



CITIZENS CRIME COMMISSION
OF NEW YORK CITY

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Crime Commission Announces Anti-Gang Violence Grant from The New York Community Trust

NEW YORK—Today the Citizens Crime Commission of New York City, announced the receipt of a grant from The New York Community Trust to help combat gang violence.

The Crime Commission will coordinate a working group of stakeholders to identify gaps in services and develop long-term solutions that address neighborhood level crime problems. In addition, the commission will facilitate forums for grantee organizations in communities in Brooklyn, Queens, and Manhattan, as well as the New York Public Housing Authority, providing an opportunity for organizations to learn from each other and broaden their understanding of successful strategies and remedies.

By engaging in dialogue with a broad range of stakeholders and conducting policy research and data analysis, the Crime Commission hopes to provide a thorough understanding of the scope of the problem and enhance each organization's capacity to successfully implement best practices to prevent gang violence in New York City.

"The New York Community Trust is confident that the Citizens Crime Commission will be able to successfully work with community groups to improve public safety and help abate the growing problem of gang violence. Serious problems require innovative solutions, and the Crime Commission has a solid record of turning ideas into action," said Roderick Jenkins, Program Officer at The New York Community Trust.

"The Crime Commission is truly grateful to The New York Community Trust for this extraordinary opportunity. We are committed to empowering community groups to effectively combat gang violence and turn the best ideas into real action. Working together, we can enhance the outstanding work of law enforcement and keep New Yorkers safe," said Richard Aborn, President of the Citizens Crime Commission.

Read more about The New York Community Trust's efforts to prevent gang violence:

<http://www.nycommunitytrust.org/Publications/GrantsNewsletters/OtherGrantsAug2012/tabid/692/Default.aspx>

The Citizens Crime Commission of New York City is a non-partisan non-profit organization working to make criminal justice and public safety policies and practices more effective through innovation, research, and education. In the last three decades, the Crime Commission has been a leader on key issues such as: increasing the size of the NYPD, expanding the use of DNA evidence in crime fighting, creating innovations that reduce juvenile crime, developing interventions against gun violence and illegal gun crime, and highlighting the changing nature of the threat of terrorism.

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