



Justice Services Grant Awards and Update

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Purpose

Department of Justice Grants: Treatment Court
Enhancement, Community Safety & Violence Prevention Initiative



Strategic Plan and Racial Equity Action Plan (REAP) Alignment



2020-2025 Strategic Plan

Resident Well-Being

Our residents are safe, healthy, and engaged in their community.

- **Goal:** Reduce jail population and enhance public safety
- **Objectives:**
 - Increase the number of successful graduates from diversion programs and treatment courts.
 - Reduce crime rate, including violent and property crimes, within the County's jurisdiction.

REAP 2025

Quality of Life

Improve Quality of Life Outcomes Through Racial Equity Initiatives.

- **Goal:** Improve justice outcomes for the most impacted communities
- **Objectives:**
 - Work with justice stakeholders and community partners to develop and implement a plan to reduce community violence and increase community safety
 - Enhance community safety by providing trauma-informed criminal justice responses for the Black community



Treatment Court Enhancement Grant



Background

Treatment Courts:

Recovery-based intervention for all three treatment courts: ***Adult Drug Treatment Court, Veterans Treatment Court, and Sobriety Court***

High risk/high need individuals, connecting them to agencies that provide a full continuum of behavioral health services including outpatient, intensive outpatient, detox, medication management, MAT, inpatient residential, and various supportive services

Treatment court teams include Justice Services, Probation, Judges, DAs, Public Defender(s), and treatment providers and operate following National Association of Drug Court Professionals (NADCP) best practices

Previous Grant:

- Previous DOJ funding supported Adult Drug Treatment Court and Veterans Treatment Court only
- Overarching goals: connect participants to treatment and increase public safety by reducing recidivism
- Previous BJA grant supported operational costs that have since been approved to be provided by the County, allowing for innovative program enhancements over the next four years to better serve participants



Outcomes/Data

Adult Drug Treatment Court & Veterans Treatment Court

- 56 successful graduates completing program(s) since 2019
- 24% recidivism rate (2019 – 2020) compared to 30+% estimated national average

Sobriety Court

- 80 successful graduates completing program since 2016
- 69% success rate compared to national average of 60%
- 16% recidivism rate (national average estimated at 12% in 2012)



Treatment Court Program Enhancements

Full time in-house Licensed Clinician

- Provide clinical assessments for incumbent and prospective participants (in custody) increasing access to appropriate treatment and expediting program admissions
- Clinical/treatment presence on treatment court teams (best practice)
- Facilitate evidence-based intervention groups for women and black males to address disparities
- Serve and support participants in all three treatment courts

Peer Support Services

- Credentialed full time contracted position to serve and support participants in all three courts
- Connect participants to appropriate crisis, detox, inpatient, behavioral health, or other support services in the community including housing, transportation, education, employment or other resources
- Assist with referral/admission processes
- Consistent presence on all court teams with “lived-in” experience



Grant Award

Award Amount: \$750,000 (+\$250,000 in-kind) October 1, 2022 – September 30, 2026

Creates 1FTE Licensed Clinician position to provide in-house assessments and clinical oversight, and Both positions will serve/support all three treatment courts.

1 Peer Support Specialist (contracted position) with community based organization TBD; \$248,528 budgeted over grant life-cycle (4 years)

Expands in-kind court *evaluation* support to all three courts, provided in-kind via Western Carolina University Department of Criminology and Criminal justice

Contributes toward the implementation of evidence-based group intervention strategies for underrepresented groups (women and black males) participating in Justice Services programs

County has no obligation to fund at the end of grant award



Community Safety + Violence Prevention Initiative



Background

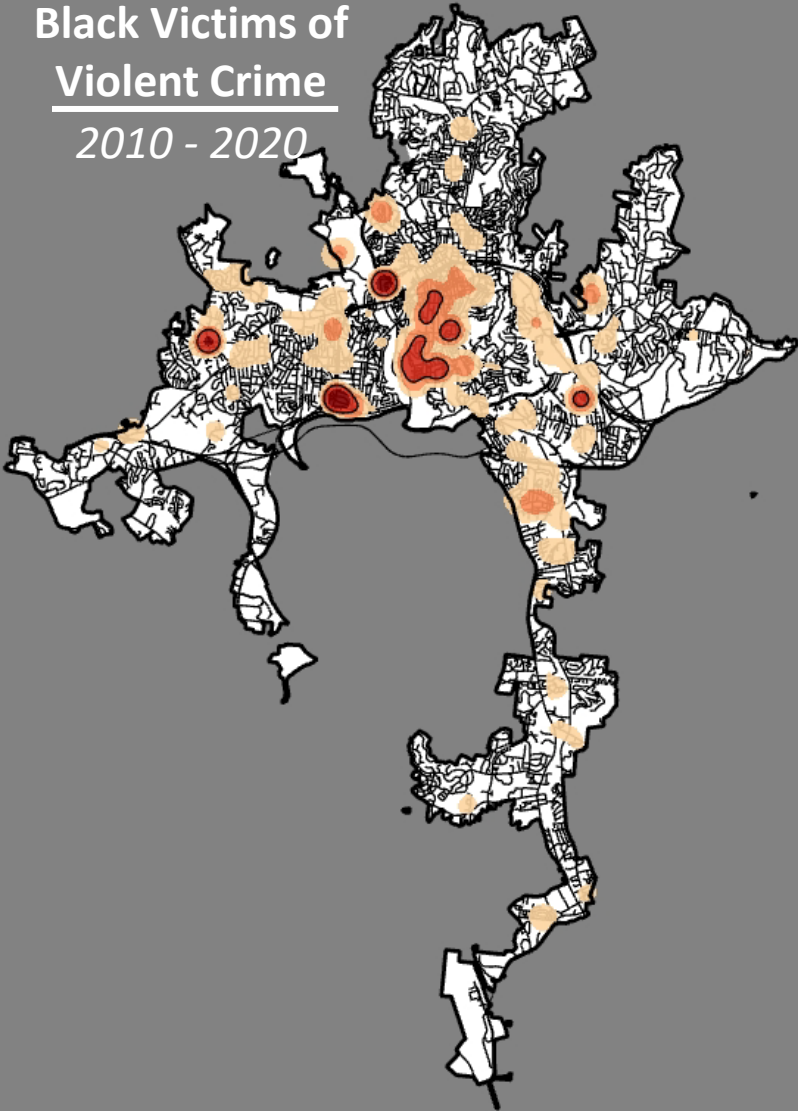
- Builds on foundational work of Safety + Justice Challenge's Community Safety + Violence Prevention Initiative
- Aligns with 1M award from Buncombe County Fiscal Recovery Funds
- New DOJ/OJP funds: Community Violence Intervention and Prevention Initiative
- To prevent and reduce community violence by implementing a comprehensive, evidence-based, community-led, data-driven and trauma informed violence intervention and prevention program



Addressing Racial Disparities in Victimization

Asheville, NC: 10 Year Review (2010-2020)

Black Victims of Violent Crime 2010 - 2020



From 2010-2020, **1/3** of the violent crime victims have been Black; despite comprising approximately **11%** of the population.

Increase in Black victims of violent crime each year; rising from **148** victims in **2010** to **236** in **2020**.

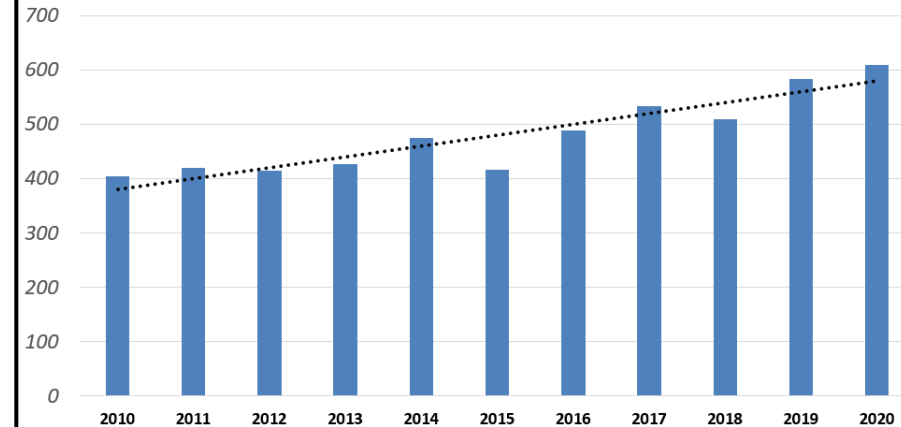
The risk of being a victim of violent crime is greater for Black residents.

Black victims make up an even larger percentage depending on crime type:

- **Homicide - 62%**
- **Aggravated Assault - 39%**
- **Armed Robbery - 23%**

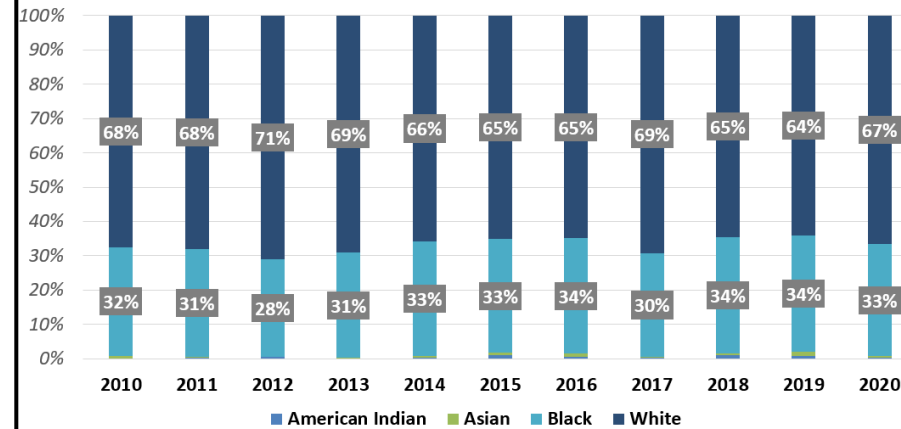
Visualization from Asheville Police Department (2021, June), *Addressing Racial Disparities in Victimization* [Conference Presentation], Association of Prosecuting Attorneys Leadership Institute Meeting, Asheville, N.C.

Asheville's Violent Crime



Crimes are defined by the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Part I offenses, which include murder, rape, robbery, and aggravated assault.

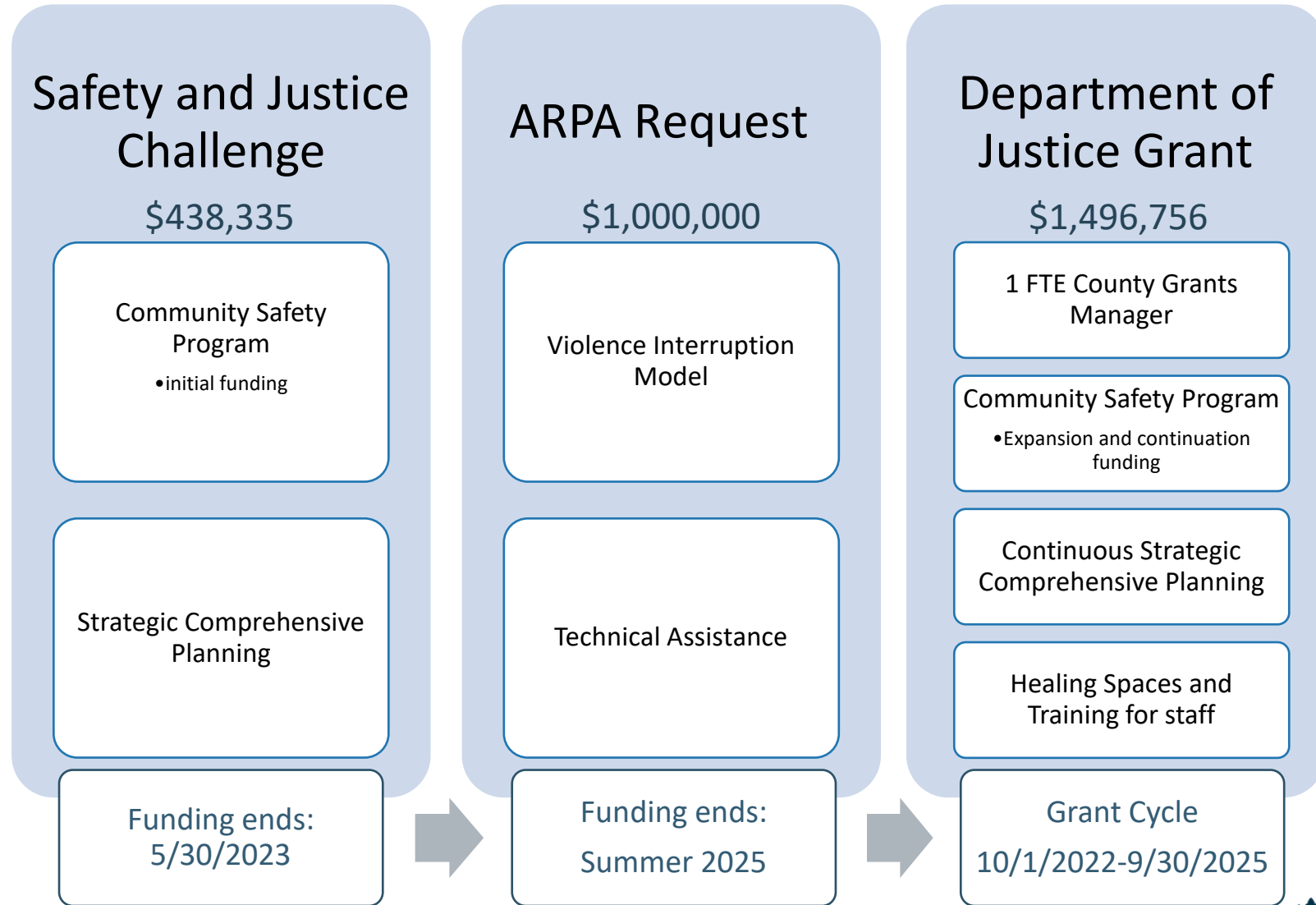
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Current Funding Landscape



Community Safety + Violence Prevention Initiative

Fiscal Recovery Funds

- CHASM Training & Technical Assistance
- Violence Interruption Model
 - Contracted TBD through RFP:
 - 1 Project Manager to supervise CHWs
 - 3 Community Health Workers (CHWs)
- Program support (e.g. youth stipends, community projects)
- Community-Based Participatory Researcher (contracted)

OJP Award

- Creates on 1FTE County Grants Manager
- Continues work of current SJC Community Safety Program
- Adds 3 additional contracted CHW positions to Violence Interruption Model
- Community co-facilitation (contracted) to implementation of Buncombe County Violence Prevention and Community Safety Plan



Grant Award

Award: \$1,496,756 (No match required), October 1st 2022 – September 30th 2025

Creates 1FTE Grants Manager position dedicated to expanding the Community Safety and Violence Prevention Initiative

Enhances work of currently contracted partners: SPARC, My Daddy Taught Me That (MDTMT), Resources for Resilience

Aligns with 1M award from Buncombe County Fiscal Recovery Funds:

- Fund 3 additional Community Health Workers (CHWs) trained in Violence Prevention and Youth Leadership Development (contract with local Community Based Org. TBD)

Supports community co-facilitation of multi-sectoral coalition focused on community violence prevention & intervention

County has no obligation to fund at the end of grant award



Request for Board Action

- Accept 2 US Department of Justice Grants:
 - 1) Treatment Court Enhancements
 - 2) Community Safety + Violence Prevention Initiative
- Approve Budget Amendments
- Create 2 FTE grant-funded positions

