

# Memorandum



**Date:** May 17, 2024

**To:** Honorable Chairman Oliver G. Gilbert, III and  
Members, Board of County Commissioners

**From:** Daniella Levine Cava  
Mayor

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Agenda Item No. 2(B)(10)  
June 4, 2024

**Subject:** Report on the Miami-Dade County Community Violence Intervention Initiative-  
Directive No. 221683

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## Executive Summary

The following report is provided pursuant to Resolution No. R-701-22, sponsored by Commissioner Kionne L. McGhee, and adopted by the Board of County Commissioners (the “Board”) on July 19, 2022. Resolution No. R-701-22 approved the Miami-Dade County Community Violence Intervention (“CVI”) Initiative’s plan, and through a floor amendment by former County Commissioner Joe A. Martinez, required the County Mayor or County Mayor’s designee to provide an initial report and quarterly reports thereafter to the Board providing the following information for individuals who participated in programs or received benefits from any entity funded by the Carrie Meek Foundation (the “Foundation”): (1) age; (2) district where said individuals reside; (3) race; and (4) sex. This consolidated report covers the July 2023, October 2023, January 2024, and April 2024 reports.

CVI is a national model and a community-centered approach to gun violence prevention that identifies those who are at the highest risk and works to reduce violence through targeted community-based intervention strategies. The County’s CVI initiative is a countywide and community-led strategy that further builds upon and strengthens the County’s existing anti-gun violence strategy, along with the Peace & Prosperity Plan administered by the Office of Neighborhood Safety (“ONS”), the County’s Anti-Violence Initiative/Group Violence Initiative administered by the Miami-Dade County Juvenile Services Department (“JSD”) in partnership with the Miami-Dade Police Department (“MDPD”), the Reentry Plan administered by Miami-Dade Corrections and Rehabilitation, and the 2023 Anti-Violence State Appropriation funding and enforcement efforts led by MDPD. Championed by Congresswoman Frederica S. Wilson, the County has received a \$963,000 federal earmark for youth development and empowerment initiatives to support the expansion of the Fit2Lead program and provide scholarships to college enrolled and college-bound young adults.

The CVI initiative, through the Foundation’s Supporting Safer Communities program, engaged and supported organizations to lead innovative programming in communities impacted by gun violence via a Request for Proposals (“RFP”). The Foundation received 246 proposals of which 82 were awarded funding. In addition, the Foundation released a Capacity Building and Technical Assistance Grant Request for Qualifications (“RFQ”) to provide support to the RFP grant recipients. The Foundation received 21 proposals of which two were awarded funding. Appendix A includes a list of the 84 organizations that were awarded funding via the RFP and RFQ, a brief description of the funded projects, and the grant amount awarded to each organization.

On February 28, 2024, the Foundation hosted the grant recipients and community stakeholders at the Dennis C. Moss Cultural Arts Center to showcase the various violence prevention and intervention, mental health, and reentry services that CVI is funding in communities across the County. In addition to presentations by several grant recipients, District 9 Commissioner Kionne L. McGhee, a representative from the Office of District 8 Commissioner Danielle Cohen-Higgins, and County Mayor Daniella Levine Cava delivered remarks focusing on the importance of the County's CVI Initiative and the impact it will have on stemming violence in our communities.

### Background

Through Resolution No. R-701-22, the Board unanimously approved CVI with an investment of \$8,943,000 of which \$8,135,560 is being administered, managed, and distributed to the community by the Foundation with oversight by the Miami-Dade County Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") and ONS. ONS received an allocation of \$375,000 to provide scholarships to young adults attending college or a post-secondary program. The Children's Village, Inc., a member of the Together for Children Coalition, was awarded \$400,000 to hire natural helpers within communities impacted by gun violence and to coordinate the 130 organizations that are in the Together for Children network with a focus on capacity building, implementing preventative solutions to support youth and families. The Melissa Institute for Violence Prevention and Treatment ("Melissa Institute") was awarded \$65,000 to provide trauma informed care training to credible messengers, natural helpers, and volunteer youth sport coaches. In addition, \$7,295,560 was dedicated to build upon and strengthen the County's CVI infrastructure through a competitive process for community organizations to lead efforts in the following areas: (1) reentry services; (2) high-risk intervention work; (3) mental health, trauma, and wellness; and (4) capacity building and training and technical assistance.

### Report

In April 2023, through its Supporting Safer Communities Program, the Foundation released an RFP inviting nonprofit organizations, including small grassroots groups, to apply for \$7,155,560 in grant funding to lead innovative programming in communities impacted by gun violence. The Foundation received 246 proposals for more than \$87 million, of which 82, or 33%, of the proposals were funded.

As previously reported, the Foundation also entered into agreements with the Melissa Institute and the Children's Village. In March, the Melissa Institute launched the training initiative to provide trauma-informed care training to the CVI grant recipients providing direct services via a hybrid online and in-person model. The Children's Village hired a Natural Helper Coordinator and filled the six Natural Helper positions. Each of the six Together for Children neighborhood coalitions (Liberty City/Brownsville, Perrine/Goulds/Richmond Heights, Overtown, Miami Gardens/Opa-Locka, Northeast Corridor, and Homestead/Florida City/Naranja) are assigned a Natural Helper to work closely with the organizations that make up the coalition in connecting parents and children to holistic wraparound services that include, but are not limited to, education support, childcare, mental health and wellness, nutrition, and at-risk prevention.

The CVI initiative was designed to have a countywide reach with an emphasis on serving communities and individuals disproportionately affected by gun violence. Through February 29, 2024, a total of 1,310 residents were served by 51 CVI-funded organizations, of which 51% of those served were 17 or younger, with an average age of 18. The majority of individuals served identify as Black/African American (63%), while 14% of those served identify as Hispanic/Latino, and 72% identify as female. There were 1,302 individuals with verifiable addresses, and eight were undisclosed due to homelessness or the individual's inability to provide a residence location due to other factors. Miami-Dade County Commission Districts 1, 2, 3, 8 and 9 are home to 79% of the individuals served by the CVI Initiative. It is important to note that while Miami-Dade County experienced a significant decrease in gun homicides, the aforementioned commission districts experienced 81% (125 of 154) of gun homicides in 2023 and 75% (154 of 204) in 2022.<sup>1</sup> Table 1 provides a breakdown, by Commission district, of the number of residents served by the CVI Initiative as of February 29, 2024. See Appendix B for additional figures displaying demographic data.

Table 1: Residents served by Commission District

<b>Commission District</b>	<b>Number (n=1,310)</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
District 1	139	10.6%
District 2	312	23.8%
District 3	184	14%
District 4	11	0.8%
District 5	35	2.7%
District 6	10	0.8%
District 7	37	2.8%
District 8	240	18.3%
District 9	161	12.3%
District 10	12	0.9%
District 11	18	1.4%
District 12	138	10.5%
District 13	5	0.4%
Unknown <sup>1</sup>	8	0.6%

<sup>1</sup>The commission district is unavailable due to homelessness or other factors.

The remaining 33 funded organizations are in the project implementation phase or received funding for an initiative or event that is scheduled to occur or has occurred on or after March 1, 2024. The next CVI report will include demographic data for individuals served by these organizations.

In addition to the above, the Foundation released a Capacity Building and Technical Assistance Grant RFQ to provide support to the CVI RFP grantees. The RFQ focused on enhancing grantee

<sup>1</sup> Excludes accidental deaths, Medical Examiner cases where the location in Miami-Dade County cannot be confirmed, undetermined deaths, pending homicide deaths, suicides, and law enforcement-involved deaths.

capacity to successfully execute their programs, in addition to increasing grantee effectiveness in service delivery, compliance with grant contracts, organizational leadership, collaboration, and operational management. Applicants had to demonstrate expertise in providing diverse services, including training sessions, one-on-one support, and continuous coaching throughout the grant cycle. The Foundation received 21 proposals of which the following two were awarded funding:

- Radical Partners, LLC: Awarded \$98,000 for strengthening grantee organizations through customized training, leadership and collaboration support, ongoing monitoring, adaptive strategies, policy navigation and long-term sustainability planning.
- Mc3 Consulting, Inc.: Awarded \$42,000 to implement their Results-Based Accountability initiative, which includes data collection and reporting plans for grantees, utilizing surveys, interviews and focus groups for a more nuanced approach.

### Conclusion

The CVI initiative places community stakeholders at the center of its efforts as both the provider and recipient of services. The strategy brings more than 80 unique community partners with diverse program offerings together to address the root causes of gun violence. With investments in youth development, mental health, reentry, family dynamics, education, employment, and vocational training, to name a few, the CVI initiative is positioned to have a multi-generational impact (neo-natal to older adults) in communities. Moreover, by investing in the organizations through capacity building, the County is further strengthening the collective ability to render effective and sustainable solutions to gun violence. The CVI initiative is a critical component of the multi-pronged approach that our County has embraced with bold actions and investments to stem gun violence in our communities and create a County where all residents are safe and thriving.

Should you require additional information, please contact Sonia Grice, CAHSD Director, at (786) 469-4600.

Per Ordinance No. 14-65, this report will be placed on the next available Board meeting agenda.

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## Supporting Safer Communities Grant Recipients

Organization's Name (Fiscal Sponsor Agency)	Funded Project	Project Description	Amount Awarded
Affirming Youth Foundation	TRUST US	Expands the organization's community collaborative to create the Community-based Violence Intervention and Prevention Initiative, which will help 60 youth ages 10-18 in Liberty City connect to resources that encourage behaviors and attitudes that can help reduce violent crime. TRUST US will link youth with caring adults, creating safe, family-oriented environments that support healthy development and reduced future risks.	\$75,000.00
Amplify Community Resources, Inc.	Teen Talk	Fosters open dialogue in a safe and supportive space for 250 teenagers to discuss mental health concerns, including access to wellness resources specifically tailored to the needs of teens. The program also unites youth and law enforcement officers through positive dialogue that dispels misconceptions and establishes trust in both groups.	\$25,000.00
An Umbrella of Hope Re-Entry Coalition (Transition, Inc.)	Project One-Stop Reentry Services	Offers comprehensive, onsite reentry services over 18 months, including employment, legal, mental health, transportation, and housing resources across 18 communities throughout Miami-Dade County. This project is done in collaboration with Transition, Inc., Overtown Optimist Club, Empowerment Zone Reentry Initiative, and the Florida Rights Restoration Coalition.	\$315,000.00
BAMN Robotics Corporation	BAMN Robotics	Empowers 300 students ages 6-18 with 21st century tech skills in block coding using the VEX IQ curriculum. Block coding knowledge will be applied to real-world challenges, enhancing practical skills in teamwork, communication, planning and problem-solving through building competition robots.	\$75,000.00
Be Strong International, Inc.	Be Strong On the Block	Expands its care coordination model to West Perrine, focusing on families in severely underserved neighborhoods over 18 months, serving children and youth impacted by gun violence. Individualized assessments will be used to support families according to their unique needs.	\$200,000.00
Belafonte TACOLCY Center	Circle of Care	Supports hiring comprehensive, wraparound care coordinators to support and assist families in accessing necessary resources, enhancing their overall well-being, and promoting community collaboration to build a stronger, safer environment for all residents in Liberty City and the surrounding area.	\$75,000.00
Beyond the Bars	Rebound & Rise	Supports workshops and focus groups in Miami-Dade correctional facilities and a policy campaign to create stable, living-wage employment opportunities, increase incomes, enhance worksite safety protections and improve training for workers with criminal records in Miami-Dade's northwest corridor.	\$95,000.00
Black Men Build (Every Voice Center d/b/a State Democracy Project)	Black Men Build Miami	Delivers a range of trainings, workshops, essential services and resources designed to empower individuals in Liberty City and Little Haiti, improving their lives and those of their families through access to food, housing, job opportunities and educational support.	\$100,000.00

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Brownsville Civic Neighborhood Center (The Alternative Programs, Inc.)	Brownsville Legacy Project	Supports a youth mentorship program and mural series in Brownsville to highlight the neighborhood's historic people, places, and experiences, in collaboration with Art Forever Miami, Inc. and artists Addonis Parker and Allah Emmanuel.	\$37,000.00
Center for Equitable Access and Treatment of Trauma	Center for Equitable Access and Treatment of Trauma	Supports residents seeking trauma treatment services, especially underserved, immigrant and BIPOC individuals, increasing access to both in-person and telehealth care delivered by trained professionals employing evidence-based interventions, including Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, Child-Parent Psychotherapy, and group therapy.	\$150,000.00
Children Of Inmates, Inc.	Family & Neighborhood Matters	Improves relationships for children with an incarcerated parent by reconnecting them through child-focused bonding visits. Parents re-entering the community receive research-based information and parenting support to improve knowledge of their children's developmental stages and provide skills training for a smoother transition back to their families.	\$95,000.00
Children's Bereavement Center	Scaling CBC's Support Model to High-Need Communities in Miami-Dade	Produces a four-part grief training for community-based organizations on identifying and working with bereaved families, focused on the unique ways grief can be experienced across a person's lifespan and practical strategies for providing compassionate and effective support.	\$100,000.00
Coalition of Florida Farmworkers Org, Inc.	The COFFO youth Program	Provides a nine-month intensive after school and summer program for a cohort of 20 teenaged youth in Homestead and Florida City who are most prone to engage in risky and/or delinquent behavior. Creates a safe haven to help students learn, explore and express themselves, using curriculums focused on academic enrichment; safety, bullying and violence prevention; self-awareness and wellness; and exploring options for their future.	\$100,000.00
Coconut Grove Optimist Club	Safe Place	Provides an after-school athletic program, combining mentoring and youth development to ensure children ages 12-18 are active after their school day ends.	\$75,000.00
Community Youth Against Violence	Getting to Know Each Other at the Table	Employs therapists to train parents of households with children deemed at risk, strengthening the family through the "Around the Table" curriculum. It teaches adults the importance of listening and offering guidance, praise and direction to their children, resulting in a "Family Success Plan" to help prevent violence from impacting the household.	\$40,000.00
Crime Stoppers of Miami Dade County, Inc.	Crime Stoppers Gun Violence Initiative	Provides extended services beyond crime prevention to address the needs of victims and their families, advocating for justice and peace while aiming to reduce gun violence through widespread community engagement and collaboration.	\$50,000.00
CVCA and BEE Amaze	CVCA and BEE Amaze	Creates safe spaces where young people can freely express themselves through enrichment activities, such as arts, sports, or STEM programs. Includes an after-school program	\$25,000.00

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Do Good 4 1	Do Good 4 1	providing academic support, homework assistance and tutoring for 100 youth ages 6-18 in South Dade.	\$50,000.00
Dozier and Dozier Construction Academy, Corp.	The Urban Craft Academy Program	Supports STEM sessions as a deterrent from gun violence by keeping students engaged at Carrie Meek K-8 and the Wilner Maxy Community Center, with a primary focus on computer science, career development and VEX Robotics. Offers free construction trade skill training to help combat incarceration and gun violence with tailored programs for youth and adult apprenticeships, including plumbing, electrical work, air conditioning systems, drywall, painting, and maintenance, with a strong focus on project management skills.	\$325,000.00
El Ingenio, Inc.	Centro Mater Arts Education Project	Provides a quality, multidisciplinary arts education tailored for children with limited English proficiency in Little Havana and Hialeah, including live performances that enhance their potential, cultural engagement and confidence.	\$50,000.00
Empowerment Zone Reentry Initiative, Inc.	EZRI	Expands outreach efforts and linkages to reach additional residents in unstable housing, including encampments, shelters and temporary housing units, and justice-impacted residents who are not connected to a reentry organization.	\$30,000.00
Ex-Felons Against Crime through Outreach, Inc.	Reentry Sentry	Program will facilitate mentoring and tailored dialogue to address specific issues and challenges related to criminal behavior to further aid in reducing recidivism and violence in the Liberty City and Overtown area.	\$35,000.00
Florida Justice Center	Reentry Legal Project	Supports services specifically for justice-impacted individuals to include: sealing and expungement of arrest records, clemency including voting rights restoration and restoration of civil rights, probation assistance including early termination of probation, driver license reinstatement from suspension, child support modification, landlord/tenant and housing issues related to criminal record and public benefits assistance.	\$300,000.00
Friends of South Florida Music	Safe Space for Growing Future Leaders	Expands a collaboration with Future Leaders of Tomorrow Academy in Florida City to provide school-aged participants music classes, music history and arts education, helping to improve their academic outlook, self-awareness and prospects for the future.	\$40,000.00
Genesis Hopeful Haven, Inc.	Fostering New Beginnings	Provides preventative programming, including after-school, camp and housing programs, to ensure foster 60 youth ages 10-25 are safe, engaged, and supported while receiving mental health services. Focuses on physical well-being, relationship-building, emotional management and conflict resolution, college readiness, and financial literacy.	\$100,000.00
Girl Power	Girls Intervention Program PLUS	Serves middle and high school girls who live primarily in zip codes identified by the Juvenile Services Department as having the highest number of arrests of girls in Miami-Dade County, providing mindfulness, art therapy, financial literacy, and academic enrichment programming.	\$50,560.00

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Girl Scout Council of Tropical Florida	Ensuring Safe Spaces with Community	Places trained, volunteer Troop leaders to provide empowering leadership opportunities for girls in gun violence-impacted communities and every local youth identifying as a girl, regardless of their background or socioeconomic status, including college preparedness, career development, community engagement and problem-solving, and network building.	\$100,000.00
Global Speech and Rehab Services	Global Trotters	Engages elementary and middle school children from Lillie C. Evans K – 8 Center in Liberty City in a nine-week, project-based learning program featuring life experiences which should help close the gap between them and their peers with greater economic resources. Includes summer programming with workshops, sports, and arts, creating a safe space for youth.	\$70,000.00
Guitars Over Guns	Guitars Over Guns	Provides a free, safe, stable space for youth to access critical community resources and learn, connect, and develop through arts-based mentorship and performance opportunities.	\$50,000.00
Haitian Cultural Arts Alliance	Haitian Cultural Arts Alliance	Empowers young men and women to choose intelligence and creativity over guns as their "weapon of choice" by providing opportunities for esteem and skill-building through an arts-based curriculum outside the traditional school setting, including photography, photojournalism, creative writing, and performing arts.	\$50,000.00
Healing and Justice Center (Circle of Brotherhood)	Healing and Justice Center	Helps mediate conflicts to peaceful resolutions and guide individuals involved in violence towards alternative choices by offering assertive outreach, therapy, mentoring, case management, victim services, and youth programming. Will also support a relationship-based model, using residents and health workers as trusted public safety professionals, accessible via a hotline (1-866-SAFEMIA). This project is done in collaboration with the Circle of Brotherhood, Dream Defenders Education Fund, Dade County Street Response, and Touching Miami With Love.	\$400,000.00
Hip Rock Star Media (The Historic Society)	The Hope Campaign	The Hope Campaign will produce a documentary that explores the devastating impact of gun violence on the mental health of Black residents and community-based organization service providers.	\$75,000.00
Historic Hampton House of Miami	Done With Guns	Utilizes art as a tool to redirect youth through mural painting and various other expressions as a catalyst for community engagement and a means to foster transformation in Brownsville.	\$75,000.00
Hope 4 Tomorrow	Youth 4 Tomorrow	Supports conversations on mental health within local communities, addressing intergenerational issues like homelessness, mental health challenges, gun violence, and abuse through creative and physical expression.	\$50,000.00
Hope for Communities, Inc.	Paw Therapy	Provides animal-assisted therapy to individuals impacted by gun violence, aiding in their emotional and psychological healing and improving interpersonal skills by increasing their capacity for compassion and empathy for other living beings.	\$100,000.00
Hope Mission Foundation	The HOPE Scholarship	Program aims to equip youth in danger of dropping out of high school with employable skills, providing stipends, on-the-job training, and apprentice programs that support youth	\$50,000.00



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Jackson Health Foundation	Intervention Strategies to Decrease Firearm Injuries and Deaths Among Vulnerable Older Adults in Miami-Dade County	experiencing community violence or completing juvenile court orders, ultimately building safer and more supported communities. Funds a pilot program between Jackson Health System and Community Action and Human Services Department by creating training materials, deploying the trained partners, and implementing a course on firearm injury for 1,000 adult participants. Aims to implement data-driven strategies by focusing on reducing firearm injury and death among older adults in Miami-Dade.	\$200,000.00
Keeping a Dream Alive, Inc.	Keeping a Dream Alive	Delivers comprehensive youth development services to students in Florida City and Homestead, to include individual and group counseling for personal and behavioral issues, addressing academic challenges, parent engagement and conflict resolution training.	\$50,000.00
Ladies Empowerment and Action Program	Miami-Dade Women's Reentry Hub	Addresses the specific needs of formerly incarcerated women through social enterprise, jobs, transitional housing programs, medical, mental health, family support and addiction services, legal representation and education.	\$300,000.00
Lashawntay T. Howard Youth Offender Center	The System-Involved Youth (SIY) Program	Educates youth in critical skills to build healthy relationships and advocate against gun violence in their communities, empowering them through tactics that teach them how to avoid combative situations.	\$75,000.00
Leisure City/Modello Optimist Club of Florida, Inc.	Leisure City/Modello Optimist Club After-School Program	Cultivates essential social and life skills in youth ages 6-15, steering them away from gun violence and gang involvement by providing a nurturing environment, empowering young individuals and fostering a sense of worth, dignity, and self-esteem through structured learning and personal development.	\$35,000.00
Mahogany Youth Corporation	Mahogany Youth Corporation	Provides youth ages 6-18 in-school, after-school, weekend, and summer STEAM programming, and utilizes the Hooked-on Fishing Not on Drugs curriculum to educate participants about healthy lifestyles and challenges in their young lives.	\$50,000.00
Mc3 Consulting, Inc.	Capacity Building/Technical Assistance	Capacity Building/Technical Assistance through a Results-Based Accountability initiative, which includes data collection and reporting plans for grantees, utilizing surveys, interviews and focus groups for a more nuanced approach.	\$42,000.00
Mentally FITT, Inc.	Empowering Mind, Body, and Soul Project	Supports the 20-20-20 Rule program, featuring non-contact boxing fitness, meditation and yoga, and success coaching sessions. Program will focus on combating gun violence by equipping youth with emotional management skills and goal-setting abilities.	\$75,000.00
Miami Youth Garden	Afterschool Leadership Academy	Extends its successful Seed-to-Harvest Summer Camp Program into the Afterschool Leadership Academy, offering homework assistance, academic enrichment, leadership training, and garden cultivation. Program will recruit from local churches and high schools and support student employment, environmental leadership training and peer-to-peer learning to reclaim youth from the impacts of gun violence in their neighborhoods.	\$53,000.00

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Mothers Fighting 4 Justice	Mothers Fighting 4 Justice	Provides support to residents impacted by gun violence in South Dade by focusing on fulfilling basic needs and conducting check-ins to ensure their ongoing well-being. Through organized community events, MF4J will advocate for violence prevention and foster a safer, more connected place to live.	\$50,000.00
Multi Ethnic Youth Group Association	Community Violence Intervention Program	Launches an after-school program for youth ages 6-18 focused on providing the necessary life skills to engage with society in a positive way and avoid violence. Program will combine training with academic enrichment, specifically tailored to youth in communities with a disproportionate risk of experiencing violence, including Allapattah, Brownsville, Liberty City, and Little Haiti.	\$50,000.00
Nana's Restart, Inc.	Overtaking Adversity!	Supports organized community events to promote peaceful solutions, share resources and raise awareness about the devastating impact of gun violence, empowering residents to become advocates through community connections, collaboration and educational activities.	\$10,000.00
Noricia Talabert Dream Foundation	Peace in the Gardens	Funds a community-based event that promotes dialogue about crime in our neighborhoods, while also providing free wellness screenings. Community residents and elected leaders will be encouraged share violence-reduction solutions for implementation in Florida City, and have opportunities to get more involved in shaping the neighborhood where they live.	\$50,000.00
OIC of South Florida	Second-Chance Opportunities in Reentry (SCORE) program	Supports reentry services tailored to individual needs, goals, and case manager recommendations over 18 months, including assessments, individualized case management, employability and vocational training, job coaching and support services.	\$150,000.00
Opa-Loeka Civic Club (Teen Up-Ward Bound, Inc.)	Neighbors First	Connects neighbors through gatherings that strengthen their sense of community, including identifying difficult and persistent problems, creating action plans to address them and working with community-based organizations, partners, elected officials, and residents to help resolve them. Will also actively engage residents in the municipal budgeting process to advocate for community safety improvements.	\$40,000.00
Overtown Optimist Club	Coaching Up	Provides professional development training to coaches, helping them address unhealthy competitiveness in youth sports culture that can lead to violence, and enhance the quality of coaching and the overall experience for 200 young athletes.	\$35,000.00
Overtown Youth Center	Band of Brothers	Hires adult males from the community to serve as individuals with lived experience, helping boys navigate issues related to poverty, violence, incarceration, mental health and substance abuse. Program encourages men and youth to unite and engage in activities that focus on male empowerment and mentorship.	\$75,000.00
Papa Keith For People Matter Inc.	People Matter Fest 2024	Supports an annual three-day, free music festival that exposes youth in Liberty City to cultural experiences and artistic outlets through hip hop. It aims to unite the community through a fusion of music, sports, community resources and an impactful 24-Hour Ceasefire Campaign.	\$100,000.00

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Pi Nu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.	Pi Nu Omega Youth Program	Funds mentorship for young men ages 14 to 18 to promote confidence, character, teamwork, community involvement and academic achievement, emphasizing the cultivation of essential life skills and values that prepare them for successful manhood and to create safer places for their families to live.	\$50,000.00
Police Athletic League of North Miami	Comprehensive Diversion Program	Comprehensive Diversion Program supports student participation in the PAL, comprehensive diversion program, a 4-6-month apprenticeship tailored to the students' needs and learning capacities, including peer mentoring, on-the-job training, licensing and job placement.	\$35,000.00
Project T.H.U.G.	"It Starts With Me" - The Live and Grow Old Initiative	Teaches a cohort of young people to cultivate greater self-awareness, manage their emotions and stress levels, and develop greater empathy and compassion towards themselves and others. The intensive program provides youth mindfulness programming through monthly workshops, group therapy, meditation, breathing exercises, and body awareness techniques, which have been shown to help reduce anxiety, depression, and other mental health issues commonly experienced by young people.	\$75,000.00
Prosperity Social & Community Development Group, Inc.	The Prosper Without Violence Project	Offers an 11-session teen chat/open forum and wrap-around services for young adults ages 16-22, including individualized treatment plans based on trauma-informed cognitive behavioral mental health services, tailored to each participant's unique needs.	\$70,000.00
Radical Partners, LLC	SCC Capacity Building/Technical Assistance	Capacity Building/Technical Assistance through customized training, leadership and collaboration support, ongoing monitoring, adaptive strategies, policy navigation and long-term sustainability planning.	\$98,000.00
Rahming's Safe Haven	The Rahming's Safe Haven Scholarship	Provides youth who have aged out of foster homes and are at risk of being unhoused with comprehensive support services, encompassing education, job training, life skills development and emotional support, along with a \$1,000 scholarship for transitional living expenses and care packages.	\$75,000.00
RJT Foundation	RJT WORKS Program	In collaboration with faith-based organizations, the program provides bereavement support and assistance to families and youth grappling with the sudden loss of loved ones to gun violence, addressing their unique emotional and practical needs.	\$35,000.00
S.E.E.K. Foundation	Keeping Children Safe Through STEM	Keeping Children Safe Through STEM provides free afterschool services to elementary and middle school students in Opa-Locka that attend underperforming schools, providing engaging curricula and activities focused on STEM and social emotional learning, including support from a certified counselor for students affected by trauma related to gun violence	\$75,000.00
Shozanio's Place	Empowering Women for Safer Communities	Creates drop-in spaces, peer education and mentorship by individuals who have overcome criminal justice challenges, offering care, support, and tangible examples of reintegration and transformation for adult, justice-impacted women.	\$50,000.00

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Silent Victims of Crime	Leadership Smarts	Supports a hands-on leadership development and socio-emotional learning diversion program for up to 100 local youth (ages 5-18) with an incarcerated parent, many of whom have been adversely impacted by violence inside and outside of their homes.	\$75,000.00
Sprout Up, Inc.	South Dade Violence Intervention & Family Unity Program	Funds workshops, engaging STEM activities and community gardening to help combat gun violence through strengthening family bonds. South Dade Violence Intervention & Family Unity program will help families discover ways to cope with their current challenges and provide tools to resist the impact from violence in their neighborhood. This project is done in collaboration with Men Molding Men and Vanessa Gordon – Loving Moms.	\$75,000.00
Survivors Affected by Violence: The Jack Brown III Foundation	“A Day of Love” Projects	Supports a partnership with local organizations to create safe spaces for community workshops, discussions and resident engagement, and to commemorate the lives lost to gun violence through peace walks, demonstrations and memorial events that promote community healing and solidarity.	\$50,000.00
Survivors Helping Survivors Collaborative (Change the Ref)	Survivors Helping Survivors Collaborative	Aims to address service gaps faced by gun violence survivors immediately after the incident through the development of a comprehensive referral guide, “The First 40 Days” (in multiple languages), to help residents navigate the processes, resources and services needed to address the mental, physical and emotional impacts of shootings. This project is done in collaboration with the Healing Den, RJT Foundation, Women With Broken Heals, and the Ministerio Ayudando La Comunidad.	\$200,000.00
Tech Girl Power	STEM Glow Up Program	Provides engaging STEM workshops and access to cutting-edge technologies, empowering girls from areas disproportionately affected by gun violence. Aims to break the cycle of poverty and uplift neighborhoods by cultivating a new generation of confident leaders and innovators in the tech field. This project is done in collaboration with Branches.	\$50,000.00
Teen Up-Ward Bound	TUB’s Leadership Academy	Provides a range of engaging enrichment programs including sports, social-emotional wellness programs, and intensive academic support specifically for youth impacted by gun violence. Also provides safe spaces for children and adolescents.	\$20,000.00
The Alternative Programs, Inc.	Alternatives to Incarceration/Improving Community Control Program	Supports a structured program for justice-impacted residents and their families to provide restitution to society while empowering them and their families with priority access to rehabilitative social services aimed at improving their quality of life, thus helping reduce recidivism.	\$100,000.00
The Children’s Village Inc. DBA The Resource Room	Project “CHILL” (Community Helping Individuals Live Longer)	Identifies trusted youth and young adults who have street credibility to serve as paid CHILL Ambassadors. They will be required to participate in training that will enable them to identify their strengths, leadership skills, and the ability to influence others in a positive way. Aims to build trust with hard-to-reach youth and young adults, redirecting them from violence to hopeful alternatives through direct outreach targeting 150 youth.	\$200,000.00

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The Home Team Miami, Inc.	The Home Team Empowerment Program	Provides STEM workshops (utilizing Minecraft to teach real-world math), dance, sports, literacy support, homework help and anti-bullying training to school-aged youth, helping instill conflict resolution skills and promote social, emotional and cognitive development, contributing to enhanced self-esteem, leadership and decision-making skills.	\$75,000.00
The OMEGA ACTIVITY CENTER FOUNDATION, INC., an affiliate of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.	The Lamplighters Program	Provides comprehensive personal development support to participants through one-on-one mentoring, academic tutoring, and computer literacy instruction. Program will focus on essential life skills, including financial literacy and offer counseling and training in nonviolent conflict resolution, anger management, substance abuse prevention, ethics and character development.	\$75,000.00
The Optimist Foundation of Greater Goulds, FL	Arise and Shine	Will offer 150 youth ages 6-18 an after-school program emphasizing homework completion and reading, along with activities like football, cheer, dance, job coaching, and job readiness training, including grief counseling for families affected by gun violence.	\$75,000.00
The South Florida Black Male Mental Health and Wellness Project (Helping Others Make Everything Right - HOMER)	The South Florida Black Male Mental Health and Wellness Project	Supports training for new Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) Instructors, deploying the instructors in 14 communities, offering workshops to certify 200 households in MHFA.	\$50,000.00
The Trayvon Martin Foundation, Inc.	The Trayvon Martin Foundation	Supports a STEM Summer Camp for students ages 12-18, the Circle of Mothers Program and the Youth Empowerment Summit, which will focus on gun violence prevention.	\$75,000.00
The Women's Fund	Women & Girls: A Gender Lens Focused on Gun Violence in MDC	Supports research on the specific impacts of gun violence for female-identifying residents, utilizing methodologies from previous groundbreaking reports on organizations serving women and girls. Aims to create a comprehensive list of services for those affected by gun violence in Miami-Dade, highlighting service gaps and awareness issues.	\$100,000.00
ThoughtSwitch	Building Bridges/Good Troublemakers	Weaves together comprehensive, trauma-informed training sessions for nonprofit organizations, community institutions, youth groups, caring community residents and law enforcement officers. Through facilitated interactions and training, all are enabled to be more understanding, empathetic and collaborative, helping redefine relationships between law enforcement and the community. Also provides tools the community needs to monitor and report crimes, request early intervention and advocate for resources.	\$50,000.00
Three Virtues Organization	Community Youth Watch	Provides youth in the Homestead/Florida City area (with a focus on immigrant and migrant worker families) with safety training, family support, and behavioral health services, striving to intervene early, strengthen families, and promote positive public health outcomes.	\$50,000.00

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TMCS Community Cares	Promoting Mental Health For Youth	Supports a 12-week program targeting boys of color ages 8 to 17, focused on preventing self-harm and harm to others, involving fathers in the healing process, and employing both one-on-one and group settings.	\$40,000.00
Transition, Inc.	The Call: The Voice of a Generation Mentoring Program	Funds a collaboration that will target middle and high school students, especially young males, to prevent their involvement in the justice system and exposure to violence by offering character education, skills training, career and college guidance, and family bonding experiences to improve safety in the Overtown community. This project is done in collaboration with NAMI Miami-Dade.	\$50,000.00
Uplift Literacy	ReadingPals	Unites dedicated community volunteer mentors with students in Pre-K through 3rd-grade who are identified as reading below grade level or face the risk of lagging behind. Will focus on improving reading proficiency by increasing access to books and resources, and fostering a literacy culture among families and communities with before-school and after-school literacy groups. Aims to increase children's prospects for future success, diminish the likelihood of their involvement in criminal activities or victimization by violence, and foster a stronger sense of community belonging.	\$50,000.00
Urgent Inc.	Through Their Eyes	Engages 20 justice-impacted youth apprentices, ages 14-19, to provide paid, on-the-job training to produce a photo gallery, PSA and documentary exploring the root causes and effects of gun violence in their lives and their communities.	\$100,000.00
YWCA	YWCA's Community Navigation Model For Women	T rains community navigators to establish a referral network designed by and for women in resource-limited communities of Miami-Dade County, deploying them to help women access safety, health, and well-being resources to reduce their exposure to violence, including in Miami Gardens, Overtown and areas of DOWNTOWN MIAMI.	\$50,000.00

The following figure shows the demographic data for the 1,310 individuals served in CVI.

Figure 1: Miami-Dade County Community Violence Intervention Initiative Demographic Report

