

NATIONAL OFFICES OF
VIOLENCE PREVENTION
NETWORK

— REPORT —



Introduction

The National Institute for Criminal Justice Reform (NICJR), along with its staff and partners, has worked to create and provide technical assistance to OVPs throughout the country for more than 15 years. Over the past 18 months, NICJR has worked closely with a group of OVP Directors to plan the creation of this National OVP Network. NICJR is partnering with Advance Peace to lead this national initiative, as well as the Center for American Progress and Cities United. Our premise is that safety should not be the exclusive responsibility of policing and the criminal system. Investments should be made in less invasive interventions, prevention, and in promoting healthy lifestyles and communities.

In early 2020, NICJR surveyed more than 20 current OVP and local violence prevention focused government agencies. There was consensus that a national network to learn and exchange information would be very helpful. Cities and counties small and large responded to the survey and agreed to participate in the network, including Oakland and Los Angeles, CA; Indianapolis, IN; New York City, NY; Newark, NJ; Washington, DC; and many more.

The National OVP Network serves as a learning community with the goal of significantly increasing the expertise and effectiveness of these city agencies. The Network hosts convenings, provides trainings and presentations on effective violence reduction practices, coordinates cross OVP learning exchanges and site visits, offers leadership and management development, and supports OVPs in growing capacity in data collection and reporting, fund development, and communications/media relations. The network also supports the creation of new OVPs in cities interested in developing such agencies.

At the request of National OVP Network members, NICJR conducted a scan of the network which includes a brief survey of the jurisdictions. The following is a landscape scan of many of the government agencies that participate in the Network. With cities and counties creating new OVPs (also known by many other names, like Office of Neighborhood Safety) the National OVP Network has grown to more than 30 jurisdictions, and NICJR will continue to expand on this initial assessment to include the new members. The survey answered by some of the jurisdictions profiled in this report did not include recent temporary budget increases from the American Rescue Plan Act.



National OVP Network Agencies

	Jurisdiction	Population ⁶	OVP Annual Budget	OVP FTEs
1	Baltimore, MD	593,490	\$24,865,050	16
2	Charlotte, NC	885,708	\$400,000	1
3	Chicago, IL	2,693,976	\$30,000,000	10
4	Clay, Duval, & Nassau Counties, FL	1,264,060 ⁷	\$26,939,156	320
5	Indianapolis, IN	876,384	\$12,001,761	23
6	Los Angeles, CA	3,979,576	\$28,000,000	15
7	Louisville, KY	617,638	\$4,300,000	11
8	Los Angeles County, CA	10,039,107	\$5,000,000	20
9	Milwaukee, WI	590,157	\$2,500,000	9
10	Minneapolis, MN	429,606	\$6,900,000	15
11	New York City, NY	8,336,817	\$75,000,000	20
12	Oakland, CA	433,031	\$16,000,000	17.80
13	Philadelphia, PA	1,584,064	\$10,000,000	10
14	Portland, OR	654,741	\$1,500,000	4
15	Richmond, CA	110,567	\$4,200,000	18
16	San Bernardino, CA	215,784	\$500,000	1
17	South Bend, IN	102,026	\$550,000	4
18	Stockton, CA	312,697	\$1,900,000	14
19	Washington, D.C.	705,749	\$10,355,232	35
20	State of Washington	7,614,893	\$421,000	1

⁶Most population data is from census.gov.

⁷ <https://www.floridasupremecourt.org/content/download/811045/opinion/sc21-1543.pdf>

Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement

Baltimore, MD

Mayor's Office

ANNUAL
BUDGET

\$24,865,050

STAFF SIZE

16

SERVICES
PROVIDED

- Provides grants to CBOs
- Provides direct services with OVP staff
- Coordinates violence prevention activities
- Supports policy development

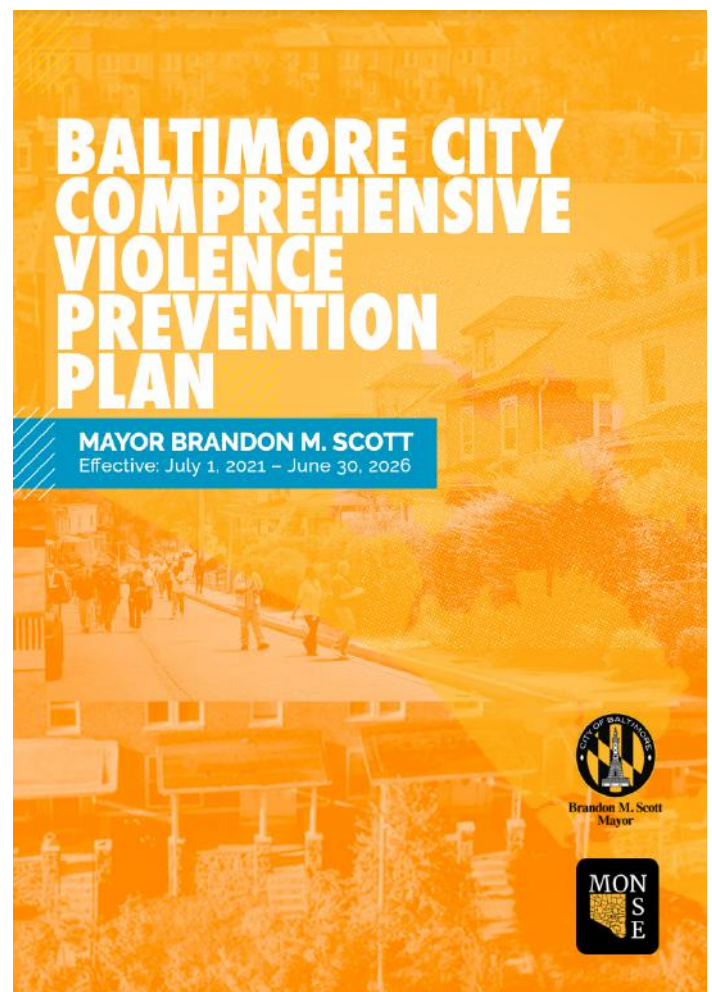
PRIMARY FUNDING
SOURCE

- General fund
- Federal grants



Baltimore, MD:

The Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement (MONSE) in the City of Baltimore was created in 2020 and has an annual budget of \$24,865,050. This organization replaced the Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice. There are 16 positions in the MONSE. Funding sources include the City's General Fund and federal grants. MONSE is housed within the Mayor's Office and is guided by the Mayor's vision for the City and rooted in a holistic approach to neighborhood health and safety. The Office empowers community partners and public agencies to play a more active role to increase public safety, prevent violence, and promote healing through an equity-based, healing-centered, and trauma-informed approach for the benefit of all who live and spend time in Baltimore. Strategies of this approach, such as 10 Cure Violence/ Safe Streets sites and a hospital-based violence intervention program, have been implemented in the City. GVI, a coordinated shooting response with Cities United, and a trauma bus are all currently in the works. The MONSE provides grants to CBOs, provides direct services with OVP staff, coordinates violence prevention activities, and supports policy development. In July 2021, the Mayor and MONSE released a [comprehensive violence prevention plan](#). MONSE recently received a \$50,000,000 3-year investment of ARPA funds.



Office of Violence Prevention

Charlotte, NC/ Mecklenburg
County, NC

Public Health Department

ANNUAL
BUDGET

\$400,000

STAFF SIZE

1



Charlotte/Mecklenburg
County, NC

SERVICES
PROVIDED

- Coordinates violence prevention activities

PRIMARY FUNDING
SOURCE

- General fund

Charlotte, NC:

The Office of Violence Prevention (OVP) in Mecklenburg County in the City of Charlotte was created in 2020 and has an annual budget of \$400,000. There is one funded FTE staff member, and the Office's funding source is the City's General Fund.

The OVP is housed in the Mecklenburg County Public Health Department. The OVP's mission is to coordinate and support violence prevention efforts countrywide. In conjunction with the City of Charlotte, the OVP is launching a Cure Violence program in 2021.



Office of Violence Reduction

Chicago, IL

Mayor's Office

ANNUAL
BUDGET

\$30,000,000

STAFF SIZE

10

SERVICES
PROVIDED

- Provides grants to CBOs
- Provides direct services with OVP staff
- Coordinates violence prevention activities
- Supports policy development
- Conducts research

PRIMARY FUNDING
SOURCE

- General fund
- Special tax
- Grant fund



Chicago, IL:

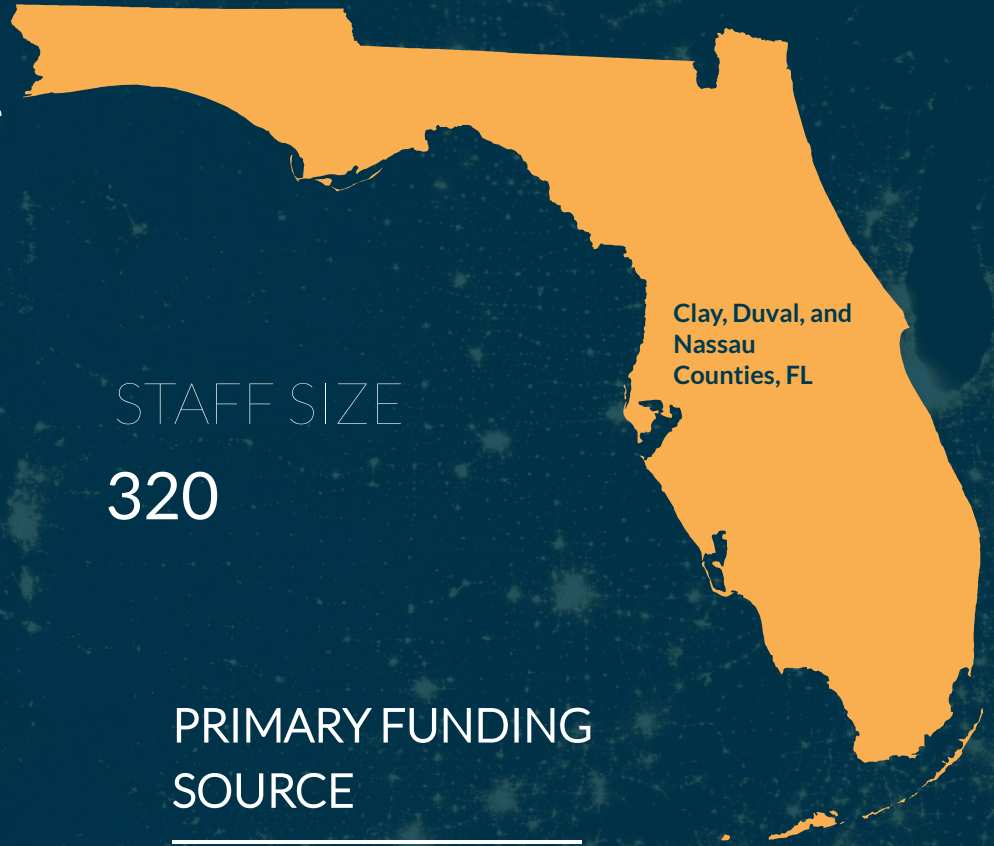
The Office of Violence Reduction in the City of Chicago was created in 2019 and has an annual budget of \$30,000,000. There are 10 staff members and the Office's funding sources include the City's General Fund, special tax funds, and grant funds. The Office of Violence Reduction is housed within the Mayor's Office. The Office's mission is to reduce violence in Chicago with an immediate emphasis on 15 priority areas identified based on the highest victimization rates. Street outreach strategies and victim services have been implemented to date. Strategies such as violence interruption, case management, employment assistance, fellowship opportunities, and hospital-based violence interventions are all in use by the Office and/or the City. The Office provides grants to CBOs, provides direct services with OVP staff, coordinates violence prevention activities, supports policy development, and conducts research. The Office was developed through several community conversations that were held with local civic leaders and community based organizations. Ongoing community engagement efforts include the Violence Reduction Planning Process where meetings are convened with community leaders to get their input on the implementation of the City's violence reduction plan. The Office's Summer Safety Strategy is an effort to implement an all-government and community response to address the fifteen most violent police beats. Community partners are engaged and provide input throughout the process.



Office of the State Attorney for the Fourth Judicial Circuit of Florida

Clay, Duval, and Nassau Counties, FL

State of Florida's Justice Administration Commission



ANNUAL BUDGET

\$26,939,156

STAFF SIZE

320

SERVICES PROVIDED

- Coordinates violence prevention activities
- Supports policy development

PRIMARY FUNDING SOURCE

- City's General Fund
- Grant fund
- Federal grants
- Local grants
- Trust funds appropriated by the Florida legislature

Clay, Duval, and Nassau Counties, FL:

The Office of the State Attorney for the Fourth Judicial Circuit of Florida was established in 1886 and has an annual budget of \$26,939,156. There are 320 funded FTEs, with 310 currently filled. Funding sources for the Office include the City's General Fund, grant fund, federal grants, local grants, and trust funds appropriated by the Florida legislature. The Office is housed in the State of Florida's Justice Administration Commission. The mission of the State Attorney's Office is to pursue justice for the citizens of the Fourth Judicial Circuit of Florida and to fairly and impartially enforce the law. One of the main violence prevention and reduction strategies the Office has implemented is the Crime Gun Intelligence Center. It involves investigators working with law enforcement on targeted gang/group intelligence and deployments, supporting custom notifications and call-ins, and tracking cyclical violent victim-offender interactions. The Center also assisted in the launch of a Cure Violence site in Jacksonville, FL and is currently advocating for a Young Adult Court (YAC) modeled after the YAC in San Francisco, CA as well as an OVP site in Jacksonville, FL. GVI, street outreach, mentoring, case management, employment assistance, and hospital-based violence intervention are all in use by the Office and/or the City. The Office coordinates violence prevention activities and supports policy development. Ongoing community engagement efforts include the Community Crimes Strategy Unit that mirrors community prosecution best



practices, a full-time Community Engagement Coordinator that oversees outreach and relationship-building efforts across all three counties, and the employment of a Smart Justice Coordinator that strives to apply smart justice solutions in the 4th Judicial Circuit.

Office of Public Health and Safety

Indianapolis, IN

Mayor's Office

ANNUAL
BUDGET

\$12,001,761

STAFF SIZE

23



SERVICES PROVIDED

- Provides grants to CBOs
- Provides direct services with OVP staff
- Coordinates violence prevention activities

PRIMARY FUNDING SOURCE

- General fund
- Federal grants

Indianapolis, IN:

The Office of Public Health and Safety (OPHS) was created in 2018 in Indianapolis, Indiana and has an annual budget of \$12,001,761. Due to increased funding from The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), OPHS will see an additional \$27,500,000 per year for the next three years in violence reduction programming as well as other public health efforts. There are 23 staff members currently, which is due to grow in 2021-2022. Funding sources for the Office are from the City's General Fund as well as federal grants. OPHS is housed in the Mayor's Office, with the Director of OPHS reporting directly to the Mayor. The agency's mission is to manage grants and reduce gun violence through initiatives such as a Gun Violence Reduction Strategy (GVRS) as well as support initiatives in mental health, food, housing/homelessness, and reentry. OPHS currently employs 5 resource coordinators and contracts with the Indy Public Safety Foundation (IPSF) to hire Violence Interrupters and Life Coaches, with plans to expand to 50 outreach workers. The Office provides grants to CBOs, provides direct services, and coordinates violence prevention activities. Community engagement efforts included taking into account feedback from Community Resource District Councils and other neighborhood associations.



Office of Public Health and Safety

Mayor's Office of Gang Reduction and Youth Development

Los Angeles, CA

Mayor's Office

ANNUAL
BUDGET

\$28,000,000

STAFF SIZE

15

SERVICES PROVIDED

- Provides grants to CBOs
- Provides direct services with OVP staff
- Coordinates violence prevention activities
- Supports policy development
- Conducts research

Los Angeles,
CA

PRIMARY FUNDING SOURCE

- General fund
- State and federal grants

Los Angeles, CA:

The City of Los Angeles Mayor's Office of Gang Reduction and Youth Development (GRYD) was created in 2007 and has an annual budget of \$28,000,000. There are 15 staff members in the agency. Funding sources for the Office are from the City's General Fund and state and federal grants. GYRD is housed in the Mayor's Office. GRYD's mission is to address gang violence in a comprehensive manner.¹

Prevention, intervention, crisis response, violence interruption, case management, employment assistance, and hospital-based violence interventions are all in use by GYRD. The Office primarily provides grants to local CBOs, but also provides direct services with GRYD staff. The Office also coordinates violence prevention activities, supports policy development, and conducts research. Ongoing community engagement efforts include Summer Night Lights, Fall Friday Nights, and reentry and diversion programs.



¹<https://www.lagryd.org>

Mayor's Office for Safe and Healthy Neighborhoods

Louisville, KY

Mayor's Office

ANNUAL
BUDGET

\$4,300,000

STAFF SIZE

27



Louisville, KY

SERVICES
PROVIDED

- Provides grants to CBOs
- Provides direct services with OVP staff
- Coordinates violence prevention activities
- Supports policy development

PRIMARY FUNDING
SOURCE

- General fund
- Local foundation funds
- Grant fund

Louisville, KY:

The Mayor's Office for Safe and Healthy Neighborhoods (OSHN) was established in 2013 in Louisville, Kentucky and has an annual budget of approximately \$4,300,000. There are currently 27 staff members in the Office, and the agency's funding sources include the City's General Fund, local foundation funds, and a grant fund. The Office is housed within the Mayor's Office. The agency's mission is to address violence from its roots to its fruit by working collaboratively with and within communities to develop and deploy strategies for violence prevention that are comprehensive, socially just, evidence-based, and grounded in the public health approach. The Office has three strategic initiatives: Strategic Engagement and Outreach, Community Mobilization for Violence Prevention, and Violence Prevention Innovation & Institutionalization. Hospital-based Violence Intervention, Cure Violence, and GVI have all been implemented by the Office. Initiatives such as CeaseFire, case management, and hospital-based violence intervention are all in use by the Office and/or the City. The Office provides grants to CBOs, provides direct services with OVP staff, coordinates violence prevention activities, and conducts policy development. In the development of the Office, workgroups consisting of 10-25 people that represented each of the highly affected communities were consulted for violence prevention strategic planning. Ongoing community engagement efforts include general community outreach where staff canvass, facilitate peace walks, and engage in community-based activities that build social cohesion. The Office's Ambassador Institute facilitates Community Mobilization for Violence Prevention through capacity building, education, advocacy, and action. It includes conflict resolution, youth mental health first aid, a public health approach to violence prevention, and community organization. Individuals who complete the Institute program are invited to participate in the Ambassador workgroups that create violence prevention projects in communities. The Institute also oversees Networking Nights, or opportunities for community members and community-based organizations to network around a particular violence-related topic.

Office of Violence Prevention

Los Angeles County, CA

Public Health Department

ANNUAL
BUDGET
\$5,000,000

STAFF SIZE
20

SERVICES PROVIDED

- Provides grants to CBOs
- Coordinates violence prevention activities
- Supports policy development

Los Angeles,
CA

PRIMARY FUNDING SOURCE

- Special tax

Los Angeles County, CA:

The Los Angeles County Office of Violence Prevention in Los Angeles, CA was created in February of 2019 and has an annual budget of \$5,000,000. There are 20 staff members in the agency currently. The funding source for the Office is a grant from a local parcel tax that funds the County's trauma hospital system. The agency itself is housed in the Los Angeles County Public Health Department. The Department's mission is to strengthen coordination, capacity, and partnerships to address the root causes of violence, to advance policies and practices that are grounded in race equity, to prevent all forms of violence, and to promote healing across all communities in LA County. The priority strategies of the Office include:

- Establishing Regional Violence Prevention Coalitions
- Expanding community-driven public safety through the Trauma Prevention Initiative
- Implementing a Community Crisis Response Pilot
- Promoting healing centered and trauma Informed system change
- Developing a community accessible Open Data Portal
- Shifting the public narrative by centering survivor voice and the core message that violence is preventable



Strategies such as violence interruption, case management, employment assistance, and hospital-based violence interventions are all in use by the Department and/or the City. The Department provides grants to CBOs, coordinates violence prevention activities, and supports policy development. In the development of the OVP, listening sessions were conducted and held countywide to inform its Strategic Plan. A Community Partnership Council and County Leadership Committee were also established to guide the work of the Office. Community Action for Peace groups have also been created in South LA. Ongoing community engagement efforts include the Community Partnership Council, the Willowbrook Community Action for Peace, ongoing listening sessions, and community town halls. The Office has built infrastructure for community-driven public safety through the Trauma Prevention Initiative, investing in Community Action for Peace networks, Street Outreach, and Hospital Violence Intervention Programs, beginning with 4 communities in South LA and expanding to 9 communities countywide in 2022. Los Angeles County, CA has allocated \$20,000,000 in ARPA funding to support community-based organizations to implement crisis response, disrupt violence, address gun and gang violence, and promote healing from multiple forms of violence. Implementation of these funds will align with the OVP Strategic Plan and place-based Trauma Prevention Initiative strategies.

OFFICE OF VIOLENCE PREVENTION

Vision for a Violence Free LA County

Office of Violence Prevention

Milwaukee, WI

Public Health Department

ANNUAL
BUDGET

\$2.,500,000

STAFF SIZE

9

SERVICES
PROVIDED

- Provides grants to CBOs
- Coordinates violence prevention activities
- Supports policy development

PRIMARY FUNDING
SOURCE

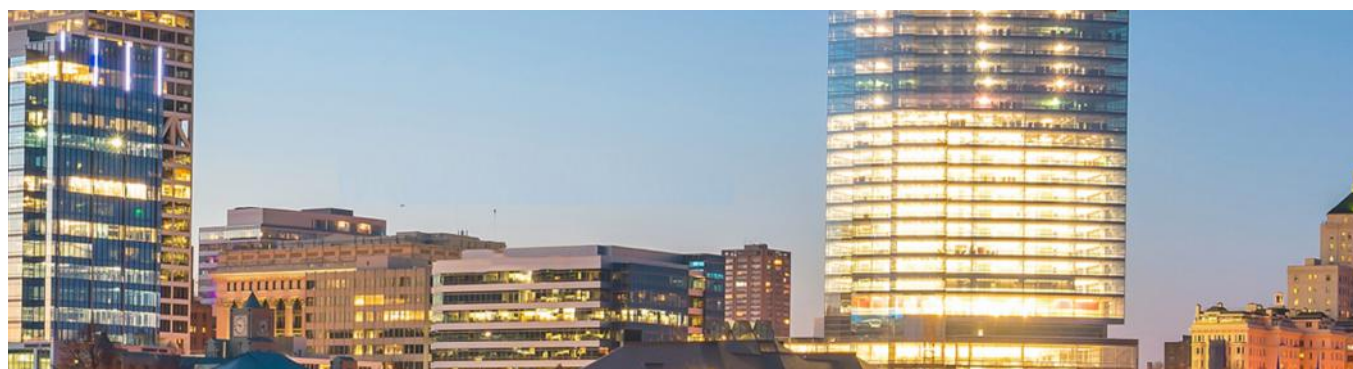
- General fund
- Grant fund



Milwaukee, WI:

The Office of Violence Prevention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin was created in 2008 and has an annual budget of \$2,500,000. The Office has 9 FTEs and 2 vacant positions. Funding sources for the Office include the City's General Fund and a grant fund. The agency itself is housed in the Public Health Department. The agency works to prevent and reduce violence through partnerships that strengthen youth, families, and neighborhoods. The OVP's violence prevention and reduction strategies are guided by the Blueprint for Peace, a public health approach that combats causes of violence and provides connections to supports and services. Strategies such as violence interruption, case management, hospital-based violence interventions, and mental health/trauma response are all in use by the Office and/or the City. The Office provides grants to CBOs, coordinates violence prevention activities, and supports policy development. The Office was developed in coordination with and feedback from over 150 community partners, over 1000 youth community members, and other stakeholders. Multiple steering committee meetings were conducted in order to facilitate the planning process for the OVP.² Ongoing community engagement efforts and activities that the Office oversees include:

- Community Crisis Response Group
- Faith-based Network
- Gun Violence Prevention and Response Group
- Community forums
- Panel discussions
- Media communications



²<https://spark.adobe.com/page/mrGckXjJJGEnO/>

Office of Violence Prevention

Minneapolis, MN

Public Health Department



ANNUAL
BUDGET
\$6,900,000

STAFF SIZE
15

SERVICES PROVIDED

PRIMARY FUNDING SOURCE

- General fund
- Grant fund

- Provides grants to CBOs
- Provides direct services with OVP staff
- Coordinates violence prevention activities
- Supports policy development

Minneapolis, MN:

The Office of Violence Prevention (OVP) in the City of Minneapolis, Minnesota was established in December of 2018 and has an annual budget of \$6,900,000. There are currently 15 staff members in the agency. Funding sources for the Office include the City's General Fund and a grant fund. The Minneapolis OVP is housed in the Public Health Department. The Office has implemented programs such as Coaching Boys into Men and the Blueprint Approved Institute (capacity building). The Office also funds smaller CBOs to implement grassroots violence prevention. Street outreach, mentoring, case management, fellowship opportunities, and hospital-based violence intervention are all in use by the OVP and/or the City. The Office provides grants to CBOs, provides direct services with OVP staff, coordinates violence prevention activities, and supports policy development. The OVP is leading a one-year community engagement process that includes focus groups, events, reflection sessions, learning labs, and piloting new work.

Ongoing community engagement efforts include a Steering Committee that is appointed by the City Council and Mayor. The Steering Committee is made up of 21 members including community advocates, housing experts, educators, and community members.



Office of Neighborhood Safety

New York City, NY

Mayor's Office



ANNUAL
BUDGET
\$75,000,000

SERVICES PROVIDED

- Provides grants to CBOs
- Provides direct services with OVP staff
- Coordinates violence prevention activities
- Supports policy development
- Conducts research

STAFF SIZE
20

PRIMARY FUNDING SOURCE

- General fund
- Special tax

New York City, NY:

The Office of Neighborhood Safety (ONS) was created in 2014 in NYC, NY and has an annual budget of \$75,000,000. There are 20 staff members currently. Funding sources for the Office are from the City's General Fund as well as a special tax. The agency is housed in the Mayor's Office. The Office's mission is dedicated to transforming the government's approach to public safety and upholding community ownership of sustained peace. ONS values and is committed to placing community voices at the helm of public safety solutions: recognizing and following the leadership of community-based solutions, grounding public safety responses in racial equity and acknowledgment of the root causes of violence, and approaching harm reduction through the power of kinship, healing, and love. Cure Violence, Advance Peace, and shooting incident reviews have been implemented to date. Strategies such as violence interruption, case management, employment assistance, fellowship opportunities, HVIPs, and grant creation are all in use by the Office and/or the City. The organization provides grants to CBOs, provides direct services with OVP staff, coordinates violence prevention activities, supports policy development, and conducts research. When creating ONS, advocacy across multiple layers of government by NYC's anti-gun violence activists was taken into account along with co-crafting public safety solutions based on research and data analysis. Ongoing engagement efforts include engaging with communities as equal partners, scaling up community-based solutions, connecting networks and organizations to multiply impact-linking organizations, fostering capacity-building for community organizations, and supporting local leaders to gain access to decision-making. An evaluation of NYC's Cure Violence program can be found [here](#).



Department of Violence Prevention

Oakland, CA

City Manager's Office

STAFF SIZE

17.8

ANNUAL
BUDGET

\$16,000,000

Oakland,
CA

SERVICES
PROVIDED

- Provides grants to CBOs
- Coordinates violence prevention activities
- Supports policy development
- Conducts research

PRIMARY FUNDING
SOURCE

- General fund
- State grants
- Federal grants

Oakland, CA:

The Department of Violence Prevention (DVP) in the City of Oakland was created in 2020 and has an annual budget of \$16,000,000. There are 17.8 FTEs with 3 vacancies, most of which came over from the former Oakland Unite agency in the Department Human Services when DVP was created. Most DVP funding comes from a local voter approved ballot initiative. DVP also receives the City's General Fund dollars as well as state and federal grants. The Department uses 'Measure Z' funds to invest in violence intervention and prevention strategies that provide support for at-risk youth and young adults to interrupt the cycle of violence and recidivism. The agency itself is housed in the City Manager's Office. The Department of Violence Prevention operates under five mandates: reduce gun violence, reduce intimate partner violence, reduce commercial sexual exploitation, reduce trauma associated with unsolved cold cases, and reduce levels of community trauma. The Department has implemented the following violence prevention and reduction strategies to date:

- Gun/gang/group violence reduction strategies (violence interruption, hospital-based intervention, street outreach, homicide support services, long-term mental health care/ healing, life coaching, employment training, and job placement)
- Youth diversion and reentry (life coaching, court/school-based restorative justice youth programming)
- Gender-based violence response (outreach and crisis response, emergency housing, bedside advocates, and wraparound supports for survivors)
- Community-led activities that promote healing
- Grassroots program that supports innovate community-based violence reduction



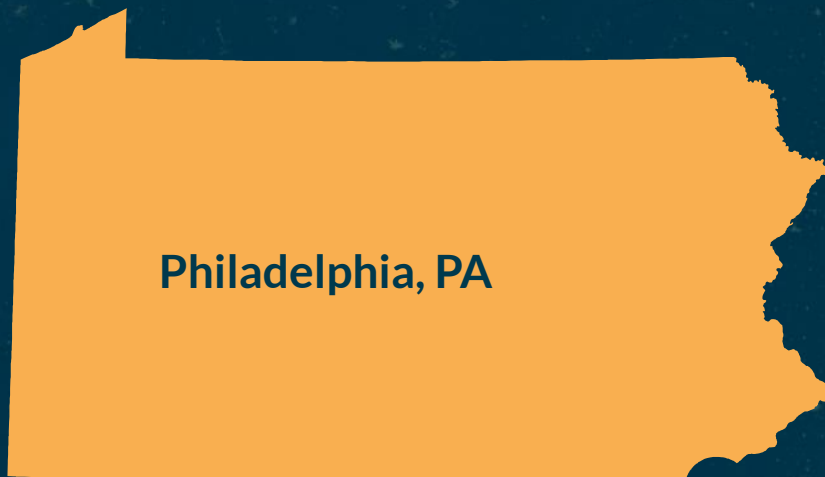
Strategies such as GVI/CeaseFire, violence interruption, case management, employment assistance, and hospital-based violence interventions are all in use by the Department and/or the City. The Department provides grants to CBOs, coordinates violence prevention activities, supports policy development, and conducts research. The Department submitted a strategic spending plan for the 2022-2024 funding cycle to the Public Safety and Services Violence Prevention Oversight Commission (SSOC) in May of 2021. The plan was informed by feedback from community members, volunteers, and organizations with an established history of violence prevention work in Oakland through community engagement efforts. Community engagement efforts included citywide town halls, and focus groups and interviews with subject matter experts, participants from the Department, and system partners. The Department intends to host ongoing community engagement activities in the future.



Office of Violence Prevention

Philadelphia, PA

City Manager's Office



ANNUAL
BUDGET

\$10,000,000

STAFF SIZE

10

SERVICES PROVIDED

- Provides grants to CBOs
- Coordinates violence prevention activities
- Conducts policy development

PRIMARY FUNDING SOURCE

- General fund

Philadelphia, PA:

The Office of Violence Prevention in the City of Philadelphia was created in 2017 and has an annual budget of \$10,000,000. There are 10 FTE staff members in the Office, and the Office's funding source is the City's General Fund. The Office is housed with the City Manager/ Administrator. The Office's mission is to reduce gun violence. Cure Violence and Gun Violence Intervention have been implemented to date. Strategies such as GVI/ Ceasefire, violence interruption, case management, and fellowship opportunities are all in use by the Office and/or the City. The organization provides grants to CBOs, coordinates violence prevention activities, and policy development efforts. The Office oversees various ongoing community engagement efforts including the Roadmap to Safer Communities, a strategy that takes a public health approach to gun violence prevention.³



³<https://www.phila.gov/documents/the-philadelphia-roadmap-to-safer-communities/>

Office of Violence Prevention

Portland, OR

Mayor's Office

ANNUAL
BUDGET

\$1,500,000

STAFF SIZE

4

SERVICES
PROVIDED

- Provides grants to CBOs
- Provides direct services with OVP staff
- Coordinates violence prevention activities
- Conducts research

PRIMARY FUNDING
SOURCE

- General fund



Portland, OR:

The Office of Violence Prevention was created in 2006 in Portland, Oregon and has an annual budget of \$1,500,000. There are 4 FTEs in the Office. The Office is funded through the City's General Fund and housed in the Mayor's Office. The OVP has a comprehensive focus on reduction of gun violence. The Office has implemented the following violence prevention and reduction strategies:

- Street outreach
- Intensive case management
- Healing Hurt People
- Trauma & Violence Impacted Program
- Portland Restoration Academy
- Community Peace Collaborative (CPC) Virtual Forums

Strategies such as violence interruption, case management, employment assistance, fellowship opportunities, and hospital-based violence interventions are all in use by the Office and/or the City. The Office provides grants to CBOs, provides direct services with OVP staff, coordinates violence prevention activities, and conducts research. Community leaders were consulted to assist in the development of the Office. Ongoing community engagement efforts include the Community Peace Collaborative (CPC) Virtual Forums, bi-weekly events that allow for dialogue and collaboration between community-based organizations, city government, and the community.⁴



⁴<https://www.portland.gov/oypv/community-peace-collaborative>

Office of Neighborhood Safety

Richmond, CA

City Manager's Office

STAFF SIZE

18

ANNUAL BUDGET

\$4,200,000

Richmond, CA

SERVICES PROVIDED

- Provides grants to CBOs
- Provides direct services with OVP staff
- Coordinates violence prevention activities
- Conducts research

PRIMARY FUNDING SOURCE

- General fund
- State grants
- Foundation grants

Richmond, CA:

The Office of Neighborhood Safety (ONS) in Richmond, California was established in 2007 as the first office of its kind in the country. ONS has an annual budget of \$4,200,000 with 18 FTEs, and the agency's funding comes from the City's General Fund, state grants, and foundation grants. ONS is housed in the City Manager's Office, and its mission is strictly to reduce gun violence and associated injuries and deaths. Street Outreach strategies and the Operation Peacemaker Fellowship have been implemented. Strategies such as violence interruption, case management, and fellowship opportunities are all in use by the Office and/or the City. ONS primarily provides direct services with OVP staff but also provides grants to CBOs and coordinates violence prevention activities. ONS's successful model resulted in a more than 70% reduction in homicides in the City and has been replicated in other cities through Advance Peace.



San Bernadino, CA

City Manager's Office



ANNUAL
BUDGET
\$500,000

STAFF SIZE
1

SERVICES PROVIDED

- Provides grants to CBOs
- Coordinates violence prevention activities

PRIMARY FUNDING SOURCE

- General fund
- Special tax
- Grant fund

San Bernardino, CA:

The violence prevention program in San Bernardino, California was established in 2018 and has an annual budget of \$500,000. There is only one staff member, and the program is funded by a combination of the City's General Fund, special tax funds, and grant fund. The program is housed in the City Manager's Office. Focused deterrence and street outreach strategies have been implemented to date. Strategies such as CeaseFire, violence interruption, case management, employment assistance, and hospital-based violence interventions are all in use by the Office and/or the City. The Office provides grants to CBOs and coordinates violence prevention activities.



Office of Violence Prevention/ Office of Community Initiatives

South Bend, IN

Mayor's Office

ANNUAL
BUDGET

\$550,000

STAFF SIZE

4

SERVICES
PROVIDED

- Provides grants to CBOs
- Provides direct services with OVP staff
- Coordinates violence prevention activities



South Bend,
IN

PRIMARY FUNDING
SOURCE

- General fund

South Bend, IN:

The South Bend Office of Community Initiatives, was created in 2020 and has an annual budget of \$550,000. There are 4 FTEs in the Office. The agency is funded through the City's General Fund and housed in the Mayor's Office. Training, grants, and events have all been sponsored by the OVP. Strategies such as CeaseFire, violence interruption, case management, and fellowship opportunities are all in use by the Office and/or the City. The Office provides grants to CBOs, provides direct services with OVP staff, and coordinates violence prevention activities. Ongoing community engagement efforts include the South Bend Alive Grant Program, an initiative that centers on backing initiatives that assist youth through employment assistance, community outreach, and engagement events. ⁵



⁵ <https://southbendin.gov/initiative/south-bend-alive-grant-program/>

Office of Violence Prevention

Stockton, CA

City Manager's Office

ANNUAL
BUDGET
\$1,900,000

STAFF SIZE
14

Stockton,
CA

SERVICES PROVIDED

- Provides grants to CBOs
- Provides direct services with OVP staff
- Coordinates violence prevention activities
- Conducts research

PRIMARY FUNDING SOURCE

- General fund
- Special tax
- CalVIP funding

Stockton, CA:

The Office of Violence Prevention was created in 2014 in Stockton, California and has an annual base budget of \$1,900,000 and an additional \$500,000 in grant funding. There are 14 FTEs and 2 vacancies at the Office. Funding sources include the City's General Fund, special tax, and funding from CalVIP (California Violence Intervention and Prevention). The agency is housed with the City Manager/Administrator. The agency's mission is to reduce group and gang-related gun violence. The Office has implemented GVI, violence interruption, case management, employment assistance, fellowship opportunities, Hospital-based Violence Intervention, and focused deterrence to date.



Strategies such as CeaseFire, transformative mentoring, cognitive behavioral therapy, and a Hospital-based Violence Intervention Program are all in use by the Office and/ or the City. The Office provides grants to CBOs, provides direct services with OVP staff, coordinates violence prevention activities, and research. A CeaseFire community workgroup known as the Marshall Committee was created to assist with advocacy and development of the Office. A Community Engagement Coordinator is currently employed to develop a violence reduction network of community service partners. The OVP is part of the City Manager's Review Board, a police and public safety oversight committee. Consisting of 25 members from key community and service partners, the board works to review detailed data and performance metrics on the public safety strategies implemented. The Office has established a quarterly community presentation and discussion known as Data and Donuts to educate and have dialogue with the community on Stockton's violence trends and strategies.

Safer, Stronger DC Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement

Washington D.C.

Mayor's Office

ANNUAL
BUDGET

\$10,355,232

STAFF SIZE

35



SERVICES PROVIDED

- Provides grants to CBOs
- Coordinates violence prevention activities

PRIMARY FUNDING SOURCE

- General fund
- Intra-district funding (federal grants)

Washington, D.C.:

The Safer, Stronger DC Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement (ONSE) was established in 2017 in Washington, D.C. ONSE's annual budget is \$10,355,232. The staff are composed of 35 FTEs. Funding sources are a combination of the City's General Fund and intra-district funding (federal grants). ONSE is housed in the Mayor's Office. The ONSE mission is to foster community based strategies to help prevent violence and increase public safety. The strategy is rooted in a public health approach to violence prevention, recognizing that reducing crime is not accomplished through law enforcement alone. Strategies such as violence interruption, case management, and employment assistance are all in use by the Office and/or the City. The Office provides grants to CBOs and coordinates violence prevention activities. Community engagement is at the core of the Office's programming. Grant and contract recipients are community-based organizations comprised of people living and working in the affected areas we serve. Initiatives implemented include:

- Pathways Program: workforce development program addressing unemployment
- ONSE Leadership Academy: promotes school/ community safety and alleviate challenges for high risk youth
- Family and Survivor Support: response to community violence
- Community-based Crime Reduction: analyzes factors that drive crime and pursues strategies to reduce crime and build community resilience
- Community Response Team: strengthening services for communities impacted by violent crime
- Violence Intervention Initiative:
promotes community engagement in violence reduction strategies, implementation of those strategies, and supports and services to those involved



Office of Firearm Safety and Violence Prevention

State of Washington

Department of
Commerce

ANNUAL
BUDGET

\$421,000

STAFF SIZE

1



SERVICES PROVIDED

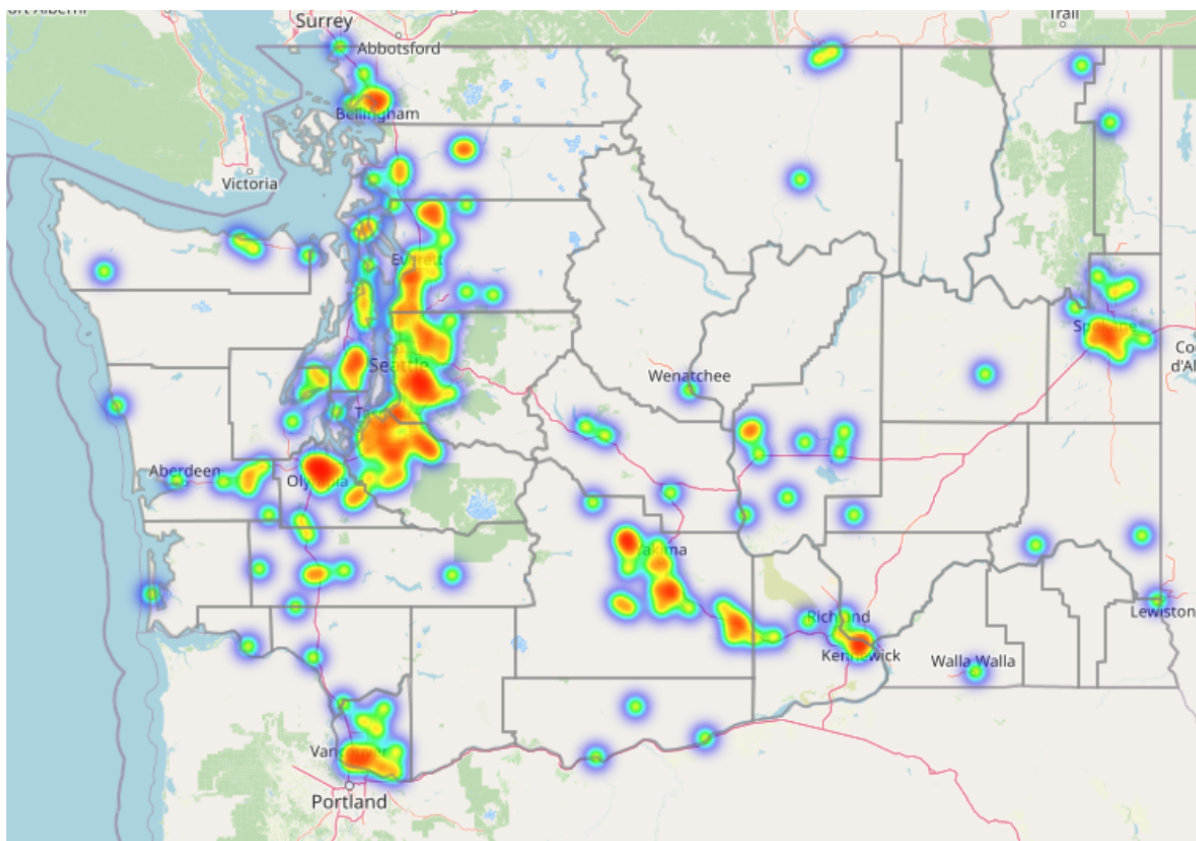
- Provides grants to CBOs
- Coordinates violence prevention activities, policy development
- Conducts research

PRIMARY FUNDING SOURCE

- General fund

State of Washington:

The State of Washington's Office of Firearm Safety and Violence Prevention was launched in 2021 and has an annual budget of \$421,000. There is 1 staff member in the Office. This program's funding source is the State's General Fund. The Office is housed in the Public Safety Unit of the Department of Commerce. The agency's mission is to create and maintain a network of programs statewide, develop best practice guidance and provide technical assistance, convene sessions and trainings to bring together experts as well as community participants, improve upon data sources and data collection methods, and administer state and federal funding for grant programs focused on reduction of firearm violence. The Office provides grants to CBOs, coordinates violence prevention activities, supports policy development, and conducts research. The grants provided to CBOs are the main community engagement activities the Office oversees.



This heat map shows where there is a higher concentration of firearm-related homicides in Washington (based on the residence of the victim). Data from 2016-2019. Source: Washington Dept. of Health, Center for Health Statistics.