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Talia Rivera Named Executive Director of Largest Gun Violence Prevention Funder Collaborative

The nation's largest funder collaborative focused on gun violence prevention (GVP) has named its first-ever full-time Executive Director, Talia Rivera (she/her). Rivera, a native of Boston, comes to the [Fund for a Safer Future](#) with a wealth of experience in philanthropy and community violence interventions. Her appointment is part of the Fund's expansion as the need and opportunity for gun violence prevention continue to grow.

"We are thrilled to have Talia lead the Fund into this new era of impact as we support groups working to reduce gun violence," said Dylan Hoos, COO of the Johnson Family Foundation, a member of the Fund's executive committee, and chair of the Executive Director search committee. "Talia's experience in community organizing and in managing funder groups makes her exactly the leader that the Fund, and the broader GVP community, needs now."

In 2019, Talia was appointed by former mayor Martin J. Walsh as Director of the City of Boston's gang intervention program, SOAR Boston. Talia has held positions as a community organizer, mobilizing residents, non-profit and faith-based sectors to advance solutions that address environmental factors associated with community violence.

Steeped in knowledge and practice involving grassroots organizing and grantmaking, Talia served as Director of Connectivity and Learning at Boston Rising — an anti-poverty fund, where she co-founded the [Grove Hall Trust](#), a resident-led neighborhood foundation that makes small grants to residents to strengthen community.

As Member Relations Director at the Council on Foundations, Talia deepened member relationships across more than 130 philanthropic organizations throughout New England. She

also served the Council as Director of Private Philanthropy, where she curated learning, development and training for private and family foundations nationally.

“I am thrilled to be chosen as the Fund’s first full-time Executive Director,” said Rivera. “I look forward to working closely with our members and the gun violence prevention field to realize a country where everyone is safe from gun violence.”

Rivera began her tenure with the Fund for a Safer Future on September 6, 2022.

[The Fund for a Safer Future](#) is the only national donor collaborative exclusively focused on reducing gun violence in America. Composed of 35 diverse private foundations and individual philanthropists, FSF pools expertise and financial resources to support advocacy, research, education, and community-based organizing strategies designed to reduce gun injuries and deaths. The Fund directly invests approximately \$3 million a year across six priority focus areas, and its funding partners have made more than \$135 million in aligned grants since 2011. Find out more at www.fundforasaferfuture.org.

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