



CVI GRANTEE SUMMIT 2024

# *Sustaining Our Progress: Towards a Safer Oregon*

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■ **EVERYTOWN**  
■ **COMMUNITY**  
■ **SAFETY FUND**



# Chapter 1: Everytown & Our Approach





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## 16 Years of Public Safety Experience

- ❖ Managing Director, Community Safety Initiatives & Founder, Everytown Community Safety Fund at Everytown for Gun Safety
- ❖ Chairman, Elmcot Youth & Adult Activities (Queens, NY)
- ❖ Special Assistant & Strategic Initiatives at the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services.
- ❖ Assistant District Attorney in New York City's Queens District Attorney's Office.





# Everytown for Gun Safety **An Overview**





# Our Theory of Change: Support + Sustain + Scale



**\*SUPPORT\***  
Unrestricted  
Grants



**\*SUSTAIN\***  
SME-led Capacity  
Building



**\*SCALE\***  
Collaborative  
Advocacy

Reduce Community Gun  
Violence in Cities



# Key Program Feature: **Unrestricted Grants**

The ***Everytown Community Safety Fund*** provides ***direct investment, convening and capacity-building of non-profit community-based violence intervention programs*** implementing street outreach, hospital-based violence intervention programs and other evidence-informed strategies to reduce gun violence in American cities.





# Key Program Feature: Capacity Building

***Everytown Community Safety Fund convenes grantees, an advisory board, subject matter experts and elected officials at all levels of government, to deliver cohort-based and individualized trainings and awards micro-cohort grants which marry implementation support and technical assistance to scale hyperlocal ecosystems.***





# Key Program Feature: Collaborative Advocacy

In collaboration with several Everytown teams, ***the Community Safety Initiatives team engages elected officials, executive agencies and changemakers*** to advocate for increased funding and support for evidence-informed community-based violence intervention strategies.





# Our Program: Key Program Features







# Our Support Since 2019

## Key Facts

**Key Info:** Supports CVI in Cities, Started w/ 11 grantees in 11 cities, Became CSF in '21  
**Key Grantees:** ROCA, Cleveland Peacemakers, Inner City Innovators, TraRon Center  
**Key Stakeholders:** CSF Advisory Board, Moms Demand Action, Everytown Staff  
**Key Donors:** AllState Foundation, Fidelity Bank, Langeloth Foundation  
**Total Funding:** Delivered \$11.3M via 166 grants to 119 grantees in 68 cities w/in 4 yrs

## Key Impact Indicators

**Grants Awarded: 15X** (11 Grants -> 164 Grants)  
**Grant Recipients: 10X** (11 Recipients -> 117 Recipients)  
**Grant Offerings: 6X** (1 Offering -> 6 Offerings)  
**Geographic Reach: 6X** (11 Cities -> 67 Cities)  
**Leadership Diversity: 100%** POC-led, **53%** WOC-led

### 2023 Strategic Diversity

**60%** **Street**

**Outreach**

**27%** **HVIP**

**13%** **Youth Development**

## Key Program Features

### Quarterly Convenings

Sharing best practices & common challenges to build community and fuel implementation.

### Amplification & Positioning

Developing grantee leader skills to share their impact via targeted campaigns to raise awareness and unlock add'l support.

### Community Training Institute

Expediting access to national subject matter experts, building stakeholder capacity to scale and sustain CVI.

### Advocacy Support

Leveraging our collective power to assist urgent advocacy efforts to sustain CVI orgs during times of crisis.



# Chapter 2: Gun Violence in America



# Gun Violence in America

Every day,  
120 Americans  
are **killed**  
**with guns.**

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# Gun Violence in America



**58 PERCENT OF AMERICAN ADULTS  
OR SOMEONE THEY CARE FOR  
HAVE EXPERIENCED GUN VIOLENCE  
IN THEIR LIFETIME.**



# Gun Violence in America

**Gun violence costs the United States  
\$280.1 billion each year, of which \$12.7  
billion is paid by taxpayers.**

SOURCE: TED R. MILLER ANALYSIS OF CDC FATAL INJURY: 2018 AND HCUP NONFATAL INJURY: 2017.



# Guns and Community Gun Violence

**<5%**

A study of nonfatal gun violence in Chicago from 2006 to 2014 found that more than 70% of all subjects of gun violence are in social networks representing less than 5% of the city's population.

**33%**

In 2020, the United States saw a 33% increase in the rate of gun homicides compared to the year prior. And in 2021 gun homicides increased another 8 percent compared to 2020.

**10X**

Black Americans are disproportionately impacted by gun violence. They experience gun homicides at 10X the rate of white Americans.

**18x**

Nonfatal shootings, the majority of our nation's gun violence, impacts Black Americans at an even higher rate. They experience gun assault injuries at 18X the rate of white Americans.



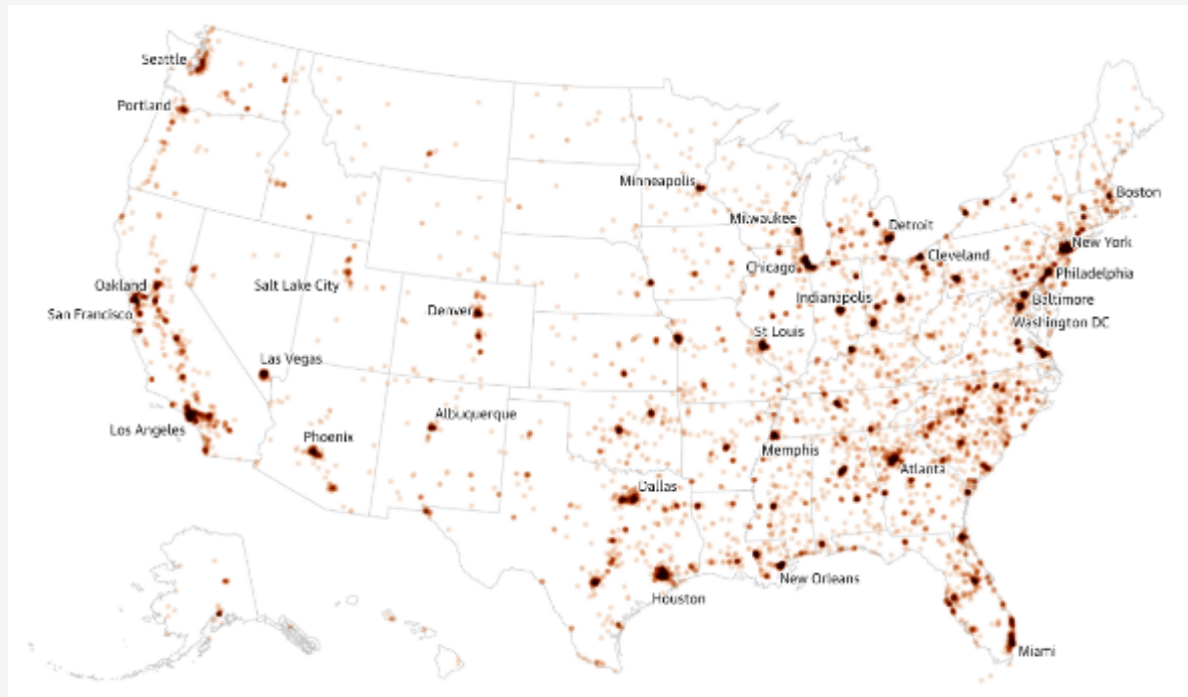
# Gun Violence is Historically Most Acute in Cities

127

CITIES ACCOUNT FOR 1/2  
OF ALL GUN HOMICIDES IN U.S.

92%

NONFATAL SHOOTINGS  
OCCUR IN CITIES



Source: The Guardian



# COVID Exacerbated the Drivers of Gun Violence

*What we've heard from partners — community and government leaders — on how the pandemic has affected violence.*



*Disruption of Critical  
Social Services and  
Infrastructure*



Challenges to  
Violence  
Intervention  
Programs



Extended Summer  
Violence Spike



Deteriorating  
Police and  
Community Trust

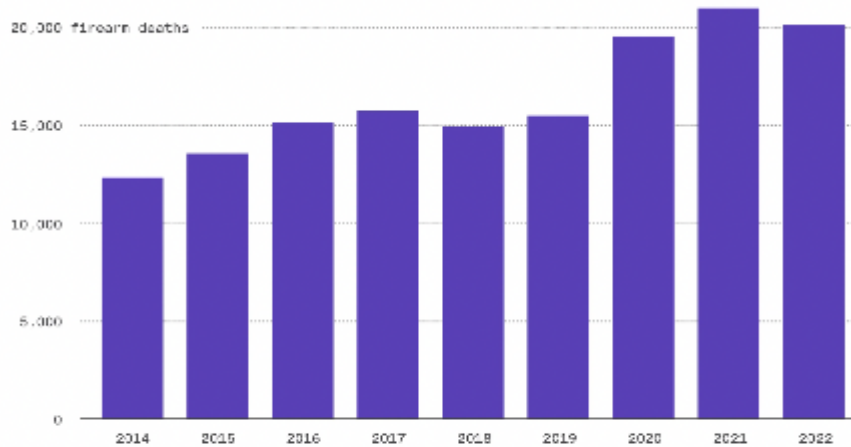


Record Spike in  
Gun Sales



# Gun Homicides Spiked in 2020 and Have Persisted

The Gun Violence Archive recorded slightly fewer **gun deaths**, excluding suicides, in 2022, after 2021 recorded more gun deaths than any year since the archive's founding.



THE  
TRACE

Source: Gun Violence Archive

Source: The Trace

Assault-related fatal shootings were on a slight upward trend pre-pandemic, but spiked with COVID and increased towards a record-setting peak in 2021

- 2019: +3.8%
- 2020: +25.9%
- 2021: +6.9%
- 2022: -4.2%



# Unique Challenges For Violence Intervention Programs

## Extended Summer Violence Spike

- Rising heat leads to rising violence as there is a direct relationship between heat and crime especially as it pertains to communities of color in metropolitan areas
- With climate change rapidly accelerating the seasonal weather, we can expect to continue to see a rise in violent crime with the use of a firearm, which makes this an even bigger crisis for community organizations providing support.

## Policing & Community Trust

- Building trust with the community is fundamental to effective policing however, as communities of color are on the receiving end of overpolicing, it is hard to build and maintain trust
- Another concern in regards to a lack of trust is a lack of reporting for fear of speaking to the police which delays the useful methods of intervention services

## Spike In Gun Sales And Widening Of Loopholes

- Texas has some of the weakest gun laws in the country, any expansions only stands to weaken public safety protections further and to pad the pockets of the gun lobby

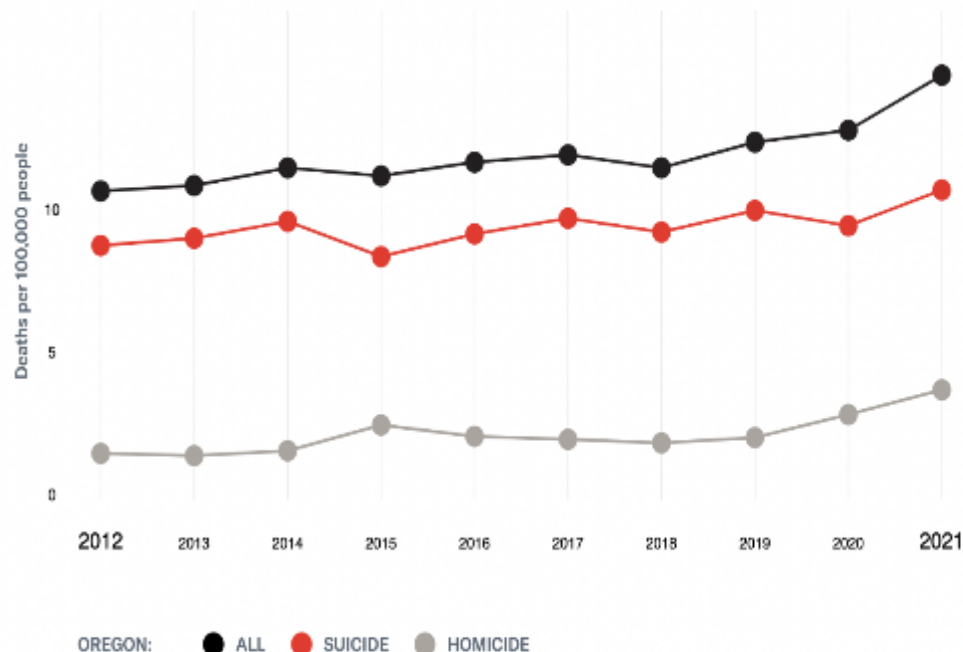


# Chapter 3: Gun Violence in Oregon



# Gun Violence in Oregon

## Gun Deaths Over Time in Oregon



SOURCE: CDC, UNDERLYING CAUSE OF DEATH, 2012-2021.

The rate of gun deaths has increased **37%** from 2012 to 2021 in Oregon, compared to a **39%** increase nationwide. This means that in 2021 there were **227** more gun deaths than in 2012.

In Oregon, the rate of gun suicide increased **22%** and gun homicide increased **135%** from 2012 to 2021, compared to a **19%** increase and **73%** increase nationwide, respectively.

# 70%

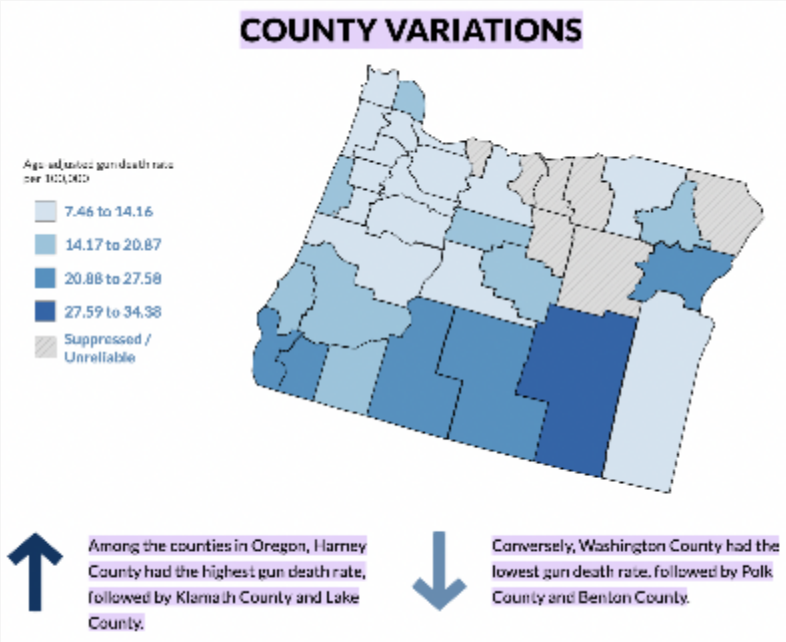
Of Homicides in  
Oregon Involving a  
Gun

# \$89M

Cost of Gun Violence for  
Taxpayers in Oregon  
(\$8.1B Total)



# Gun Violence in Oregon Counties and Cities



2019 Gun Death Rates  
Source: [The Educational Fund to Stop Gun Violence](#)

## Firearm Homicide by County

- Oregon's two most populated counties; Multnomah and Washington County saw 141 and 35 gun homicides from 2018 - 2021, respectively.
  - Multnomah gun **homicide** rate was almost 3x higher, at 4.3 homicides per 100,000 residents each year.
  - This is the second highest county homicide rate in Oregon, with the less populated Josephine County seeing a rate of 7.4 homicides per 100,000 residents.

OREGON COUNTIES ▼	TOTAL DEATHS (2018–2021) ▼	RATE PER 100,000 ▼	AVG. POPULATION ▼
JOSEPHINE COUNTY	28	7.4	87,820
MULTNOMAH COUNTY	141	4.3	810,937
JACKSON COUNTY	28	3.2	221,522
MARION COUNTY	38	2.8	347,752

Gun Homicide Rates  
Source: [EveryStat](#)



# Oregon: 2021 Firearm Tracing Data

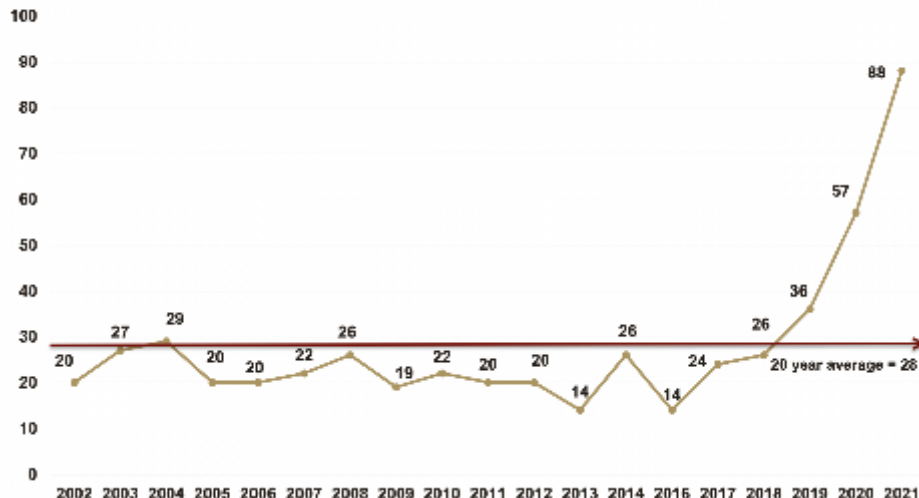
- Of the 4,263 firearms recovered by LEO in 2022-1, 3,179 were sourced from here in Oregon. 315 were sourced from Washington and 135 came from California. The top Recovery Cities for Firearms:
  - Portland: 1,339
  - Salem: 356
  - Medford: 313
  - Eugene: 286
  - Beaverton: 214
- The top 3 caliber types were 9mm (1,795), .22 Cal (723), and .40 Cal (430).
  - Firearm types were Pistols (3,266), Rifles (1,081), and Revolvers (622).
- In 2021 the Oregon average time-to-Crime for a firearm was 8.34 Years, compared to a national average of 6.24 years.

Source: The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms  
[Firearms Trace Data: Oregon - 2021](#)



# Portland at-a-glance

**Portland Homicides: 2002 - 2021**



Source: [California Partnership for Safe Communities](https://www.calpartnership.org/)

From 2019 – 2021, Portland experienced a:

- 144% increase in counts of homicide incidents
- 241% increase in counts of nonfatal injury shootings

**This trend continued, with Portland seeing a record 95 homicides in 2022.**

Available data from 2023 has shown signs of decline however, as 73 homicides were recorded in Portland Police Bureau data.

- It also saw a 16% decrease in non-fatal shootings and a 22% drop in overall shootings.

*However these totals still far exceed previous highs in the last 20 years.*

Source: [Oregon Public Broadcasting](https://www.opb.org/)



# City Support: Portland Office of Gun Violence Prevention

Portland, which created their Office of Gun Violence Prevention in 2006, has faced this rising gun violence by reinvigorating their support for community violence intervention.

The Community Justice Action Fund, which ranks cities via the The Community Violence Prevention Index, **scored Portland 9th in 2023.**

- The City of Portland scored 77 out of 100 on the VPI in 2023, compared to 39 out of 100 in 2022. The average city score is 32.

The Office of Violence Prevention leads strategic direction and oversight for violence prevention, contracts CVI programs, and leads a number of programs:

1. Grants: \$950,000 in grants in 2023 and 2022 - comprising \$750,000 in large grants and \$200,000 in small grants each year
2. Safe Blocks Program: trainings and education, place-based security assessments, community building activities, and resources and referrals.
3. And more...





# Chapter 4:

## The Public Health Approach to Community Gun Violence



# The Public Health Approach to Reducing Gun Violence

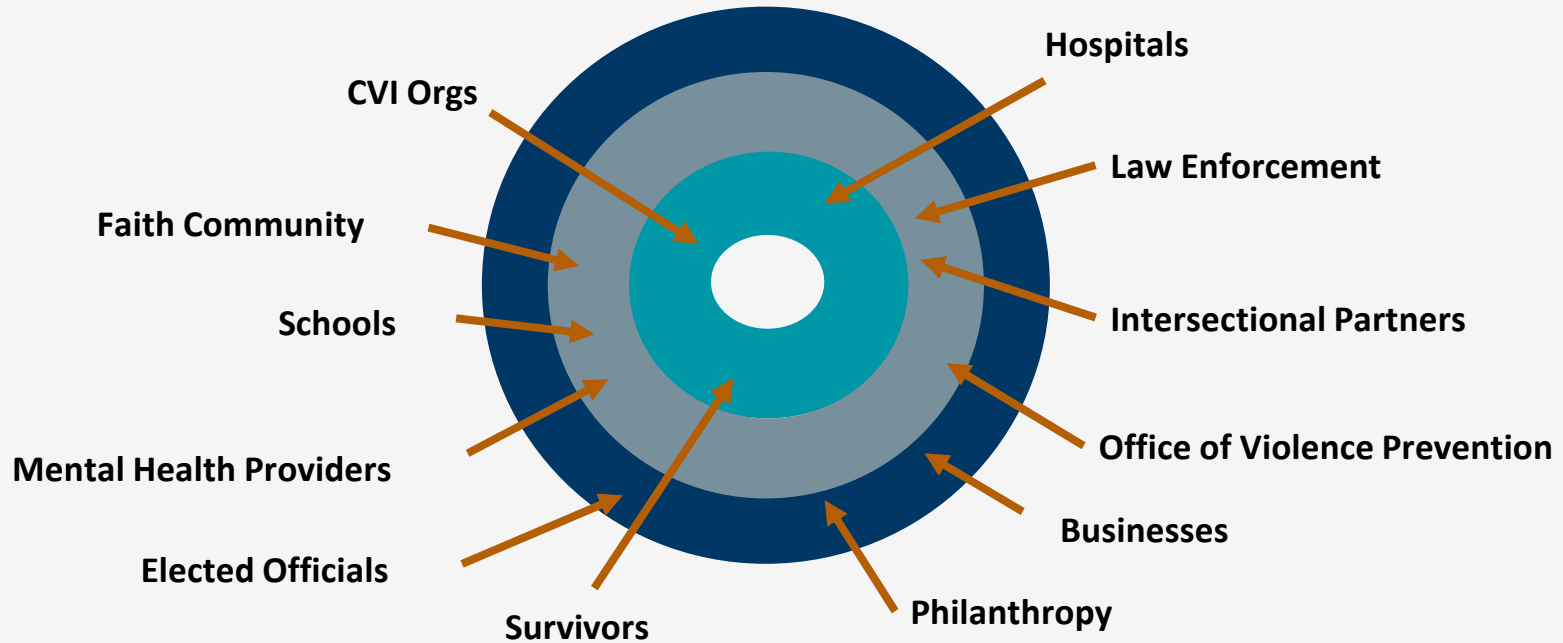
A public health approach to gun violence acknowledges the similarities between the impact and spread of gun violence and infectious diseases, then works to reduce gun violence for an entire population - through large scale intervention and prevention programs.

- **Define and monitor**
- **Identify risk and protective factors**
- **Develop and test prevention strategies**
- **Ensure widespread adoption of effective strategies**





# Core Ecosystem Stakeholders to Ensure Implementation & Efficacy





# Community-Based Public Health Solutions to Gun Violence

For decades, community-based organizations have **successfully reduced violence** by implementing alternative public safety measures that are locally driven and informed by data.

## Why it works:

- Based in communities most impacted
- Led by members of those communities.
- Deploy credible messengers with trust and legitimacy.
- Target the people and places most impacted.
- Provide expedited access to systems and supports.



**Each of these programs have demonstrated success reducing gun violence in cities nationwide.** In San Francisco, a hospital-based violence intervention program was associated with a significant reduction in hospitalizations and reinjuries.



# Community-Based Public Health Solutions: **Street Outreach**

Street outreach organizations provide both **immediate crisis response services** and **long-term stabilization** support to individuals and communities affected by gun violence.



**PHILADELPHIA**

**34%**

REDUCTION IN SHOOTINGS



**CHICAGO**

**17-24%**

REDUCTION IN SHOOTINGS



**NEW YORK CITY**

**37-50%**

REDUCTION IN GUN INJURIES



# Program Spotlight: Leaders Implementing Street Outreach Programs

Portland's OVP dedicates \$2.2 million towards a prevention to contract the following programs as they employ violence prevention specialists:

- **Portland Opportunities Industrialization Center (POIC)**
  - The POIC Community Care Team reduces the stressors linked to the high rates of violence and trauma that people of color face.
- **Going Home II**
  - Going Home II helps incarcerated people prepare for and actualize a successful return to the community by providing tailored guidance and support through material resources, transitional housing, and personal and professional mentoring.
- **3v3ryday Grind**
  - 3v3ryday Grind is a community enrichment initiative designed to offset and eliminate occurrences of violence, houselessness, recidivism, and economic disparities that are statistically more significant in communities of color.





# Community-Based Public Health Solutions: **Summer Youth Employment**

Employment opportunities, especially for young adults, can **serve as a critical protective factor** in disrupting cycles of violence and trauma, especially among Black youth. **Youth development and employment programs are proven to reduce this violence by providing opportunity and economic support.**



**BOSTON**  
**35%**

REDUCTION IN VIOLENT CRIME ARRAIGNMENTS



**NEW YORK CITY**  
**20%**

REDUCTION IN MORTALITY



**CHICAGO**  
**46%**

REDUCTION IN VIOLENT CRIME  
ARRESTS



# Spotlight: Summer Youth Employment Programs in Oregon

## LOCAL: SummerWorks (Portland, OR)

SummerWorks is a paid summer work experience program for youth ages 16–24 in the Portland Metro area led by Work Systems.

In 2023, SummerWorks saw **588 work experience placements** and **127 learning opportunity placements**.

## STATE: The Oregon Youth Employment Program (OYEP)

The Oregon Youth Employment Program (OYEP) provides meaningful paid work experiences – such as internships, apprenticeships, and summer jobs – and workforce preparation to youth and young adults ages 14-24.





# Community-Based Public Health Solutions: **Hospital-Based Violence Intervention**

Health professionals and violence interrupters engage survivors and their families in the hospital **immediately and during the months that follow the injury** to ensure that they have **the support and resources necessary** to heal and remain safe.



**SAN FRANCISCO**

**42%**

REDUCTION IN RATES OF REINJURY



**INDIANAPOLIS**

**67%**

REDUCTION IN RATES OF REINJURY



**BALTIMORE**

**4x**

LESS LIKELY TO BE ARRESTED  
FOR A VIOLENT CRIME



# Program Spotlight: Healing Hurt People Portland

Healing Hurt People (HHP) is a national, evidence-based program developed by Drexel University. The program provides trauma-informed healing services to victims of violent injury immediately following an incident, as intervention within four hours is key to preventing retaliatory violence.

HHP provides hospital-based violence intervention services at local Hospitals (Legacy Emanuel, Legacy Mt Hood, and Oregon Health & Sciences University).

HHP Team members advocate for patients in a trauma-informed way, typically live in the communities they work in, and help bridge the gap with hospital staff.

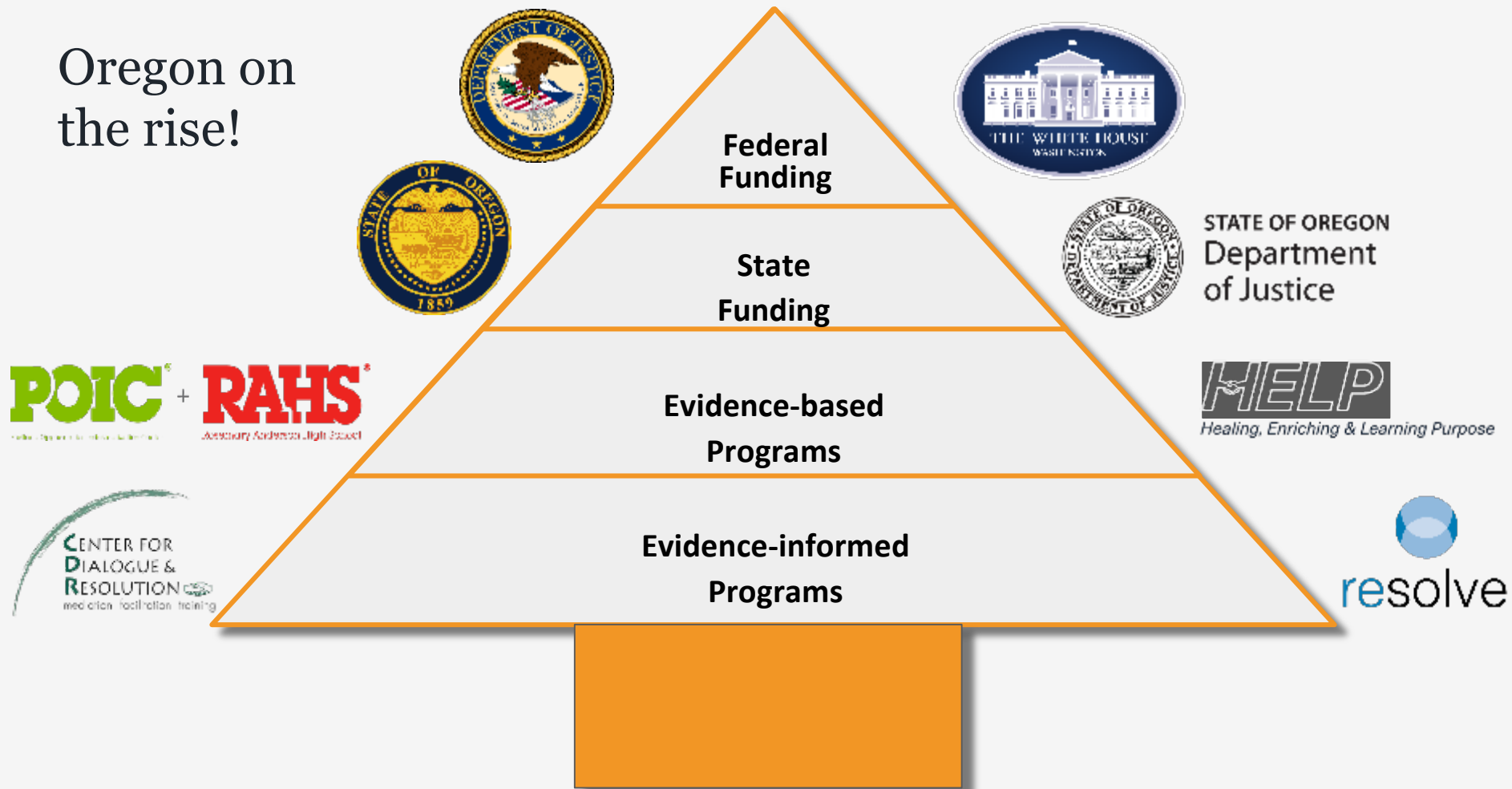




# Chapter 5: Sustaining Our Progress Across Oregon



Oregon on  
the rise!





# Oregon on the rise!

President Biden has made investing in CVI programs a central plank of his administration's strategy to reduce gun violence, and the U.S. Treasury Department has released guidance that explicitly authorizes state and local American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to be used to support these programs.

- Through HB 5202, the Oregon Legislature designated \$15 million dollars to support CVI programs through ARPA funding. *Which brings us together today.*

Strategies supported include:

- Afterschool programs
- Group violence interventions
- Hospital-based violence interruption programs
- Job training and employment programs
- Neighborhood change agent programs
- Street outreach
- Mediation training
- Mentoring programs
- Restorative Justice
- Reentry services





# Sustaining Our Progress

- **Scale** - Continue to provide **direct, discretionary, multi-year investment and technical assistance** for CVI programs program to scale their efforts to serve more people and places in need. Governance, accounting, hiring, wellness, strategic planning and communications are a few core competencies to successful CVI implementation.
- **Partner** - Partner with CVI orgs to deliver targeted, **skills training to program participants** to prepare them to access opportunities **and administrative support** to CVI orgs and their workers, many of whom are vulnerable themselves - **to further professionalize the field and position them to unlock new resources.**
- **Integrate** - **Integrate CVI orgs, their leaders and community-based partners** into non-traditional and intersectional issue areas and spaces to support your city's comprehensive plan, **create a city-wide CVI ecosystem** and inform strategy development. **Center gun violence survivors** to raise awareness about available resources and leverage their expertise to prevent violence. **Empower area youth** in vulnerable communities to **inform development of targeted pro-social activities** and engage their peers.
- **Support** - **Provide financial and in-kind support** to CVI organizations to help them fulfill their promise, **encourage local businesses to participate** in CVI efforts and develop other opportunities, **engage local philanthropy** to raise awareness about the need for intermediaries and technical support.





# Thank You!

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