

Grant Award Summary

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Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation Program Grant Milwaukee Violence Response Public Health and Safety Team (VR-PHAST)

Grant Type: New Grant

Grantor: US Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance - Subaward from Medical College of Wisconsin

Grant Period: October 1, 2021 - September 30, 2024

Award Amount: \$218,562 (\$218,562 from Grantor, \$0 from City)

Match Required: None

Allocation Purpose: The grant will fund one Crime Analyst (increasing existing Crime Analyst position authority by one additional position) within the Milwaukee Police Department Office of Management, Analysis, and Planning to support data collection and analysis for the VR-PHAST.

Program Goal: The goal of the Milwaukee Violence Response Public Health and Safety Team (VR-PHAST) is to develop a multi-sector collaborative framework to bring existing violence response efforts together to establish strong partnerships and target areas of the city with high levels of violence. Partners include the Medical College of Wisconsin, City of Milwaukee (MPD and Office of Violence Prevention), Milwaukee County Department of Health and Human Services, Milwaukee Community Justice Council, Milwaukee Homicide Review Commission, U.S. Attorney's Office Project Safe Neighborhoods, and a range of other public health and public safety partners. The focus is to develop data-driven strategies to reduce gun violence by utilizing both person and place-based interventions. Violence response will focus on neighborhoods with the highest levels of violence initially defined as Capitol Drive to the north, Vine Street to the south, 51st Street to the west, and 10th Street to the east. This area will be analyzed to further identify micro areas of violence clusters to target data-driven response strategies and interventions developed based on data from multiple sectors including criminal justice, community, and hospital-based response among other sectors and in coordination with existing work including 414Life Community Violence Interrupters. VR-PHAST will conduct regular review of incidents, data, key metrics, and responses to share and collaborate with the network of partners to address the dynamic of violence in the city.

Data: The City of Milwaukee has experienced a dramatic increase in gun violence with homicides rising from 97 in 2019, 190 in 2020, and 193 in 2021 and non-fatal shootings climbing from 452 in 2019, 764 in 2020, and 873 in 2021. Year-to-date data for 2022 continues the violence with 146 homicides and 557 non-fatal shootings.