

Children's Trust of Alachua County

Gun Violence Prevention Program Funding

City of Gainesville

Report #1 – April 2025

The funding agreement between the Children's Trust of Alachua County and the City of Gainesville was executed on February 12, 2025. Please find in this report the details of the project that have been completed since then.

Violence Interruption - \$150,000

a. Operations, Policies and Procedures

A collaborative effort between various City Departments, Community Stakeholders, and the Sheriff's Department worked to establish effective policies and procedures for the Violence Interrupters prior to their start date.

b. Onboarding

The City of Gainesville initiated the onboarding process of four Violence Interrupters and one Program Coordinator to manage the initiative. All candidates successfully completed the hiring screening process and started employment with the City of Gainesville on March 24, 2025.

c. Training

The Program Coordinator and Violence Interrupters are receiving training over the next two weeks in order to ensure they are efficiently knowledgeable of the established procedures, safety guidelines, de-escalation methods (both verbal and physical), mental health concerns, life-saving procedures such as Narcan and CPR/First Aid, and more. After the core necessary trainings are completed, the program will be fully operational and cleared for community engagement.

Technology Hub Carts - \$50,400

The Technology Hub Carts are in the planning phase. Crime data will be used to identify areas throughout the county that have been disproportionately impacted by gun violence to determine cart locations. We will then work with stakeholders and community-based programs in those communities to gather feedback on locations where the carts can be effectively leveraged as a resource. This work will be done with input from Alliance stakeholders throughout the project.

In an effort to engage stakeholders county-wide the Alliance is meeting in locations throughout the Alachua County to encourage diverse participation and ensure inclusivity and access for neighbors in outlying areas. The first county-based meeting was held on March 10, 2025, in the City of Alachua.

The next Alliance meeting will be April 14, 2025 in High Springs, FL.

Additional Facilitator for the City of Gainesville Youth Steering Committee - \$4,750

Corey Collins was selected as the Additional Facilitator for the Youth Steering Committee given his specialized experience and knowledge of youth engagement practices, including connecting with youth who are at high risk or have been impacted by youth gun violence, his abilities to utilize a trauma informed approach, and experience working with youth and communities at high risk of gun violence.

The contract with Mr. Collins was executed on March 17th, 2025. His first Youth Steering Committee under contract was March 19th, 2025.

a. Time Log

Date	Task	Start Time	End Time	Daily Total
3/19/2025	Youth Steering Committee (YSC)	4:00	6:00	2
3/24/2025	Planning	3:15	4:15	1
3/27/2025	CommuniTEEN Kickback planning	2:00	3:00	1
				TOTAL: 4 hours

b. Summary of facilitator recruitment efforts to expand the committee

Mr. Collins spoke with youth at AMI Kids regarding membership in the City's Youth Steering Committee.

c. Report of discussion topics led by facilitator

At the March meeting of the Youth Steering Committee, discussion topics included finalizing the onboarding paperwork for new members. Additionally, facilitators received input from members about CommuniTeen Kickback event. This event will be held in partnership with the Residences at Oakview to gather information from teens on youth gun violence and is being planned by the City of Gainesville Youth Steering Committee.

d. Number of attendees of the Youth Steering Committee per month

There were four members in attendance at the March meeting of the Youth Steering Committee.

Strategic Planning Consultant - \$30,000

With recommendations from multiple Gun Violence Prevention Alliance stakeholder meetings, a Scope of Work and a Request for Proposals Solicitation for a Strategic Planning Consultant was drafted. City of Gainesville staff, Alachua County Staff, and Santa Fe College Staff also provided input and approved the final draft.

On Wednesday March 12th, 2025, the Request for Proposals for the county-wide gun violence strategic plan was posted and the notice of the imposition for the cone of silence was issued. Scope of work is attached.

The City of Gainesville will oversee procurement for the strategic planning process and report progress to the CTAC board.