

Violence Reduction Funding Policy Session

City of Peoria
July 19, 2022



Policy Session Objectives

Unprecedented levels of violence prevention funding from the State and Federal Government

Objectives:

- Guidance from the City Council on uses of appropriated Fiscal Recovery Funds
- Guidance from the City Council on uses of anticipated State Grants
 - Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity
 - Department of Human Services



Reimagining Public Safety Act

MISSION/VISION - Every community, every neighborhood, every home is free from violence.

STRATEGY -To integrate, coordinate, and leverage violence prevention activities across agencies

\$250 million - 3 years

- \$50 million in FY22 (January-June 2022)
- 100 million in FY23 (July 2022- June 2023)*
- 100 million in FY24 (July 2023-June 2024)*

*Requires new appropriations from the Illinois General Assembly



Reimagining Public Safety Act

Established the Office of Firearm Violence Prevention (OFVP)

- The OFVP will:
 - Collaborate with ICJIA, IDPH, HFS, DCFS, DCEO, IDOC, hospitals and health care providers to reduce gun violence.
 - Remain informed regarding the latest in firearm violence prevention in consultation with a Firearm Violence Research Group.
 - Establish 15 Local Advisory Councils (non-Chicago service areas) and 22 Qualified Lead Violence Prevention Conveners (in the City of Chicago).
 - Provide technical assistance in the areas of evidence-based violence prevention programming and capacity development, including GATA participation and compliance.



Reimagining Public Safety Act Local Advisory Council

Peoria is one of 15 communities outside of Chicago to have a Local Advisory Council (LAC) established.

Each local council will make recommendations to the OFVP on how to allocate violence prevention resources based on information provided by the OFVP.

OFVP will consider the recommendations and determine how to distribute funds through grants to community-based organizations and local governments



Peoria Local Advisory Council



Non-elected Official	Eric Echevarria, Chief of Police
Non-elected Official	Lucy Gulley, Peoria Library Board Past President
Non-elected Official	Monica Hendrickson, Peoria Public Health Administrator
Elected Official	Dr. Rita Ali, Mayor -City of Peoria
Elected Official	Jodi M. Hoos, Peoria County State's Attorney
Elected Official	Martha Ross, Peoria School Board Member
Public health in Gun violence prevention/Youth development	Dr. Keith Knepp, CEO Unity Point Hospital
Public health in Gun violence prevention/Youth development	Derrick Booth, Director, Wraparound Center
Resident	Demarcus Hamilton, Manager & Journal Star Writer
Resident	Reverend Marvin Hightower, NAACP President
Resident	Antwaun Banks, CEO & President, Product of the Projects (POP)

Reimagining Public Safety Act Impact Areas

LAC is asset mapping Peoria resources (see attached) and making recommendations on funding levels in the following impact areas:

- Crisis Intervention and Street Outreach
- Youth Development
- Mental Health and Substance Abuse
- Violence Prevention
- Trauma support services for young people
- "Re-entry" -- Addressing the needs of those returning to the community from correctional/juvenile facilities
- Educational services/ job training/ skill-building



R3 Restore. Reinvest. Renew.

- R3 grants fund programs in Illinois communities that have been harmed by violence, excessive incarceration, and economic disinvestment.
- Funds are generated from state cannabis taxes.
- R3 grants fund programs in five areas:
 - Civil Legal Aid
 - Economic Development
 - Reentry
 - Violence Prevention
 - Youth Development



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Recent Funding Awards

Recent Awardees in Peoria:

- Planning and Capacity Building:
 - House of Hope Peoria, Inc. \$50,000
 - Tri-County Urban League \$68,148
- Service Delivery:
 - Artists Reenvisioning Tomorrow, Inc. \$600,000
 - Heaven's View Community Development Corporation \$613,334



American Rescue Plan Fiscal Recovery Funds

Preventing and Responding to Violence

Referrals to trauma recovery services for victims of crime

Community violence intervention programs:

- Evidence-Based practices like focused deterrence, with wraparound services such as behavioral therapy, trauma recovery, job training, education, housing and relocation services, and financial assistance.

In communities experiencing increasing gun violence due to the pandemic:

- Law enforcement officers focused on expanding community policing
- Enforcement efforts to reduce gun violence, including prosecution
- Technology and equipment to support law enforcement response

American Rescue Plan Fiscal Recovery Funds

City Council approved \$1,300,000 for violence prevention with the 2022 Budget

1 FTE added in the police department to assist with the violence reduction efforts of the City (\$70,000 salary). Position currently not filled.

Additional funding recommendations:

- \$200,000 for Cure Violence
- \$530,000 for Community Based Violence Interventions
- \$500,000 for Hot-Spot Place-Based Interventions (clearing vacant lots, removing abandoned properties, adding lighting).

American Rescue Plan Fiscal Recovery Funds

- Request proposals for community-based violence prevention initiatives. RFP modeled after Indianapolis, consistent with the Treasury guidance on ARPA funds.
- Program Cost: **\$700,000** (consolidating the \$200,000 for Cure Violence and the \$500,000 for community-based violence prevention initiatives into one allocation).
- RFP released in August 2022.
- Review Process: CDBG Public Service Commission providing initial review prior to Council approval. (We are surveying current members to assess willingness to evaluate the proposals based on time commitment and subject matter.)
- Preference given to evidenced-based interventions, per Treasury guidance

Grant Focus Areas

American Rescue Plan Fiscal Recovery Funds

- **Thriving Neighborhoods:** grassroots organizations performing resident-led solutions that are shorter-term crime prevention, crime reduction, and other community outreach & mobilization activities.
- **Empowered Youth & Young Adult:** community-based organizations performing longer-term crime prevention activities, including activities for young people in Peoria who have been identified as at high risk for violence and who may or may not be connected to the legal system.
- **Restoration & Resilience:** community-based organizations, not limited to addressing trauma, providing therapeutic supports, healing, and reducing the use of drugs and/or alcohol.
- **Intervention:** community-based organizations performing longer-term crime intervention activities, including reentry services, neighborhood engagement, and activities for youth and adults in Peoria who are currently or at risk of interacting with the criminal legal system.
- **Violence Reduction:** community-based organizations able to target and support individuals who are at very high risk of being involved in gun violence with integrated, evidence-based outreach activities/crisis intervention, violence interruption, cognitive behavioral therapy, family-based programming.

American Rescue Plan Fiscal Recovery Funds

Policy Questions

Does Council support an RFP for \$700,000 of the ARP funds for violence prevention?

Are there any additional items or modifications that Council would like to make?

State General Assembly Grants

The Illinois General Assembly appropriated \$3,625,000 in three grants for Peoria:

Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) - \$3,000,000 for “community development, violence prevention and administrative costs”;

Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) - \$500,000 for “expenses related to violence prevention”; and

DHS - \$125,000 for the Peoria Police Department “for equipment for purposes permitted by Section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 and related federal guidance.”

DCEO Grant

- Senator Koehler and Representative Jehan Gordon Booth worked to secure \$30,000,000 of funding for central Illinois communities in the State 2023 Budget.
- The funding was identified in the budget for “community development, violence prevention and administrative costs.”
- Peoria was granted \$3,000,000.
- DCEO has not released guidance on how the funds can be spent.
- *These funds would have to be approved as part of a budget amendment to the 2022 budget.*



DCEO Grant

- Staff had initial recommendations:
 - \$375,000 for additional license plate reader technology (violence prevention);
 - \$375,000 for community awareness of public safety efforts (violence prevention);
 - \$500,000 for Cure Violence (violence prevention);
 - \$750,000 for replacement of Body Cameras for the Peoria Police Department and Peoria Sheriff's Department (police transparency);
 - \$500,000 for replacement of In-Car Video Cameras for the Peoria Police Department and Peoria Sheriff's Department (police transparency); and
 - \$500,000 for workforce development/job training initiatives (community development).



DCEO Grant

- The \$500,000 for violence reduction programming could be offered to the community in another request for proposals, once the guidance from DCEO has been sent to Peoria.
- **Does Council support an RFP for \$500,000 of the DCEO funds for violence prevention?**
- **Does Council support the general initiatives identified by staff for this grant?**
- **Are there any additional items or modifications that Council would like to make?**



IDHS Grant - Prevention

- Senator Koehler and Representative Gordon Booth secured a \$500,000 grant from the Department of Human Services for “expenses related to violence prevention.”
- IDHS has not released guidance on how the funds can be spent.
- The \$500,000 for violence prevention programming could be offered to the community in another request for proposals, once the guidance from IDHS has been sent to Peoria.
- *These funds would have to be approved as part of a budget amendment to the 2022 budget.*



IDHS Grant - Prevention

- **Does Council support an RFP for \$500,000 of the IDHS funds for violence prevention?**



IDHS Grant - Equipment

- The City will be the recipient of another IDHS grant - \$125,000 for the Peoria Police Department “for equipment for purposes permitted by Section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 and related federal guidance.”
- As stated previously, equipment under ARPA must be: “Technology and equipment to support law enforcement response.”
- Staff has recommended that the \$125,000 be used for additional license plate reader technology.
- Once the guidance is received from IDHS, we can confirm this is consistent.
- These funds would have to be approved as part of a budget amendment to the 2022 budget.



IDHS Grant - Equipment

- **Does Council support the proposed purchase of license plate reader technology with the IDHS funds for police equipment?**



Co-Responder Pilot Program

- HB4736 was signed into law by Governor JB Pritzker in Peoria in May.
- The legislation created the Co-Responder Pilot Program.
- 4 Police Departments - East St. Louis, Peoria, Springfield, and Waukegan.
- Each department is required to establish a co-responder unit within 6 months, accompanied by the hiring of personnel, including social workers (Peoria proposal attached).
- The unit's social workers are responsible for conducting follow-up visits for victims who may benefit from mental or behavioral health services. The unit shall utilize community resources, including services provided through the Department of Human Services and social workers in juvenile and adult investigations, to connect individuals with appropriate services.



Co-Responder Pilot Program

Year 1 Costs - \$1,825,000

- Staffing: 2.5 Social Worker FTEs; City PD Overtime **\$510,000.**
- Special Response Team Equipment: Uniforms; Vests, Robots, Night Vision Goggles, Pole Cam **\$540,000.**
- Vehicles: 4 vehicles to support the program. A support vehicle for equipment; an armored rescue van; and 2 tactical negotiator vehicles **\$725,000.**
- Training: Content-specific training for responding to persons with an Autism Spectrum Disorder, and Critical Incident training **\$20,000.**
- Technology: Cell phones, laptops, case management software, Vitals software **\$30,000.**



Grant Administration and Compliance

- With additional state grant funds and sub-recipients, grant administration and compliance will be mandatory.
- This will require additional monitoring and grant administration by the Police Department.
- Sub-recipients of state funding will require DUNS numbers, compliance with GATA, as well as programmatic compliance.
- **Staff would recommend keeping the position funded with American Rescue Plan funds to assist the Police Department with grant administration and compliance, as well as coordination with any sub-recipients.**



THANK YOU

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