



# COMMUNITY-BASED VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAM

The Community-Based Violence Prevention (CBVP) program provides funding to help localities and States support a coordinated and multidisciplinary approach to gang and violence prevention, intervention, suppression, and reentry in targeted communities.

This initiative supports programs that reduce and prevent youth violence through a wide variety of activities, such as street-level outreach, conflict mediation, and the changing of community norms (e.g., public service campaigns and community rallies) to reduce violence—particularly shootings.

## GOALS & STRUCTURE

The overarching goal is to reduce violence in targeted communities by replicating evidence-based programs and strategies to reduce violence. Applicants may tailor their proposed intervention to the high-risk activities and behaviors of carefully selected community members who are likely to be involved in violent activities—specifically gang and gun violence—in the immediate future. This intervention should include improved coordination of existing resources and activities that support multiple complementary anti-violence strategies.

Proposed violence reduction approaches must engage faith- and community-based organizations/leaders to intervene in conflicts or potential conflicts and promote alternatives to violence. These approaches must also involve law enforcement in their youth violence prevention efforts.

## APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants are limited to states (including territories) and units of local government (including federally recognized tribal governments, as determined by the Secretary of the Interior). To be eligible, applicants must demonstrate a significant crime and violence problem affecting youth (specifically, high levels of aggravated assaults, shootings, and killings over an extended period of time).

OJJDP expects applicants to have high levels of support within local government. Specifically, successful applicants will be cities, counties, states, or tribal governments that have acquired signed letters of support from, at a minimum, their mayor or chief executive officer, chief of police, and the local school superintendent, and have proven how the implementation of their comprehensive, community-based violence prevention strategy fits into their jurisdiction's youth violence prevention plan.

## JURISDICTIONS WITH CBVP AWARDS

### FY2010

Washington, DC; Oakland, CA; Brooklyn, NY; Denver, CO

### FY2011

Boston, MA; Baltimore, MD (also FY2013); Newark, NJ

### FY2012

Detroit, MI; Los Angeles, CA; Philadelphia, PA; Baton Rouge/Parish of East Baton Rouge, LA (also FY2013)

### FY2013

Camden, NJ; Kansas, MO; Syracuse, NY; Newport, VA

## THREE MAIN GOALS

1. Change community norms regarding violence.
2. Provide alternatives to violence when gangs and individuals in the community make risky behavior decisions.
3. Increase awareness of the perceived risks and costs of involvement in violence among high-risk young people.