



Children's Trust Gun Violence Prevention Funding Update

**City of Gainesville
August 11, 2025**

GPD Gun Related Statistics

Crime	Jan 1 – June 30, 2024	Jan 1 – June 30, 2025	% Change (2024-2025)
Stolen Firearms**	53 (27 Conveyance Burglary)	74 (46 Conveyance Burglary)	39%
Firearms Seized/Recovered by LEO***	175	145	-17%
Number of Shots Fired	80	37	-53%
Number of Persons Shot or Injured by Gunfire	29	9	-68%
Homicide Victims**	8	3	-62.5%
Suicide (From ME)	12	11	-8%

** Numbers can change due to updates in RMS. Numbers current as of 4/2/25.

***Numbers include any firearms seized as a result of criminal activity, as well as instances where a firearm was located, and could not be tracked back to an owner (i.e. found firearm with no record of being stolen and no owners located).



Budget and Expenditures

Program	Component	Cumulative to Date	Allotted	Remaining
Additional Facilitator for Youth Steering Committee - GNV	Corey Collins	\$1,375.00	\$4,750	\$3,375.00
Technology Hubs		\$-	\$50,400	\$50,400.00
Gun Violence Strategic Plan Consultant		\$-	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00
Violence Interruption	Salaries	\$43,127.56	\$100,000.00	\$56,872.44
	Training and Equipment	\$8,049.33	\$25,000.00	\$16,950.67
	Community Outreach	\$650.73	\$25,000.00	\$24,349.27
	VI Total	\$51,827.62	\$150,000.00	\$98,172.38
Totals		\$53,202.62	\$235,150	\$181,947.38

Additional Facilitator for the Youth Steering Committee - GNV

- Contract executed with Corey Collins on March 17th
- Recruitment Efforts: Visited and spoke with youth at AMI Kids, Oversaw 3 youth-led interviews with potential new members of the YSC
- Total Hours to Date: 14
- Highlights:
 - CommuniTeen Event with the Residences at Oakview in April – 18 youth from the community participated, 7 YSC members facilitated, 7 multi-sector adult facilitators,
 - Collective efforts led to a 3-member increase since March
- Discussion topics at YSC Meetings led by Mr. Collins: Provides update to group on discussions from the Gun Violence Prevention Alliance Meetings, Overview of onboarding paperwork for new members, Event planning for CommuniTeen Kickbacks and review of data collected from youth from the event
- Attendees by Month:
 - March: 4
 - April: 7 (CommuniTeen Event)
 - May: 8
 - June: 9
 - July: 8



- Professional business consulting firm in Florida
- Deep roots in Alachua County
- Experience in gun violence prevention
- Approach
 - Phase 1: Employ design thinking to empathize with stakeholders and work collaboratively to define core challenges and opportunities related to gun violence prevention. Engage in data collection and facilitate consensus-building workshops.
 - Phase 2: Facilitate brainstorming sessions to generate innovative solutions. Develop a strategic framework that integrates public health approaches to violence prevention for Alachua County's context. Conduct a comprehensive mapping of partnerships.
 - Phase 3: Develop detailed implementation plans with timeline and short- and long-term goals. Establish a robust measurement framework to track progress. Deliver a comprehensive report with analysis and recommendations. Present in-person to stakeholders.

Strategic Plan - Selected Contractor

Violence Interruption: June to Mid-July

- **Referrals – 64**

- BOLD Program
- Housing
- Education
- Employment
- Counseling
- Food
- Re-entry

- **Field Contacts - 225**

- **Home Visits – 50**

- **Parental Contacts - 105**

- **Conflicts Mediated - 28**

- General Conflict
- Dynamic or Retaliatory
- Social Media
- After Hours

- **Neighborhood Canvases - 73**

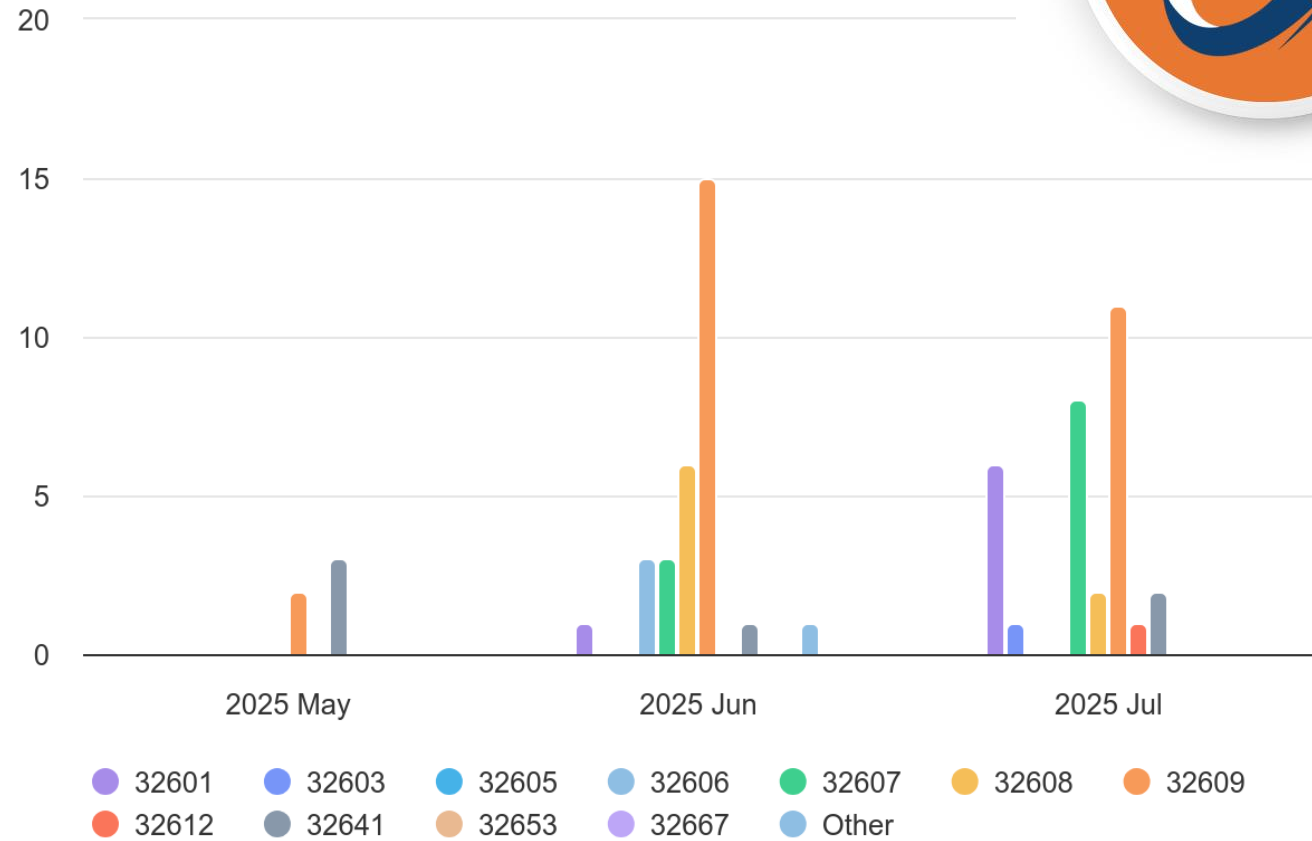
- **Community Outreach Events**

- Movie Night in Duval
- Back-to-school Event at Oakview Apts
- Tues/Thurs Mentoring Program in Forest Pines



Areas of Focus

- *Duval*
- *Forrest Pines*
- *Lewis Place*
- *Majestic Oaks*
- *Sweetwater Square Apartments*
- *Tiger Bay*



Number of VI Engagements in Zip Code

Violence Interruption



Highlights:

- Increased visibility and community engagement efforts
- Coordination of services between VI and the BOLD Program
- Conflicts mediated that involved threats of gun violence
- Consistent contact with youth from Forrest Pines

Identified Gaps/Areas of Opportunity:

- Updating reporting requirements to capture number of neighbors engaged under 18
- Filling vacant VI position
- On-going follow-up with individuals at high-risk of experiencing or participating in gun violence
- Case management for referrals

Technology Hubs



Themes from youth, community, and stakeholder feedback:

Community Centered – Technology hubs should be available on a community level to meet the needs of youth, adults, and families, especially in areas with high rates of gun violence, and historically low access to resources.

Structured Use and Safety – The laptops should be connected to structured programming and equipped with safety features to prevent access to unsafe content.

Collaborative Use – Strategic partnerships and collaboration are necessary to maximize impact. This includes working with organizations as well as community leaders to champion the effort.

Lessons Learned from Residences at Oakview Pilot

Multilayered Programming – In addition to technology use, programs should incorporate topics and activities related to leadership, character development, conflict resolution, mental health/wellness, etc.

Remediation - Support staff, volunteers, and or parents that can assist with literacy and tutoring.

Technology Hubs

Implementation Plan

Technology Hubs will be available for use by organizations, non-profits, community centers, churches, etc. via an application process

- Application Period: Aug 31st – September 30th
- Selection Process and MOU execution: Oct – Dec 2025
- Anticipated Program start date: Jan 2026

Application Priority Areas:

- Collaborations of two or more entities
- Programming in targeted locations (see application)
- Mid- to long-term multifaceted programming – 6 months or more

Requests for Consideration



- Roll FY25 funding into FY26 until funding for the Additional Facilitator for the YSC-GNV ends, and until the Strategic Plan and Tech Hub projects are complete
- Continue to spend down the FY25 funding for Violence Interruption
 - Projected to be expended by Jan/Feb 2026
- Request additional funding in the amount of \$150,000 for enhanced violence interruption services in FY26