



# Multnomah County Proposed FY22 Gun Violence Prevention Investments

Local Public Safety Coordinating Council  
Department of Community Justice  
Health Department

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# Overview

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## Goals for today's presentation:

1. Provide the Board of County Commissioners and public with an overview of the County's role to decrease and prevent gun violence;
2. Detail the development of the programs in the Chair's FY22 budget;
3. Discuss those programs and how they'll operate.



# Current Landscape

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What are we seeing?

1. Pre-covid
  - a. Economic and social inequities
  - b. Strained relationship b/t community and law enforcement
  - c. Wide availability of firearms
  
2. Impact of Pandemic
  - a. Exacerbation of Pre-Covid situation
  - b. Increase in behavioral health needs
  - c. Increase in domestic violence
  - d. High levels of stress
  - e. Isolation and loss of pro-social opportunities
  - f. Lost economic opportunities



# County's Role

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Foundation: County is an essential part of the social safety net.

Four pillars of gun violence work:

1. Prevention
2. Interventions
3. Services for Justice Involved Individuals
4. Multi-Jurisdiction collaboration

County also funds suppression efforts through the District Attorney's Office, Sheriff's Office, and Department of Community Justice



# Multnomah County's Role and Services

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## Program Examples

### Safety Net Services:

- S.U.N Service System
- Multnomah Stability Initiative
- Bienestar de la Familia

### Prevention:

- S.U.N Youth Advocacy
- Community & Adolescent Health
- Community Healing Initiative - Early Intervention
- Youth Opportunities and Workforce Development

### Intervention:

- Community Healing Initiative
- Behavioral Health services
- Domestic Violence Crisis and Legal Services



# County's Role

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## Program Examples (Continued)

### Services for Justice Involved Individuals

- Reentry supports, including housing, employment, legal services, and treatment
- Establishing relationships with individuals on supervision, and building trust to build positive change

### Multi-Jurisdictional Collaboration

- LPSCC facilitated conversations
  - Justice Reinvestment
  - Work with City of Portland



# Outreach and Engagement

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Multnomah County has engaged over 1000 individuals and organizations on the issue of community violence:

- Elected Officials
- Jurisdictional Partners
- Parents and Families of Adjudicated Youth
- Faith-based Community Leaders
- Culturally-Specific Community Providers
- School Districts and SUN Community Providers
- Re-Entry and Recovery Communities
- Community Youth Programs



# Community Response

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- Gun Violence is the top Public Safety concern in the Black community
- Mental Health Concerns and Unmet Needs are Contributing Factors
  - Routines and supports interrupted for many
  - Uncertainty around employment, housing and other basic needs
  - Young people disconnected from schools and social supports
- Community Capacity Issues
  - Fatigue and burnout for front line workers
  - Ongoing review of the role of law enforcement
  - Lack of community presence during social distancing affected impact of social programs and conflict de-escalation initiatives





# Policy Development - Guiding Principles

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- Inclusively leading with race
- Investing in evidence-based, community-centered, trauma informed interventions
- Developing a variety of responses
  - Internal and External
  - Clinical, social services, peer mentors
- Collaboration - Cooperation b/t departments; with community members and providers



# Proposed FY22 Investments and Efforts

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- **New Programs**

- Health Department
  - Behavioral Health
  - Public Health
- Department of Community Justice

- **Multi-jurisdictional Collaboration**

- East County Rapid Response
- Working with City of Portland



## What is a Public Health Approach?

- **Identifying root causes** of disease and disability through community voice and data
- **Uplifting** community strengths, protective factors and solutions to address root causes across policies, systems and environments
- **Working with communities** and across disciplines to develop, implement and evaluate community-wide or population-wide solutions
- Recognizing and addressing systemic **racism as a key driver** for health outcomes



# Health Department

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- **Public Health**

- Community Partnerships & Capacity Building

- **Behavioral Health**

- Gun Violence Behavioral Health Response Team
- FaithBridge Trauma Healing and Recovery
- Culturally-Specific, Justice Involved Addictions Care Benefit Care Coordination



## Adult Services Division

- Add capacity to provide in house and partner training to **expand the HEAT program** to engage more participants. This funding will also add curriculum.
- **Expand Elevate programming** to 18-25 year old young men, providing community support and resources to Latinx and African Immigrant Community for those impacted by gang involvement and gun violence. This programming includes peer support, skill building, cognitive behavioral and culturally responsive services.
- Provide a Project manager to assist DCJ implement the American Relief Act programs,
- Provide **three Community Health Specialists** in the Women's and Family Services Unit to work with the Health Department, DCHS and other community providers to support those who have felt the direct impacts of gun violence

## Victim/Survivors Services

- **Provide a records technician** in the Victim and Survivor Services unit. In FY20 victims/survivors who signed up for notification of rights increased by 60%. The addition of a Records Technician will ensure DCJ is able to stay in compliance with Crime Victims' Rights.



# Cross Jurisdiction Collaboration

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## **East County Rapid Response**

- Facilitated by LPSCC
- Bringing together the Health Department, Department of Community Justice, County Human Services, Sheriff's Office, and City of Gresham.
- Goal: ensure the tools at our disposal are used in a coordinated way once a shooting happens.

## **Ongoing Collaboration with the City of Portland**

- Office of Violence Prevention
- Portland Police Bureau
- Elected officials



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# Next Steps





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