities in criminal justice, economic opportunities, education, environment/housing and health care. Civic engagement with a commitment to never do for people what they can do for themselves.

2. **Background of the organization:** Briefly describe when the organization was started, number of members and any other helpful information.

SARN was founded in 1999 by Theresa El-Amin out of an online workshop that brought 35 activists from 7 states together to create a network of organizations and individuals committed to challenging white supremacy throughout the South based in Durham NC. In 2010, Columbus GA became home for Theresa to expand SARN into GA, AL and SC. In 2012, SARN received *its* 501c3 tax exempt status thanks to the support of the UNC Law School in Chapel Hill NC. Growing a regional board with members in NC, SC, GA and AL has allowed SARN to recruit individual and organizational members throughout the South and beyond with a Facebook group of over 800 members and approximately 1,500 likes on a Facebook page established in 2016. Theresa El-Amin has over 1,000 Columbus friends on Facebook out of 5,000 friends worldwide. SARN uses Facebook to organize and fundraise.

3. **Project description and objectives:** Clearly state the project and objectives. SPICE and Columbus Organizing Together are components of the "Building a Village" project launched by SARN in 2012 to engage Muscogee County schools, parents, businesses and community members in efforts to end the school-to-prison pipeline and close the education achievement gap. Parent participation is the top factor impacting the success of children in school and reducing juvenile delinquency. Through SPICE and Columbus Organizing together (COT), collaborations to reduce poverty are forming. Meetings began in November 2019 bringing together nonprofits working to end poverty, recidivism and juvenile delinquency to prevent crime. Murders and other violent crimes are a major community concern. SPICE and COT are building relationships across the lines of race, generation, class and other traditional obstacles to collaboration. Nonprofits meeting together include Goodwill, United Way, Housing Authority, Greater Columbus Chamber and the faith-based Interdenominational Alliance.. During the COVID-19 pandemic, nonprofits named meet via Zoom to plan ways to work together on GED adult education, affordable housing and reducing poverty through economic development initiatives. The success of SPICE in reaching parents and students is especially important with schools closed. When schools reopen, students will need remedial support. SPICE will be active throughout the summer months providing Chromesbooks and academic tutoring. We are building the village it takes to raise a child.

4. **Target group:** Identify target groups for the project and how they will be selected. Collaborating with schools, public housing, elected officials, law enforcement, public health, mental health agencies we are connecting vulnerable populations with services and support they need. Students and their parents in the lowest performing schools including elementary and middle schools will be the primary beneficiaries of SPICE and community collaborations

to keep students in school and out of the school-to-prison pipeline.

5. **Expected outcome:** List and explain the expected outcome of the project or program.

Provide Chromebooks to families with children in MCSD who cannot afford them. Improved academic engagement in the classroom and at home. Increase parent participation in partnership with nonprofits committed to reducing poverty, connecting parents with resources addressing juvenile delinquency, affordable housing, and health disparities. Provide income to parents willing to teach other parents the benefits of participation. Reduction in out-of-school suspensions which are very high at the target schools.

6. **Success:** How will you assess the success of your program?

This will be our second year of successfully reaching parent with Chromebooks. The COVID-19 pandemic has provided new opportunities for broader community outreach with more participating partner to provide feedback. Parent assessment and evaluation forms are tools parent teachers will use as part of the curriculum. Also, MCSD has agreed to evaluate academic achievement and positive behavior of students who participate in the SPICE program. MCSD has been provided documentation of parents and students graduated 2019 and 2020.

7. **Participants:** Are the participants required to do anything specific, (for example,

attend religious services/training or pay a fee), to participate? If so, describe. Participation in sessions in scheduled sessions is required for families to receive Chromebooks in their home. Community outreach through COT is expected to involve juvenile and adults in mentoring relationship. SPICE computer literacy training is the core activity. Parents must accompany their child to each class for attendance to count.

8. **Significance:** Why is your program significant to the community?

Children reading (or not reading) at grade level by 3<sup>rd</sup> grade is a factor in determining the potential for increases in incarceration rates in communities. SPICE promotes early academic success and positive behavior. (COT) is a unique collaboration across the lines of race, gender, and class for the purpose of reducing poverty.

9. **Administered:** How will your project be administered? How is your organization qualified and/or qualified to carry out this project?

This will be our second year for the SPICE program. We are deepening community relationships with approximately 50 volunteers and collaborations with highly respected nonprofit agencies an experienced staff. SPICE Coordinator has been hired. Parents are taking the lead with SPICE. We are building a village.

10. **Reference:** Alan Harkness, *Chattahoochee Valley Libraries*.(support letter)

## E.CHECKLIST

Include one original signed copy of the



application and all supplementary materials. In addition include ten photocopies of the application and supplementary material. Staple each copy packet together.

IRS letter certifying tax-exempt status, (exempt if a government agency of the CCG)

Name and qualifications of people administering and/or participating in the project

Board list, showing officers, professional titles and telephone numbers

Annual Report if available

Audited financials if available

Letters of agreement from collaborating organizations

Any other desired support material

# AUTHORIZATION

**All organizations receiving Columbus Funds will be required:**

- To provide background checks at the expense of the applicant for those in contact with juveniles.
- Provide reports on the progress of the program before the 15<sup>th</sup> of every month and a final report by July 1 of the following year of the award date. The only exception to this will be if the program is seasonal and then a schedule will be worked out to determine effectiveness of the program.

By signing this application, we understand and agree to the terms included on the application and certify that the information in the application is true and accurate and that the undersigned is authorized to apply on behalf of the applicant.

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Signature of Authorizing Official

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Date



Signature of Board President/Chair

4-15-2020  
Date

Name and Title of Authorizing Official (print/type) Theresa El-Amin Chair  
Daytime Telephone (762) 821-1107 or (919) 824-065



**Southern Anti-Racism Network**-Activists Building Community  
Relationships in the South

**Mission Statement**

**SARN develops campaigns and projects in the South to end racial disparities in criminal justice, economic opportunities, education, environmental justice and health care. We're a network of activists who cross the lines of race, gender, class, age and immigration status to build community relationships in the South.**

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