

# Gun Violence Prevention FY25 Funding Proposal



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# The Gun Violence Prevention Alliance

Members: City of Gainesville, Alachua County, and Santa Fe College

Goal: Identify solutions and strategies to reduce and prevent gun violence and violent crime in the community.

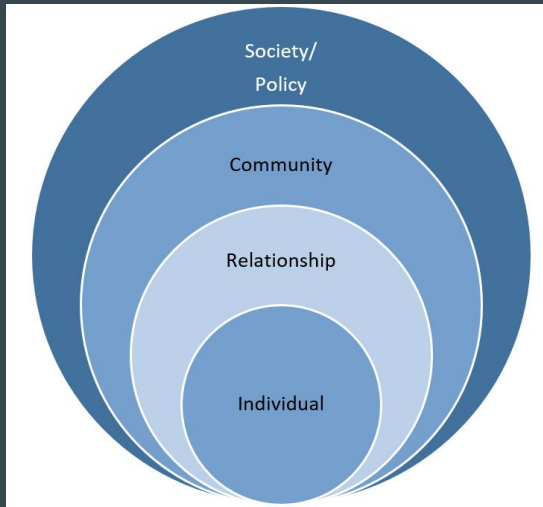
Purpose:

- Support the expansion of existing evidence-based or evidence-informed community violence and gun violence prevention and intervention programs
- Continue timely surveillance of firearm related homicides and assaults and build a data dissemination plan to share with stakeholders involved in public health prevention strategies and interventions.
- Maintain a trauma-informed approach as the foundation of all prevention and intervention efforts.



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# A Public Health Approach to Gun Violence Prevention



- In 2023, City Commission and Board of County Commissioners declared gun violence a public health crisis
- Health behavior theories and models have been developed over decades to inform behavior change efforts across populations
- Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)'s Social Ecological Model is most applicable to violence prevention
- The model considers the interplay between different levels of influence in someone's life – their own, their relationships, their community, and the larger societal and policy standards

# A Public Health Approach to Gun Violence Prevention

- Prevention efforts across each level of the model should seek to increase protective factors and decrease risk factors associated with the behavior
  - Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) defines protective factors as “characteristics associated with a lower likelihood of negative outcomes or that reduce a risk factors’ impact”
    - Examples: Social support, career aspirations, spirituality or religious beliefs, community resources
  - Risk factors are “characteristics at the biological, psychological, family, community, or cultural level that precede and are associated with a higher likelihood of negative outcomes”
    - Examples: Exposure to violence, substance use, abuse/neglect, lack of community resources, inequity
- When considering prevention initiatives, we must consider the various levels of prevention – primary, secondary, and tertiary

# Funding Proposal

# Grant-Funded Projects - \$243,350

- 6 projects funded at up to \$33,000 each = \$198,000
  - Focused on mental health, youth and family engagement, proactive initiatives, partnership-based, learning through play, after school/summer time, education
  - Call for projects to be informed using the lessons learned through One Nation One Project GNV, a local arts and wellness initiative working to reduce youth gun violence by addressing associated risk factors. These lessons learned include that to inform not only the intentionality behind youth programming but also the application and proposal review processes.
- Technical assistance through the Community Foundation for organizations seeking and selected for funding
- County staff would oversee the grant funded proposals with support from Alliance MOU partners
- Grant Manager - \$45,350
  - Administrative support for the contract and grant facilitation process throughout the year

# Strategic Planning Consultant - \$30,000

- Alliance stakeholders indicated an interest in a strategic plan for gun violence in the next 6 months
  - At the August 2024 meeting of the Alliance, stakeholders identified the following qualities for a strategic planning firm, among others:
    - Innovative
    - Local
    - Community engagement
    - Ethical
    - Youth-focused
    - Recognizing those who are impacted as valuable stakeholders
    - Consider partner violence and gun suicide
    - Representative of multiple ages and perspectives
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# Violence Interruption and Training - \$150,000

- Continuation and expansion of violence interruption and community outreach work - \$125,000
  - Fund a community network to interrupt the cycle of violence.
  - Build relationships with the following entities to reach young people:
    - Schools
    - After-school programs
    - Churches
    - Groups for justice-involved individuals
    - Athletic leagues
  - Provide warm hand-offs to local social resources to assist with unmet needs of the individual and family unit.
  - Educate youth about the dangers of gun violence and offer methods of resolving conflict without resorting to violence.
- Training and mental health support of the individuals doing this work - \$25,000
- IMPACT GNV would oversee the violence interruption services with regular updates to the Alliance.



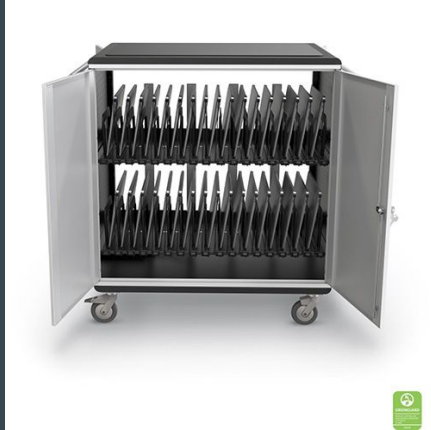
# Additional Facilitator for the Youth Steering Committee - \$4,750

- Convened since February 2023 as part of One Nation One Project GNV and managed by the Youth Services Division of the City of Gainesville's Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Affairs (PRCA) Department
- Young people ages 16 to 24 from throughout Alachua County
- Guided the city us on many project components to elevate youth voices with an emphasis on the arts and well-being activities as key components
- Youth Steering Committee will continue to convene and will connect with the Alliance and Impact GNV, led by Cherie Kelly of PRCA
- Funding for the member stipends is provided through an agreement between the City of Gainesville and the National League of Cities
- Funding will be for an additional facilitator and some materials and supplies - \$4,750

# Santa Fe College Administrative Assistant to the Alliance - \$21,500

- Santa Fe College has hired a part-time administrative position to assist Dr. Brunings with the gun violence work from Santa Fe and in the administration of the Gun Violence Prevention Alliance.
  - This position is currently staffed, and funding would cover 20 hours per week, for the duration of the fiscal year, at a total of **\$21,500**.
  - The position is responsible for setting up meetings, sending out invitations, taking notes and compiling minutes, following up on requests, putting together presentations, gathering proposals for service, among other things.
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# Technology Hub Carts - \$50,344



- Technology carts with laptops/devices that can be used in community centers or community organization buildings which are in areas with high rates of gun violence
  - Technology carts are secure and have the ability to store and charge up to 36 devices
  - Carts will be intentionally placed in centers where relevant programming already exists, or programming could be developed to best utilize the resource
  - 7 carts at \$2,170 each - \$15,190
  - 18 laptops per cart at \$79 each- \$35,154
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# Budget Summary

| <b>Item</b>   | <b>Cost</b> | <b>Number</b> | <b>Total</b> |
|---|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| Grant-Funded Projects                                   | \$33,000    | 6             | \$198,000    |
| Grant Manager   | \$45,350    | N/A           | \$45,350     |
| Strategic Planning Consultant                           | \$30,000    | N/A           | \$30,000     |
| Violence Interrupter Program and Training               | \$150,000   | N/A           | \$150,000    |
| Additional Facilitator for the Youth Steering Committee | \$4,750     | N/A           | \$4,750      |
| Santa Fe Administrative Assistant                       | \$21,500    | N/A           | \$21,500     |
| Technology Hub Carts                                    | \$7,200     | 7             | \$50,400     |
| <b>Total</b>  |             |               | \$500,000    |

# Implementation Timeline

| Quarter One   | Quarter Two   | Quarter Three  | Quarter Four   |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· Create and release RFP for Grant Funded Projects</li><li>· Hire grant manager</li><li>· Work with Community Foundation to provide information sessions on grant application process</li><li>· Contract with Facilitator for Youth Steering Committee</li><li>· Choose and Contract with Strategic Planning Consultant</li><li>· Select violence interruption organization and initiate contract</li><li>· Technology cart sites identified and agreements drafted</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· Review and select RFP applications</li><li>· Initiate contracts with selected projects</li><li>· Begin Strategic Planning Process</li><li>· Violence Interruption</li><li>· Tech Carts purchased and established at sites</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· Implementation Period for grant funded projects</li><li>· Ongoing technical assistance and training for grant funded projects</li><li>· Strategic Planning Process</li><li>· Violence Interruption</li><li>· Tech carts sites underway</li><li>· Data collection</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· Implementation Period for grant funded projects</li><li>· Ongoing technical assistance and training for grant funded projects</li><li>· Strategic plan developed</li><li>· Violence Interruption</li><li>· Tech Cart sites underway</li><li>· Data collection and analysis</li></ul> |

**Thank you!**