

Safe Summer – Funding Support

Enhancing Youth Programs through Accessible Funding at Veterans Plaza

July 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023

Dear Youth Safety Partner,

We have an exciting opportunity to enhance programming for youth this summer and through the fall. As you may be aware, Governor Moore announced his Safe Summer Initiative during which he stated,

“We are going to make the choice, the choice to act on public safety in a way that is robust, strategic, moves with an urgency that the issue demands, and in a way that doesn’t just react to crime, but prevents it”.

This dedicated fund is aimed at supporting youth programs on Veterans Plaza, a prominent youth destination in the heart of Silver Spring that attracts youth from Montgomery County, Prince George’s County, and other surrounding jurisdictions in Maryland. This funding addresses the need for affordable access to the plaza for organizations serving youth (13 to 25 years of age) which currently face financial barriers. This fund, administered by the Community Use of Public Facilities (CUPF), provides financial support, and promotes the accessibility of youth-focused programs in downtown Silver Spring. Open to groups that hold public events and activities on Veterans Plaza that benefit young people in our community.

APPLYING:

- If Safe Summer funding is awarded, the entire cost of the Reservation will be covered (100% of the Reservation Fee).

REQUIRED:

1. **SSCBVP APPLICATION FOR USE** must be submitted to book Veterans Plaza. CUPF staff will determine fees for dates, times, and rooms. The Operations Manager for the SSCBVP will determine if user is eligible for Safe Summer program funding support.
2. **ANSWER TO SAFE SUMMER QUESTIONS** must be submitted by a member of the group receiving the award authorized to make financial commitments on behalf of the group.
3. **FACILITY USE LICENSE AGREEMENT (FULA)** must be signed and user must comply with all applicable building use guidelines and policies.
4. **COPY OF APPLICANT’S PHOTO ID**, with current address, must be provided to CUPF.
5. **LIABILTY INSURANCE**
6. **AFTER EVENT HAS OCCURRED please submit A BRIEF REPORT TO THE OPERATIONS MANAGER (Eric.Rasch@montgomerycountymd.gov)**

Report should include:

- **Number of attendees (ages 13-25)**
- **A testimonial from the event day on the effectiveness of the event and the youth outreach**

TIMELINE:

- Incomplete applications will not be accepted or processed.
- All event dates approved must occur during the calendar year (July 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023).

1. Tell us about your organization and include website link.

2. How can the accessibility of Veterans Plaza be leveraged to effectively engage and support young people, particularly those who are among our most vulnerable, in meaningful ways?

3. Tell us about this event.

Please submit your Safe Summer Application to Eric Rasch, Operations Manager, Silver Spring Civic Building at Veterans Plaza.

**Please answer all questions above.
The Silver Spring Civic Building at Veterans Plaza team thanks you for your submission!**

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