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Chicago Police Department Announces “A Force for Good” Initiative Designed to Help Community Organizations Better Serve Chicago’s Neighborhoods

CHICAGO – Chicago Police Interim Superintendent John J. Escalante announced a Department initiative, first introduced in 2011, that will be adopted again this year. A Force for Good (FFG) Program is designed to build the capacity of community- and faith-based nonprofit organizations in high crime neighborhoods that provide services to help prevent and reduce violent crime.

FFG understands that community safety is maximized when the local organizations that work to reduce violence and increase public safety are healthy and intact. To achieve this goal, the FFG program offers support to strengthen the foundation and capacity of nonprofit community based organizations. Over a series of months, FFG members participate in a calendar of robust trainings, consultation, and technical assistance designed to help organizations grow and/or stabilize, and ultimately, expand their good work. All activities are grant supported so selected organizations are not charged to participate.

This effort is part of a broader focus on building the capacity of nonprofit community-based organizations throughout Chicago and is actively managed by the Chicago Police Department's Grants Unit and an Advisory Board, which includes representatives from CAPS (Chicago Alternative Policing Strategy), Chicago Area Project, Chicago Cares, Chicago Department of Family and Support Services, Chicago Department of Public Health, Forefront; Goodcity, Illinois Department of Human Services, University of Chicago-Chapin Hall, and FFG graduates Cabrini Connections, Chicago Lawndale AMACHI Mentoring Program, and IMPACT Family Center.

The deadline to submit applications has been extended to 12 Noon on Friday, April 1st. A fact sheet as well as the application can be downloaded from the Chicago Police Department's Community Links website at www.chicagopolice.org. Community- and faith-based organizations with questions regarding eligibility and requirements for this initiative can e-mail forceforgood@chicagopolice.org.

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