The Reimagine Public Safety Act was signed into law by Governor JB Pritzker on December 10, 2021. The legislation was first passed in the Illinois General Assembly on October 28, 2021. This legislation invests $250 million in evidence-based approaches to violence prevention. Additionally, the Act ensures that community-based organizations, in the determined neighborhoods, are properly funded and meet requirements for grants that offer youth development and violence prevention programming. Technical assistance grants and training will also be offered.

The Reimagine Public Safety Act Grant Program

The Act will leverage $150 million in funding for FY22, FY23, and FY24 to provide:

**Services in Chicago’s 22 highest risk neighborhoods:**

- Auburn Gresham
- Austin Burnside
- Chatham
- Chicago Lawn
- East Garfield Park
- Englewood
- Fuller Park
- Greater Grand Crossing
- Humboldt Park
- New City
- North Lawndale
- Riverdale
- Roseland
- South Chicago
- South Lawndale
- South Shore
- Washington Park
- West Englewood
- West Garfield Park
- West Pullman
- Woodlawn

These neighborhoods were determined by the number of per capita firearm incidents from January 1, 2016, through December 31, 2020.

Grant dollars will focus on three types of programming:

- **Youth Services like after-school and summer programming** (up to 8 grantees in each neighborhood for at least $300,000 each)

- **Violence Prevention Services** that include emotional or trauma-related therapies, housing, employment training, and job placement, family engagement, and wrap-around support up to 6 grantees in each neighborhood for at least $300,000 each)

- **Youth Intervention Services such as programs that reduce involvement in the criminal justice system, increase school attendance, and refer high-risk teens to therapeutic programs** that address trauma recovery and other mental health improvements based on best practices in the youth intervention services field (2 to 4 grantees for all of Chicago)
STATEWIDE: This grant leverages $100 million in funding during FY22, FY23, and FY23 for community-based organizations that offer evidence-based violence prevention programming in 15 cities outside of Chicago:

- Aurora, Belleville Cluster (Belleville, East St. Louis, and Cahokia Heights)
- Berwyn-Cicero Cluster, Calumet City Cluster (Calumet City, Harvey, Dolton, Riverdale, South Holland, Markham, Lansing)
- Chicago Heights Cluster (Chicago Heights, Park Forest, and Sauk Village)
- Danville, Decatur, Joliet, Kankakee, Maywood-Bellwood Cluster, Peoria, Rockford, Springfield, Urbana-Champaign Cluster, and Waukegan-North Chicago Cluster

- These municipalities have populations between 25,000-1,000,000 with the highest ratio of firearm incidents per resident
- They automatically qualify for grant funds under this Act and the OFVP established grant minimum for each municipality
- Need local advisory council in all areas which provide recommendations on how to distribute funds
- OFVP has the final say in how funds are distributed in these areas to local governments or CBOs

MEDICAID: This grant also provides funding for Medicaid trauma recovery services for adults, children, and youth: implement a team-based model of care system to address trauma recovery from chronic exposure to firearm violence

FUNDING TIMELINE

The Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for qualifying organizations in the City of Chicago to facilitate violence prevention programming was released on February 2, 2022.

The NOFOs for youth development programming for the City of Chicago and regions across the state will be issued by the state in early March 2022.

The Office of Firearm Violence Prevention (OFVP) will distribute grant funds directly to community-based organizations and local governments. This funding will help to develop healthy partnerships to tackle the firearm violence that is hurting communities.

Looking for technical assistance? HTTPS://BIT.LY/3HCXNJX

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