



City of Milwaukee Grant Analysis Form

DEPARTMENT/DIVISION (GrantAnalysisForm.rtf)	LIBRARY
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CATEGORY OF REQUEST	New Grant
PROJECT/PROGRAM TITLE	MPL Restorative Justice Practice: Circle Keeping Initiative
GRANTOR AGENCY	Institute of Museum and Library Services
GRANT APPLICATION DATE	06/28/2021
ANTICIPATED AWARD DATE	10/22/2021
GRANT SUMMARY	The Milwaukee Public Library in Wisconsin will implement a program to provide youth with increased communication and conflict resolution skills. The library will hire a full-time Circle Keeping consultant to lead biweekly youth programs at all of its locations, giving special focus to programming at three branches located in under resourced neighborhoods. The Circle Keeping practice develops community and builds relationships to create trust and help people work together, and the consultant also will facilitate the training of library staff in this practice. The program will address behavioral issues caused by the stress of the pandemic and help the library restore a sense of community in an increasingly disconnected world.
EXPECTED OUTCOME	Ultimately, CKI has the potential to become a crucial piece in a citywide model of restorative practices in order to intentionally build meaningful connections between people in Milwaukee and shift away from a culture that responds to harm with punishment. MPL intends to put these ideals into practice by creating a structure through which we can address issues in the library through mediation, rather than telling patrons they must leave, or calling

	911, when behavioral issues arise. MPL seeks to build and sustain the infrastructure that will support people in addressing unmet needs, motivate accountability, and cultivate both healing and repair for relationships. Seen throughout the city as a neutral space, MPL locations provide a safe community environment for CKI and an introduction to these practices.
CONTINUATION:	None.
EXPECTED START DATE:	11/01/2021
EXPECTED END DATE:	10/31/2022
EXPECTED GRANT AMOUNT:	\$50,000.00
FUNDING SOURCE:	Federal
LEVERAGE:	\$0.00
MATCH:	\$74,443.12