The Reimagine Public Safety Act passed in 2021 will invest $250 million in evidence-based approaches to violence prevention. Additionally, the Act will ensure 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 Act will leverage $50 million in funding for FY22 with a request for an additional $100 million in FY23 and FY24 to provide:

**CHICAGO:**

Services in Chicago’s 17 highest risk neighborhoods
- Determined by the number of per capita firearm-shot incidents from January 1, 2016, through December 31, 2020

Grant dollars will focus on three types of programming

**Violence Prevention Services that include** emotional or trauma-related therapies, housing, employment training, and job placement, family engagement, and wrap-around support (at least 2 grantees in each neighborhood for at least $400,000 each)

**Youth Services like after-school and summer programming** (at least 4 grantees in each neighborhood for at least $400,000 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)

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This grant leverages $40 million in funding for community-based organizations that offer evidence-based violence prevention programming in 10 cities outside of Chicago

- 10 Illinois municipalities that have populations between 25,000-1,000,000 with the highest ratio of fire-arm incidents per resident
- Municipalities will also automatically qualify for grant funds under this Act
- Office of Firearm Violence Prevention (OFVP) established grant minimums for each municipality
- Need local advisory council in all ten 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 CBO’s

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

Notices of Funding Opportunities for qualifying organizations will be issued by the state by the end of 2021. The Office of Firearm Violence Prevention (OFVP) will distribute grant funds directly to community-based organizations and local governments no later than March 1, 2022. This funding will help to develop healthy partnerships to tackle the firearm violence that is hurting communities.

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