Neighborhood Safety Fund

Ordinance No. 486-2023

Grants for programs and interventions serving Cleveland residents by addressing the root causes of violence.



This is about having a comprehensive strategy in the city to address violent crime **before it starts.**"

- Mayor Justin M. Bibb

Defining the Issue — Levels of Violence Prevention

Three types of Prevention



Primary Prevention – Prevention "upstream"



Secondary Prevention – Intervention

Tertiary Prevention – Response



Primary Prevention

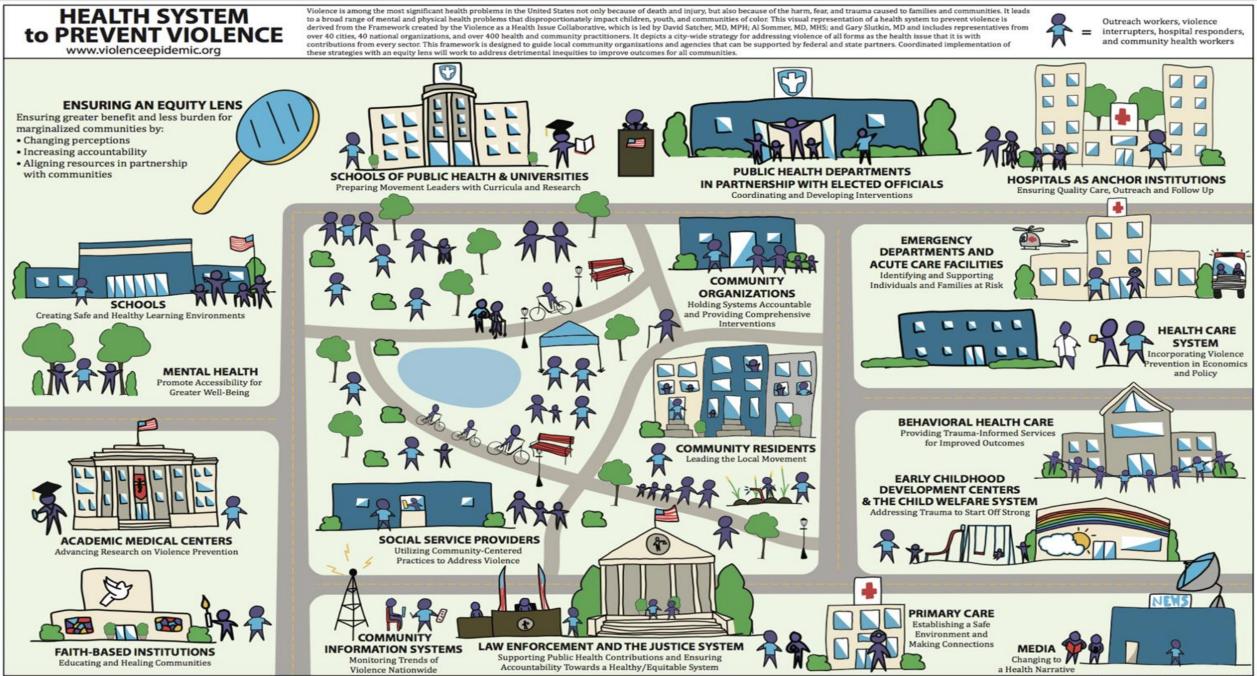
- Intervention *before* the health outcomes in this case violence occurs
- Addresses social determinants of health (SDoH) as they relate to violence
- Changing behaviors, such as conditions that contribute to conflict
- Focus on building safe and violence-free communities and social cohesion

Secondary Prevention

- · Early identification and intervention
- Identify and address at-risk communities and individuals
- Slow the progression and spread of violence through intervention
- Focus during early stages to try to defer or reduce the severity of an outcome

Tertiary Prevention

- Responding after the violence occurs
- · Focus on improving outcomes and quality of life
- Managing immediate and long-term effects of violence for individuals, families and neighborhoods
- Slow the progression repeat offenses



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Violence Prevention Interventions ——

City of Cleveland's Whole Government Approach



Delivers programs and interventions that supports systems involved individuals. This includes but is not limited to community reentry, youth diversion, and community intervention and interruption.



Promotes healthy behavior, protects the environment, and prevents disease making our communities healthy places to live, visit, work, and play. This includes but is not limited to hosting the city's strategy for crisis care response.



Institutes broad-based efforts to address the root-causes of violence to improve the overall health, well-being, and quality of life outcomes for youth, their families, and their communities. Additionally, PIO is stewarding the process, development, and sustainability of the Mayor's comprehensive violence prevention plan.

Neighborhood Resource + Rec Center

Operates city NRRC's pools, and outdoor complexes that provide recreational opportunities for people of all ages.

Public Safety

Coordinates the services of the city's public safety divisions to facilitate and preserve a safe city for those who live, work, and play in the City of Cleveland.

Whole of Government Approach —

The Mayor's Office of **Prevention, Intervention** & **Opportunity**

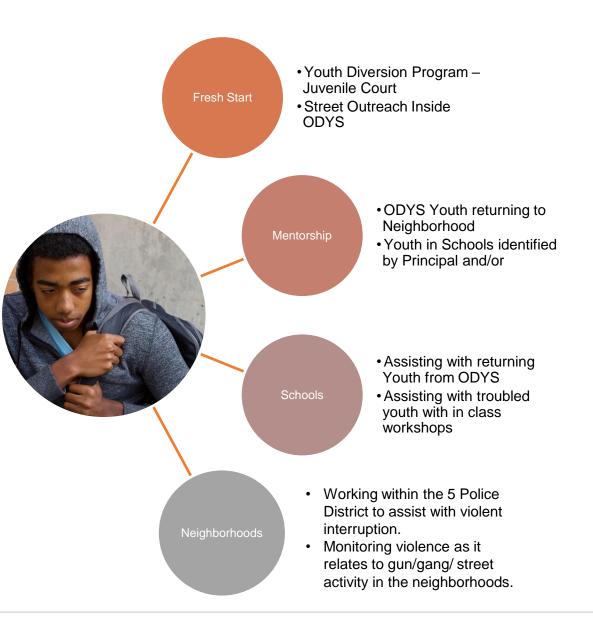
The Mayor's Office of Prevention, Intervention, and Opportunity (PIO) partners across all public systems, nonprofit, business, and philanthropy to make Cleveland a place where all people can thrive.



Whole of Government Approach -

The City of Cleveland's **Community Relations Board (CRB)**

CRB delivers programs and interventions that supports systems involved individuals. This includes but is not limited to community reentry, youth diversion, and community intervention and interruption.



Whole of Government Approach —

Collaboration

- Diversion: Fresh Start Program
- Reentry: Parole officers, CRB mentors and assigned Social Support Services Specialists providing support for youth preparing to leave facilities and reenter the community.
- Youth Employment: Targeted 5-week leadership program.
- Youth & Family Support: Collaboration on SAMHSA grant to fund additional services for system involved youth and young adults.



This holistic approach is one of the ways to prevent crime and give our youth the opportunities they deserve.





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Youth Violence Intervention Prevention (VIP) Partners

Violence Interrupters

- MyCom: Change Seekers
- Peacemakers Hospitals

Intervention

- Peacemakers school in-reach programming
- Greater Cleveland Interfaith Alliance out of school time

Prevention

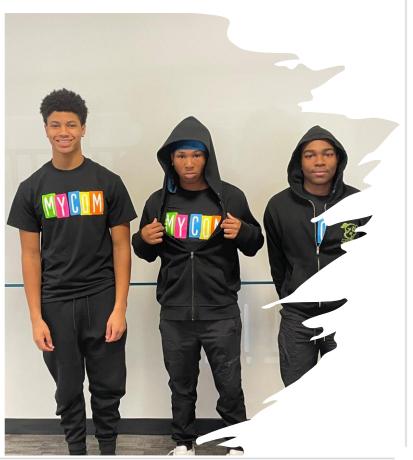
- MyCom expanded learning research, quality & evaluation, professional development (Intermediary Team, Starting Point, Y.O.U.)
- Peacemakers Safe Passages
- Partnership for a Safer Cleveland community convenings, STANCE
- MyCom: Icons –Middle school
- MyCom: Peace in the Hood –Art therapy, Entrepreneurship
- Change Seekers: Brotherhood Breakfast, Safe Passages
- MyCom: Ministry of Reconciliation-in school staffing support



Cleveland Foundation —

10-year Violence Intervention Prevention Funding

- Arts Education/Mastery **\$13.8M**
- MyCom Staffing, Professional Development, Youth Employment **\$46.6M**
- Out of School Time Programming **\$2.8M**
- Violence Intervention and Prevention **\$10.3M**





Neighborhood Safety Fund — Why We Need this Fund?

- Poverty and sustained drivers for poor health and quality of life conditions are ravishing our neighborhoods and leading to violence
- To improve coordination of current interventions, increase accountability, and address duplication and gaps in services
- End the constant cycle of start and stops due to unsustained funding



Neighborhood Safety Fund — How it Works?

Cleveland's one time ARPA investment of \$10M will create a fund that exists in perpetuity with (estimated) grant making of roughly \$500,000 per year for violence prevention across the city.

This investment will be used to establish a fund, hosted at The Cleveland Foundation (TCF), to support evolving neighborhood safety initiatives in perpetuity.

Annual Assumptions

- Based on market conditions, average 6% rate of return (about \$550,000)
- 5% grantmaking (about \$488 \$500,000)
- 0.75% Administration fee (roughly \$74,000)

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Grantmaking Structure

Advisory Committee

This Committee will ensure that funding is utilized to address violence prevention from a public health and equity perspective. Committee will have 9 – 11 seats including representation from the stakeholder groups below:

- Cleveland City Council
- Cleveland City Administration
- Impacted Residents
- Stakeholder Experts
- Other government entities and/or philanthropy*

Grant-Making Process

Cleveland Foundation (TCF) staff will facilitate a Request for Proposals (RFP) application and review process.

Processes will be guided by the principles and priorities established via the Violence Prevention Strategic Plan, as amended from time to time, with approval by the Advisory Committee.

Advisory Committee will have the opportunity to review and approve funding recommendations.

TCF staff will utilize our internal processes for program monitoring (e.g., mid- and final-impact reports, site visits, etc.).

* Contingent on a financial contribution to the Neighborhood Safety Fund.

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Grantmaking Guidelines

Eligible Applicants & Guidelines

Nonprofit 501c3 organizations, organizations with a nonprofit fiscal sponsor, or specific City departments using best-practices within the eligible geography (City of Cleveland).

Organizations may use funds for, but are not limited to:

- Piloting new evidence-based programming
- Operations of current programming
- Program planning
- Capital

Funding may not be used for:

- Policing equipment or tactics
- Programs without diversified or sustainable revenue strategies
- Proposals or projects not in alignment with the City's Violence Prevention Strategic Plan

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Grantmaking Process

Once the funds are received by TCF and the Advisory Committee membership is confirmed, below is a **general estimation** of the time from launch of the Advisory Committee to distribution of funding. Please note, startup time will not be required in future cycles.

Step One: Startup

Seat Advisory Committee; facilitate launch meeting. Utilize City's Violence Prevention Strategic Plan for TCF to craft a Request for Proposals (RFP).

Step Two: RFP Distribution & Technical Assistance

Distribute the RFP publicly, giving applicants roughly 4-6 weeks to submit an application. During that time, host a Technical Assistance session for interested applicants.

Step Three: Application Review

TCF to review applications based on organization eligibility and alignment with the Violence Prevention Strategic Plan.

Step Four: Advisory Committee Discussion

TCF to prepare a slate of recommended organizations for Advisory Committee review. Facilitate Advisory Committee meeting to discuss TCF's recommendations. Secure approval of recommendations.

Step Five: Processing Payment

Once approved, begin internal Award and payment processes; making payment takes about a week.

General estimate for illustrative purposes. Total time from receipt of funds to distribution is approximately 4.5 months

Neighborhood Safety Fund — Community Need

John Marshall High School students walk out to protest gun violence

Students and community groups spoke against gun violence and relaxed gun laws at student-organized event.



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Cleveland City Council considering investing in violence prevention

Ideastream Public Media | By Matthew Richmond Published March 31, 2023 at 6:43 PM EDT

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New push to keep Cleveland students safe includes neighborhood support

Partnerships with Cleveland Police, GCRTA, MyCom and community organizations aim to increase safety for students before and after school.

by Paul Rochford April 13, 2023

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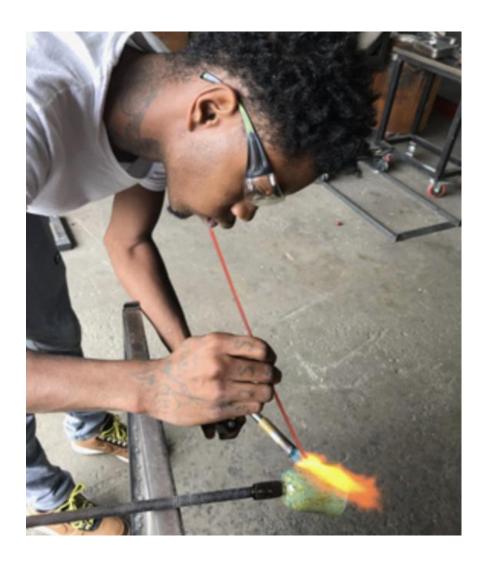
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We need to **invest** in violence prevention in the annual budget much more than we are.

- Councilwoman Stephanie Howse

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Potential Programs & Interventions









We define violence as the intentional use of physical force or power, threatened or actual, against oneself, another person, or against a group or community, which either results in or has a high likelihood of resulting in injury, death, psychological harm, maldevelopment, or deprivation.

- WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION

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Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

- 1. What are the names of the entities that this agreement will be funding? Organizations to receive Neighborhood Safety Fund investment will be determined via an RFP process with guidance, review, and approval by the Fund's Advisory Committee.
- 2. Are there assigned neighborhoods that the funds will be going to? No. Funds will be available to support interventions and programs for the entire city.
- 3. What dollar amount will each entity receive per year and in total? Each entity will have an opportunity to submit a proposal based on an RFP process. Amount of money available annually will guide the amount of money each can receive.
- 4. What will they be doing? Each entity that applies for funds will execute the deliverables identified in their proposal. Interventions and programs using evidence based and informed practices to reduce and prevent violence like mental health services, youth and young adult programs, employment, community violence interruption, and suicide prevention.
- 5. **How will "success" be determined or defined?** Each entity will be expected to reach the impact described in their proposals. They will also have site visits and resident feedback included in the review process.
- 6. **How will the funded entities coordinate with other violence prevention entities?** The comprehensive citywide plan for violence prevention (pending Ord. 99-2023 approval) will outline a set of common goals for the city. These entities will be expected to submit proposals and plan interventions that are aligned with that plan. The entities will be part of the city's violence prevention efforts and engage with the city's departments and offices engaged in violence prevention including but not limited to CRB, PIO, Health Dept, NRRC's, and Public Safety.

Public Health Approach -Fund Impact

This fund can provide sustained support for a public health approach to violence reduction and prevention. Money that will be used to fund projects across city neighborhoods based on need and evidence informed practices.





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