



# Breaking the Cycle of Violence Bill Language: Funding Summary For Community Violence Intervention

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# Policy Victory - \$5 Billion Commitment

#FundPeace coalition of Black and Brown led Gun Violence Prevention Groups have worked together to achieve this incredible milestone.

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# Key Strategies Covered

Strategies focused on targeted, trauma-informed care and interrupting cycles of violence can produce life-saving and cost-efficient results in a short period of time without contributing to mass incarceration. These strategies identify individuals at the highest risk of gun violence, coordinate individualized wraparound resources, and monitor and support long-term success. Including but not limited to:



**Street Outreach Programs:** Build relationships with individuals at high risk, connecting them with intensive counseling, mediation, peer support, and social services. Outreach workers, particularly when integrated into support networks, are often associated with significant reductions in gun violence.



**Hospital-Based Violence Intervention Programs (HVIP):** Leverage violence intervention specialists to provide intensive counseling, peer support, case management, mediation, and social services to patients recovering from gunshot wounds and other violent injuries.



**Group Violence Interventions (GVI):** Tailor social services to group-involved individuals at highest risk of involvement in violence. Coordinate law enforcement, service providers, and the community to reduce violence in ways that do not contribute to mass incarceration. GVI leverages clear community demands and narrowly focusing enforcement.



**Violence Interruption And Crisis Management:** Respond to potentially violent incidents to mediate conflict or to scenes after the fact to offer trauma-informed services and community support to survivors and others exposed to violence. This strategy helps to prevent retaliatory violence and promotes healing and well-being.



**Individualized Wraparound Services** housing support, financial assistance, re-entry services, legal assistance, therapeutic services, grief counseling or targeted victim services, job training and/or placement, and skill-building based on the needs of survivors or individuals at the highest risk of community violence.



# Overview Of Federal Office Structure And Key Responsibilities:

If this bill is enacted by Congress, the Department of Health and Human Services will house a series of new programs designed to address community-based violence intervention.

## Office of Community Violence Intervention

The **Office of Community Violence Intervention** will be housed in the Department of Health and Human Services. It will administer programs and responsibilities related to the "Break the Cycle of Violence Act." The Office will contain 3 to 4 employees, including a Senior Executive Service position as Director. They are the federal staff that administer the funds by **consulting the community advisory committee**.

## Community Violence Intervention Advisory Committee

The Secretary of Health and Human Services will establish the **Community Violence Intervention Advisory Committee** to provide advice and assistance to the Secretary and Office of Community Violence Intervention in carrying out the Break the Cycle of Violence Act.

The Secretary will appoint members to the Advisory Committee who have expertise implementing and/or evaluating community-based violence reduction initiatives. In appointing members, the Secretary will ensure the Committee 1) reflects a **commitment to culturally competent and trauma-informed** approaches to preventing violence among individuals at high risk of violence involvement, and 2) **substantially represents communities of color** disproportionately impacted by community violence 3) has expertise in the aforementioned strategies.

The Advisory Committee's responsibilities **include developing grant solicitations, selecting proposals, deciding supplemental fund allocations**, and forming the National Community Violence Response Center.



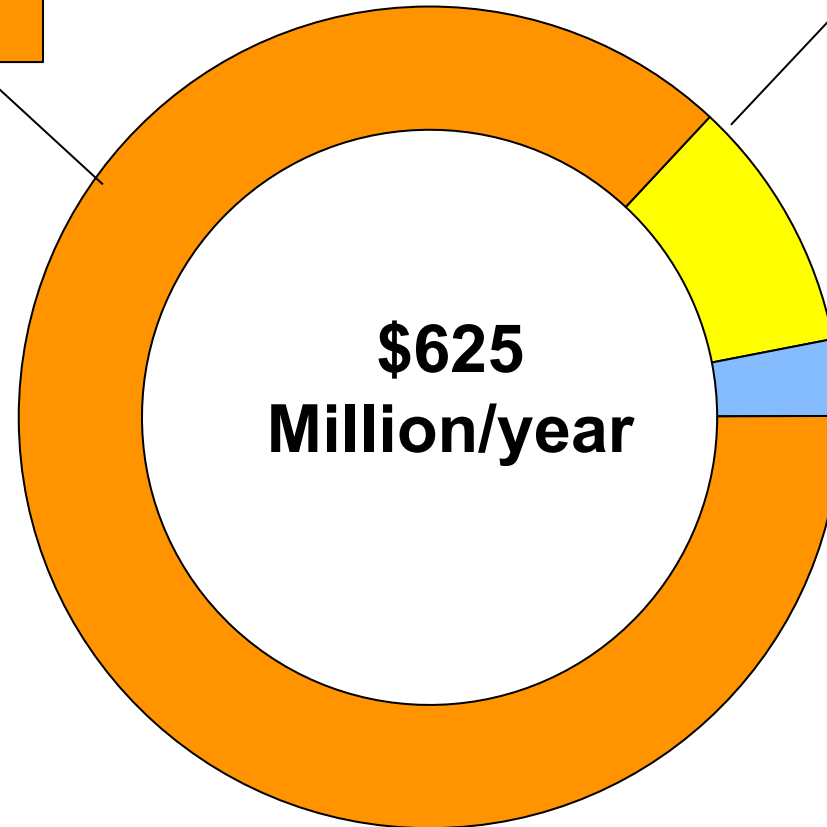
# The Role Of The National Community Violence Response Center

The National Community Violence Response Center, **created by the Community Violence Intervention Advisory Committee**, will help local governments by:

- » **Assessing Eligible Units Of Local Government:** The Center will create a four-tier taxonomy to assess the maturity of community violence infrastructure, including analyzing previously established municipal programs and existing community-based organizations.
- » **Training And Technical Assistance:** The Center will develop a training and technical assistance program for each of the four tiers for each eligible unit of local government that is a grant recipient.
- » **Data Collection:** The Center will develop data collection policies for grant recipients that measure safety, community health, and economic development; additionally, the Center will help recipients establish best practices and systems for collecting data.
- » **Research Coordination:** The Secretary will create a research advisory council to provide advice and assistance to the Center for strengthening research on community violence education, identifying gaps in existing research, and reporting to Congress annually.
- » **Conferral:** The Center will develop a biennial conferral process with grantees and technical assistance providers in the community violence field.
- » **Capacity Building And Fostering Innovation:** The Center will disseminate best practices to the public related to addressing community violence.

# Breakdown Of Annual Fund Disbursement

ANNUAL FUND DISBURSEMENT  
2021-2028



**90%: CBOs, Cities, Counties, and Intermediaries**

- CBOs can apply directly.
- Cities/Counties. 75% must be allocated to a community based organization (CBO) + requires a community steering committee.
- Hospitals. 90% of funding that goes to hospitals must go to a CBO or to direct program activities.
- Intermediaries. Can receive funds on behalf of a group of smaller organizations to support their work.

**8%: Intensive Site Implementation Support + Evaluation**

- Includes hiring tech assistance, providing grants to organizations that provide training, and evaluating programs.

**2%: National Community Violence Response Center**

- No more than 2% of total annual funding will go towards managing the National Community Violence Response Center.