

# THE PEACEMAKER FELLOWSHIP

## (Urban Gun Violence Disruption Strategy)

### MISSION

Advance Peace is dedicated to ending cyclical and retaliatory gun violence in American urban neighborhoods by investing in the development, health, and wellbeing of those at the center of the crisis. The primary purpose of the Peacemaker Fellowship is to save lives by eliminating gun violence. The Fellowship provides responsive developmental services to young adults identified as most likely to be perpetrators and/or victims of gun violence. A priority of the Fellowship is to ensure greater connectivity to culturally responsive and empathetic human, social, and economic opportunities for young adults who are traditionally isolated from such services. Advance Peace equips urban communities most impacted by gun violence with the emotional intelligence necessary to thrive in peace.

### GOALS

- We provide recipients with considerable opportunity for personal, social, educational, and vocational growth and development.
- We promote peace through healthy resolutions to conflict and foster community wellbeing.
- We help participants remain alive and free of any new firearm charges and gun-related injuries.
- We help participants become leaders committed to living and promoting healthy and positive lifestyles.

### APPROACH

- Our approach offers a minimum 18-month, non-mandated, high-impact, personalized fellowship.
- Our approach utilizes evidence-based practices, is person-centered, and is assistive and collaborative with individual Fellows.
- Our approach encourages intensive engagement with individuals at the core of firearm conflicts in urban neighborhoods.
- We hire formerly incarcerated leaders as street outreach Neighborhood Change Agents focused on intervening in conflicts, preventing retaliation, brokering social services, and steering individuals away from violence toward more positive endeavors.
- We incorporate a public health approach to prevent gun violence by addressing the root conditions, such as trauma and drug addiction—not just the symptoms.

### ADMINISTRATION

- The Peacemaker Fellowship can be managed by Advance Peace or selected city stakeholders.
- Advance Peace identifies and secures up to \$500K per year over 4 years to implement and evaluate the Fellowship strategy in selected cities.
- Advance Peace requires a formal 4-year contract and a funding commitment of at least \$250K per year from selected cities.

### OUTCOMES

The Peacemaker Fellowship has been shown to:

- Reduce firearm assaults by 50% over a 4-year period
- Reduce firearm-related homicides by 50% over a 4-year period
- Reduce government costs associated with gun violence
- Dismantle urban war zones within and around selected cities