Princeton BDI’s practical **Community Toolkit** provides resources for local leaders and citizens to empower their community, prevent political violence, and respond to incidents that do arise. The toolkit combines lessons from international best practice with domestic expertise of US emergency management, faith-based, and community-building networks.

- **Problem:** As we witness heightened political tensions and resurgent political violence in the United States, **local leaders and peacebuilders are seeking resources** to respond in their own communities.

- **Our Solution:** BDI helps **local peacebuilders and leaders better prepare and integrate conflict prevention best practices into all aspects of their work**, planning for and mitigating violence before it starts.

- **Our Model:** BDI’s Community Toolkit is an easy to digest and use document that **breaks down risk analysis and mitigation into more manageable steps**, empowering local leaders to take a more community-wide approach in thinking about political violence and building links to the broader community. Flexible, customized technical assistance helps leaders put the guide into practice, while linking to other existing resources and networks doing the same.

- **The Impact:** And if violence does occur, communities are better prepared to immediately respond, resist escalation, and recover together - while **leaving open the window for long term reconciliation**.

**Timeline:**

Given the timeline for community-wide engagement and national trends ahead of the November 2020 election, BDI has started initial research and scoping with pro bono support. With secure funding, BDI would bring the project to scale through a rapid drafting, testing, and iterative pilot process - targeting fully public resources and available technical assistance by no later than February 2020.

**Cost:**

Building on existing resources and infrastructure at Princeton, BDI can run a full program and provide robust, targeted technical assistance to communities through the 2020 election cycle for $250k. Additional partnerships and funding would allow the BDI team to more fully support national policy.