

# Community Violence Intervention

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# Community Violence Intervention (CVI)

Community violence, which includes homicide and non-fatal shootings, causes substantial harm and trauma to communities across Michigan, especially in racially segregated and historically disinvested neighborhoods.

Community violence continues to be a significant and growing public health problem.

People who live in communities experiencing violence are at a higher risk for developing chronic diseases and may have limited opportunities to engage in healthy behaviors, such as using recreational spaces and accessing healthy food outlets.

CVI supports local organizations and leaders to prevent violence and reduce adverse outcomes in their local communities.

# CVI Advisory Council

Formed in November 2023.

Includes local experts from local community violence intervention programs, academia, law enforcement, city government, community-based organizations and people with lived experience.

## Purpose:

- Participate in the development of the CVI Office and state CVI strategic priorities.
- Assist MDHHS in connecting with additional partners and sectors doing this work.
- Provide feedback on CVI Office initiatives.

## Next steps:

- Develop CVI strategic priorities by this spring.

# CVI Funding

- Fiscal Year 2023 supplemental appropriations of federal American Rescue Plan State Fiscal Recovery Fund provided:
  - \$5 million one-time for grants.
  - \$800,000 one-time to establish the Office of Community Violence Intervention.
- Fiscal Year 2024 original enacted appropriations include:
  - \$5 million one-time General Fund (GF) for grants.
  - \$800,000 ongoing GF for the Office of Community Violence Intervention.

# CVI Grant Expansion

\$2.5 million was used to strengthen existing programs, including:

- Expanded specialized case management.
- Workforce development, increased street outreach and engagement.
- Mentorship.
- Geographic data mapping.
- Transformational healing for people at the center of violence.

Support provided to existing programs in Wayne County:

- Wayne County had the highest homicide crude death rate in Michigan in 2020 (19.3 deaths per 100,000 people).
- Within this group, African Americans had the highest death rate by race (41.8). The highest death rates by age were people 20-29 years old.
- Wayne County has higher rates of poverty, lack of access to transportation and crowded housing.

# CVI Request for Proposal Process

Released Request for Proposal for \$7 million in September 2023.

28 applications were received totaling \$26 million.

Applications were scored based on various criteria including the following:

- Experience in implementing evidence-based CVI strategies in the community.
- Letters of support from community partners.
- Strong understanding of population needs.

# CVI Grants Awarded

- The following grants were awarded in December 2023 totaling over \$7 million:
  - Black Caucus Foundation of Michigan: \$1 million.
  - Gryphon Place: \$1 million.
  - Michigan Public Health Institute: \$1 million.
  - Wayne Metro Community Action Agency: \$1 million.
  - Oakland Community Health Network: \$999,910.
  - Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office: \$999,440.
  - Detroit Hispanic Development Corporation: \$900,000.
  - Migrant Legal Aid: \$200,080.

# FY 2025 Proposed Investment



## Description

- No one should live in fear of violence.
- In Michigan, firearm mortality increased from 12.1 deaths per 100,000 people in 2019 to 15.4 deaths per 100,000 people in 2021.
- In 2022, 1,494 people died in Michigan from intentional self-harm and, of those deaths, 839 used a firearm.
- In a 2021 survey, 3% of Michigan high school students shared that they carried a weapon, such as a gun, knife, or club at least one day during the 30 days before the survey.

## Proposed Investment

- \$5 million one-time federal American Rescue Plan Act State Fiscal Recovery Fund to support community violence intervention grants in FY 2025.
- \$500,000 ongoing GF to continue to expand the efforts of the Office of CVI.

## Outcomes

- Increase partnerships to address violence.
- Support local community efforts.
- Foster safer communities and reduce crime.



# Questions & Discussion

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A group of diverse young children are waving from the windows of a yellow school bus. The children are smiling and appear to be saying goodbye. The scene is captured from a low angle, looking out from the bus. The overall tone is warm and appreciative.

Thank you!