



# The Office of Policy and Strategic Initiatives for Criminal Justice & Public Safety



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**Philadelphia**



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## **Policy and Strategic Initiatives for Criminal Justice and Public Safety**

The City of Philadelphia has realigned its public safety efforts with an enhanced holistic approach, the new **Office of Policy and Strategic Initiatives for Criminal Justice and Public Safety** strengthens the coordination of the **Office of Violence Prevention (OVP)**, **Office of Criminal Justice (OCJ)**, **Office of Reentry Partnerships (ORP)** and **Town Watch Integrated Services (TWIS)** into a community-centric dynamic unit. The office is focused on uplifting solutions to reduce violence, enhance the bridge between neighborhoods and City government, as well as amplifies support for returning citizens and families impacted by the criminal justice system, developing and implementing reforms in an equitable fashion informed by the decades of systemic oppression, racism, and poverty that the Kenney Administration is committed towards eradicating.

# DEPARTMENTAL ALIGNMENT

**TOWN WATCH INTEGRATED SERVICES - TWIS**  
Community capacity building, technical assistance for established organizations and leaders .



**OFFICE OF REENTRY PARTNERSHIPS - ORP**  
Connects services for those impacted by the justice system, coordinates best practices and manages network of service agencies.



**OFFICE OF VIOLENCE PREVENTION - OVP**  
Holds the Roadmap implementation, manages are reduction/intervention programs



**OFFICE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE - OCJ**  
Implementation of diversion programs and accountability for reforms in partnership with law enforcement agencies.

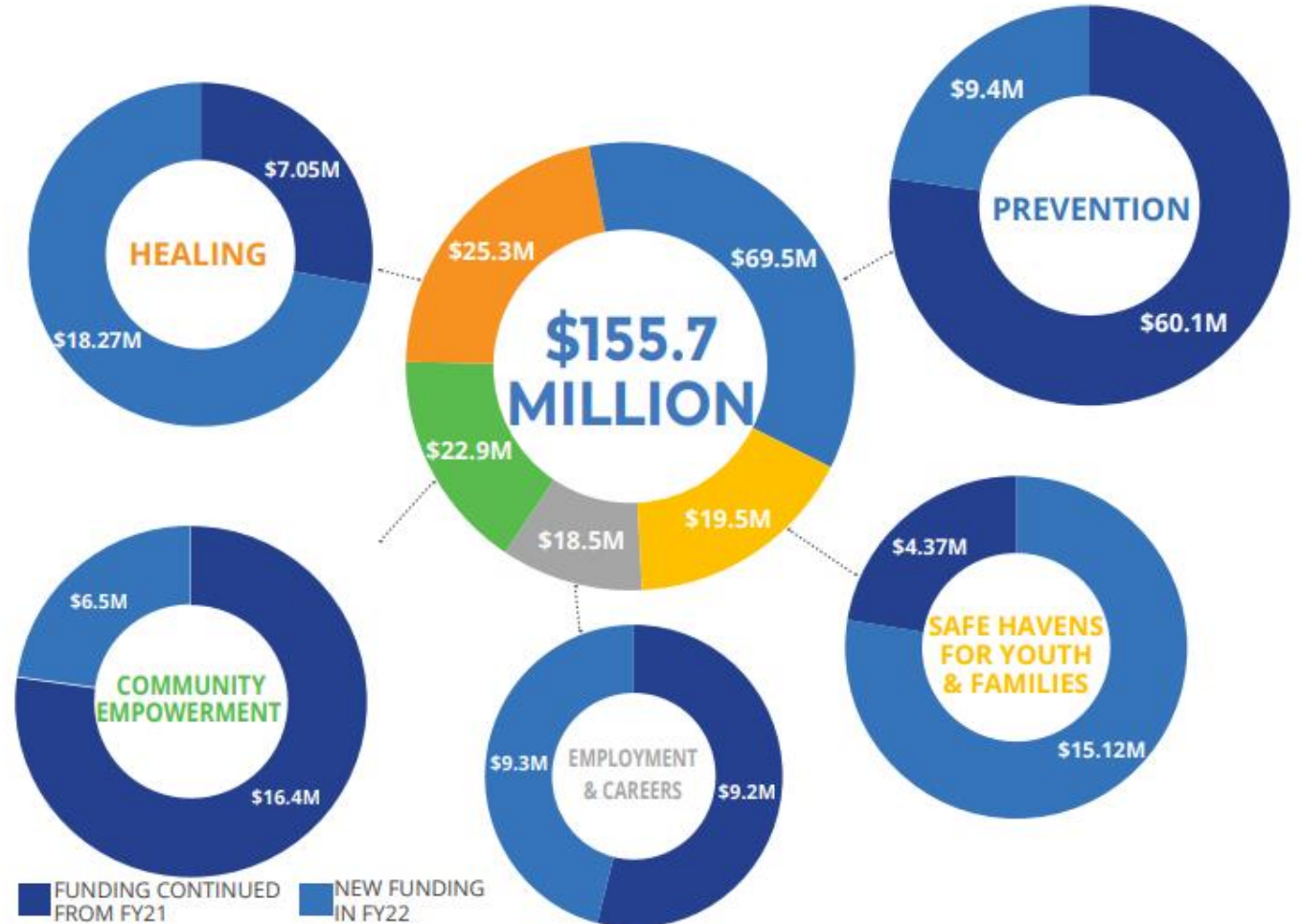


# NEW INITIATIVES AND DEEPER INVESTMENTS



# MORE THAN \$150M FOR ANTI-VIOLENCE IN FY22

- \$30M proposed in the April 15th budget that included 911 Triage/Co-responder (Healing), Group Violence Intervention and CCIP (Prevention), Transitional Jobs (Employment & Careers), and restoration of funding for Parks & Rec and the Free Library (Safe Havens for Youth & Families).
- \$49M to Community Organizations, with \$5M each for Council-directed initiatives in Healing, Prevention, Safe Havens, and Community Empowerment plus \$28M for Out-of-School Time and \$500K for Targeted Community Investment Grants.
- \$7.1M for the Commerce Department with \$5.6M for Employment & Careers through the Commerce Department, made available by leaving BIRT tax rates at current levels and \$1.5M proposed in the April 15th budget to be restored for the Office of Workforce Development.
- \$1.5M for two new Curfew/Evening Reporting Centers.








# Anti-Violence Community Expansion Grants



# MONITORING GROUP ACTIVITIES

- Hear updates on current violence prevention programs
  - Monitor progress of Anti-Violence Community Partnership grantees
  - Raise awareness of Anti-Violence Community Partnership grant opportunities among community organizations
  - Review reports on program development and organizational capacity building efforts
  - Support alignment of additional resources
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# FUNDING PRIORITIES

## *Trauma informed healing and restorative practices*

- Trauma-informed care is a treatment framework that acknowledges the effects of all types of trauma on the individual and emphasizes physical and emotional safety while rebuilding to a sense of control and wellness. Behavioral health interventions would address trauma and support the resilience of impacted individuals and communities.
- Restorative practices are programs that allow impacted communities (i.e., victims, offenders and their respective family members and friends) to come together to explore the effects of violence or an offense and, when possible, to decide how to repair the harm within their respective communities
- Utilization of cognitive behavioral health tactics as a form of persistent engagement of high-risk youth and young adults designed to support their involvement in voluntary or court mandated programs that are aimed at reducing recidivism and/or disrupting individual and family economic disadvantages.

## *Safe havens and mentorship programs*

- Safe havens are physical environments and programs that are culturally relevant and support positive youth development, reduce risk factors for perpetration or victimization of gun violence, and serve as alternatives to delinquent activities.
- Mentorship is defined as innovative approaches to engaging youth and young adults in positive relationships that will promote physical, mental, and emotional well-being. Programs could include engaging the business community, peer-to-peer programs, credible messengers, and/or parental seminars.
- Structured programming that supports the recruitment and retention of participants in workforce programs designed as interventions to reduce poverty and improve economic mobility to prevent violence

*This is a summary of the application. For the complete information and requirements, please review the [application](#) closely.*







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- **Target population:** men and boys of color at high risk of gun violence, between the ages of 16 – 34 years old.
- **Target zip codes:** 19104, 19118, 19119, 19120, 19121, 19122, 19124, 19126, 19129, 19131, 19132, 19133, 19134, 19135, 19136, 19137, 19138, 19139, 19140, 19141, 19142, 19143, 19144, 19145, 19146, 19149, 19150, 19151, 19152

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# TIMELINE

Community Expansion Grant application opens

Friday, August 6, 2021

Community Expansion Grant informational sessions  
*(Attendance at these informational sessions is optional.)*

- Monday, August 16, 2021 (noon – 1 p.m.)
- Tuesday, August 17, 2021 (5:30 – 6:30 p.m.)

[Zoom information for joining the meetings can be found here.](#)

Community Expansion Grant application review begins (selection on a rolling basis)


Friday, August 20, 2021

Community Expansion Grant application deadline

Friday, September 3, 2021

Release of Community Expansion Grant funding begins

September 2021





**QUESTIONS?**



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