



Expanding Our Impact

Key updates from the AAA-ICDR Foundation for the third quarter of 2023 include Rapid Response Grants, an Arizona Town Hall forum, a NAPABA panel, and an in-depth webinar on the Dayton Mediation Response Unit.



Foundation Awards Grants for Alternative Approaches to Public Safety in Chicago and Memphis

The AAA-ICDR Foundation Board awarded \$100,000 in Rapid Response Grants to two organizations providing alternatives to law enforcement responses for public safety.

A \$50,000 grant was awarded to 901 Bloc Squad in Memphis, Tennessee to decrease youth gun violence in Memphis by engaging, empowering, and bridging the gap of at-risk youth and their families. The organization utilizes conflict resolution skills to prevent retaliatory violence, holds monthly youth round tables, provides mentoring, convenes mediations to address conflict, and much more.

A \$50,000 grant provided to Metropolitan Family Services in Chicago will help mobilize services to strengthen families and communities. They provide conflict resolution support in collaboration with hyper-local community-based organizations, Outreach Workers and Peacekeepers.

Learn more in the [Grant Announcement](#).

Bridging Divides to Build Community Event in Arizona



“Bridging Divides to Build Community” is a two-day conference, being held September 29-30 in Arizona. The event was funded by a 2023 Foundation grant to Arizona Town Hall. They designed this program to empower individuals to overcome the differences

that divide them and find ways to build community. Community members from diverse backgrounds and perspectives will engage in interactive discussions on the pressing challenges of political and social polarization.

To learn more or register, visit [Arizona Town Hall](#).



Join the AAA-ICDR Foundation at the NAPABA Annual Convention in November

The Foundation will be moderating a panel, titled *Leading from Any Seat: Empowering Your Community with the Legal and Structural Framework to Proactively Unite Against Hate*, November 11, 2023 at 9:15 a.m. at the Annual Convention of the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA).

The Foundation's 2021 Rapid Response Grants supported programs to combat rising hate in the United States against Asian American and Pacific Islander communities. This panel invites attendees to take part in this vital conversation along with three leading organizations and Foundation grant recipients working to combat anti-Asian hate, Asian Americans Advancing Justice, Asian Pacific American Dispute Resolution Center, and the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association.

To register for the NAPABA Annual Convention [here](#).

AAA-ICDR Foundation Grantee Webinar: Dayton Mediation Response Unit



Watch an informative webinar on Dayton, Ohio's Mediation Response Unit (MRU). The MRU is an alternative emergency response program that dispatches trained mediators to respond to lower emergent 911/police calls for the City of Dayton. Since May 23, 2022, the MRU has responded to over 1,500 calls for service in the Dayton community.

The webinar provides an overview of the MRU presented by the program coordinator and driving force behind this groundbreaking work, Raven Cruz Loaiza and key advice for those seeking to implement similar programs in their communities. The AAA-ICDR Foundation has awarded two grants totaling \$400,000 to expand the MRU.

Watch the webinar [here](#).



Annual Grant Cycle Application Period Closed

On September 8, the Foundation's application period for the 2024 Annual Grants Cycle closed—receiving nearly 100 applications. The Foundation sought proposals between \$50,000 and \$250,000 for programs utilizing alternative dispute resolution to address the Foundation's priorities. After an initial review, a limited number of organizations will be invited to submit a detailed proposal for funding consideration.

For more information on the annual grant cycle and to see what we've funded visit [Annual Grant Cycle](#) and [What We've Funded](#).

Help Amplify the AAA-ICDR Foundation on Social Media!

With your help, we can further advance the mission of the AAA-ICDR Foundation. Our updated step-by-step guide will show you how you can help the Foundation's efforts, by following and sharing our social media content.

To download the guide, please click [here](#).

Funding for the Foundation

The Foundation is funded primarily by the AAA-ICDR and its Roster of Arbitrators and Mediators. Last year, the AAA-ICDR contributed over \$1.7 million to the Foundation, in monetary and in-kind contributions. AAA-ICDR Arbitrators and Mediators contributed over \$600,000 by opting to donate half their panel fees and beyond. The Foundation greatly appreciates the ongoing, generous support of the AAA-ICDR, and the AAA-ICDR Panel. Donors who contribute at the \$1,000 or \$2,000 levels are recognized as Leadership Donors and Chair's Circle Donors, respectively. To make a contribution, please visit the [Donate](#) page on the Foundation's website.

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