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Joint Health and Hospitals & Criminal Justice Committee Meeting

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County-Wide Anti-Violence Strategy

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Historical Grants Overview



Investment Strategy

Support community-based programs & services which:

- improve public safety
- decrease reliance on the criminal justice system.

Build equity through direct support of communities that have experienced historic disinvestment & individuals disproportionately impacted by crime, violence and the justice system.

Major Grant Categories

- Violence Prevention
- Recidivism Reduction
- Restorative Justice
- Services for Returning Residents
- Employment Services for Emerging Adults

Legacy Grant Portfolio

Annual allocation has grown from **\$5 million in 2015** to over **\$14 million in 2022**.

Over \$50 million of historical investment.



Largest funding category is **Violence Prevention** (7 million). Portfolio currently funds over **100 service providers**.

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Grantmaking



- **Violence Prevention (43)**
- Returning Residents (28)
- Recidivism Reduction (8)
- Restorative Justice (7)
- Emerging Adults (8)

Investments are targeted in geographic areas of need including City-South, City-West, Suburban, South Suburbs, West Suburbs

Interconnected Service Categories



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Focus on Violence Prevention



Violence Prevention programs address risk factors that lead to involvement in acts of violence. Foundational strategies leveraged in VP programs are street outreach & violence interruption, mental health and therapeutic services, education and employment support, and individualized services such as mentoring and case management.

EVIDENCE INFORMED



Quantitative and qualitative data show that VP programs are effective in reducing violence.

COMMUNITY AFFIRMED



Program participants, family members, neighbors, service providers, faith organizations and local officials all echo support for these programs.

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Evidence Informed & Community Affirmed

Northwestern INSTITUTE FOR POLICY RESEARCH
RESEARCH EXCELLENCE • POLICY IMPACT

IPR RAPID RESEARCH REPORT || AUGUST 25, 2021



Reaching and Connecting: Preliminary Results from Chicago CRED's Impact on Gun Violence Involvement

Northwestern Neighborhood & Network Initiative,
Institute for Policy Research, Northwestern University



Community Engagement: Residents participate in dialogue circles at the JAC's Cook County Action Summit.

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Grantees In Action



West Garfield Park & Austin, Chicago

- CP4P - Communities Partnering 4 Peace member
- Street outreach and conflict mediation, victim services and case management.

“Our approach to ending violence is hyper-local, restorative, trauma-informed, and rooted in principles of nonviolence.” “Cycles of violence can be broken through courageous and disruptive acts of nonviolence.”

North Lawndale, Chicago

- Youth mentoring, conflict mediation, clinical case management & workforce development.

Tony was an early participant of UCAN’s Violence Intervention and Prevention Services program. He leveraged the workforce development services he received and now does union TV production work, helping to light scenes in shows like Empire. *“I love it. I want to see how far it takes me,”* Tony says of the work. *“I like doing the grip work but I’m interested in special effects too or to get a chance to work on a movie.”*



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Englewood, Chicago

- Job readiness training, employment support and case management.
- Hands-on experience with urban agriculture and food service.

“Growing Home takes people that believe in themselves and gives them everything they need to be what they want to become. So, it isn’t strange we hear about graduates starting their own businesses. I’m in the making.” – Antonio, 2021 Program Graduate, incarcerated for 23 years



South Shore, Chicago

- Case management, therapeutic services, employment support, experiential and service learning for young adults.

“When I got out of jail, I knew what I wanted to do with my life, but now I can really believe that I can achieve it.” - Cortez, 2021 program participant, enrolled weeks after release from incarceration



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South Holland, Illinois

- Case management, job readiness training, and job training in welding and carpentry trades.
- Programs and outreach in Cook County Jail.

A new skill set and trade knowledge have leveled the playing field for her in the job force, particularly as a black woman. Jordan mentions that she has *"not yet heard a "no", even as someone who was previously incarcerated."* She now works as a maintenance technician. When asked what she'd most like to share about her time at the CPO Outreach Career Center, Coley says *"from day one, you are gaining more than you could lose."*



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What's next?



Operations

- Build staff to increase funding and support and develop VP programs
- Collaborate with the Office of the President to focus on research and evaluation
- Reflect on and innovate how we view and discuss funding categories
- Focus on communication and community engagement

ARPA

- Continue successful strategy of funding organizations working at the community level with an additional \$30 million for Violence Prevention
- Coordinate with state, county and city and agencies and partners to prevent redundancy and ensure funds are distributed in accordance with need
- Capacity building for service provider organizations

