Chicago CRED: What We Do

Direct Services
CRED has served 150 young men in Roseland, North Lawndale, West Garfield, and Englewood. CRED provides:

- Socio-emotional support (CBT and mental health counseling)
- Pathways to legal employment (stipend based engagement, transitional jobs, and permanent placements)
- Educational services (so participants can earn a high school diploma)
- Other support services as needed

Grantmaking
- Partnership for Safe and Peaceful Communities
- One Summer Chicago
- After school opportunities through CPS
- University of Chicago Crime Lab

Citywide Safety Infrastructure
- Coordinate and align resources across violence reduction efforts and support the development of a comprehensive and sustainable violence reduction strategy for Chicago
- Support local and state criminal justice reform policies
Partnership for Safe and Peaceful Communities

Chicago is dealing with two, mutually reinforcing crises: declining police legitimacy and a dramatic rise in gun violence. The total number of homicides in 2016 erased a 20-year trend of declining homicide rates in Chicago and was a dramatic increase over 2015. This combination is unique in the past 50 years for a city the size of Chicago.

The Partnership for Safe and Peaceful Communities (PSPC) is a group of funders that are aligning investments to more effectively address Chicago’s violence epidemic and help rebuild police legitimacy. The group scrutinized their own funding and researched national evidence of interventions that address these problems and as a result is focusing investments within five categories – direct services, policing, gun policy, communications, and community grants – and doing so in a way that aims to increase collaboration between the public, community, and philanthropic sectors.

All five strategies are now up and running. The group is expecting the strategies, in combination with the other initiatives that are underway across the city, to reduce shootings considerably within the next 2-3 years.
Based on national experiences, the PSPC is focusing its investments within five categories:

### Direct Services (DS)
- Focused deterrence
- Community-based street outreach and intervention
- Transitional jobs, cognitive behavioral therapy, and other supports

### Policing (P)
- Policing policy and strategy
- Early Intervention System
- Police training
- Community engagement

### Gun Policy (G)
- Illegal gun policy reform in Illinois

### Community (Fund)
- Fund for Safe and Peaceful Communities (summer grants)

### Communications (C)
- Shaping the narrative around community action, resilience, and coordinated efforts to combat violence

PSPC developed these strategies through a multi-month evaluation of evidence-based national best practices and existing funding patterns.
Geographic focus of PSPC investments

City of Chicago

Transitional Jobs
Street outreach
Summer fund

Community Areas with Investments

1. Austin
2. West Garfield Park
3. North Lawndale
4. West Englewood
5. Englewood
6. Humboldt Park
7. East Garfield Park
8. South Lawndale (Little Village)
9. New City (Back of the Yards)
10. Lower West Side (Pilsen)
11. Gage Park
12. Chicago Lawn
13. Auburn Gresham
14. Roseland
15. Chatham
16. Greater Grand Crossing
17. Washington Park
18. South Shore
19. South Chicago

Investments¹
- Transitional jobs, Street outreach, Summer fund
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1. Transitional jobs = Heartland Alliance’s READI Chicago; Street outreach = Communities Partnering 4 Peace (CP4P), led by Metropolitan Family Services; Summer Fund = Fund for Safe and Peaceful Communities
A Citywide Violence Reduction Working Group was convened to plan for the summer and uncover effective coordination mechanisms.

Last summer, BCG conducted stakeholder interviews and identified improved coordination at both the citywide and neighborhood levels as critical to reducing violence.

The Citywide Working Group was convened by funders and the Mayor’s Office, and includes a diverse array of public and private stakeholders:

- **City**: Mayor’s Office, CPD, CPS, DFSS, CDPH
- **County**: President’s Office
- **Nonprofits**: Heartland Alliance, CRED, Metro Family Services, Austin Coming Together, Crime Lab, Institute for Nonviolence Chicago, Bright Star Comm. Outreach, Archdiocese
- **Funders**: PSPC (MacArthur, Chicago CRED)

During its initial meetings, the Citywide Working Group aligned on the scope of its work:

**7 Levers**
- Building Trust
- Support for Basic Needs
- Economic Opportunity
- Violence Prevention
- Violence Intervention
- Policing
- Criminal Justice System

**Target Population**
- Acutely At-Risk
- At-Risk and Disconnected
- At-Risk but Connected

**15 Focus Communities**
Summer planning focused on developing neighborhood violence reduction summaries for 15 priority community areas, which generated ongoing initiatives.

**Neighborhood Summaries**

The **goals** of the neighborhood summaries:
1. Boost tactical coordination for on-the-ground providers
2. Generate VRWG initiatives to address gaps
3. Educate VRWG members

The summary **content** was collected from the VRWG and 30+ community organizations, and includes:
- Community VR priorities and gaps
- Key neighborhood safety contacts
- Existing VR programs and safe spaces / events in the communities

**Ongoing Initiatives**

The Citywide Working Group launched 19 initiatives in response to identified needs.

Each initiative falls under one or more of the 7 “levers” the Citywide Working Group identified at the start of its work.

**Projects in flight** (current status 5/17 – 1 of 2)

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<td>Planning launched, initial analysis complete</td>
<td>Shift to post-summer?</td>
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<td>Next steps on open beds network and complete overall inventory</td>
<td>DFFS expand emergency pick up locations for summer</td>
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<td>Economic Opportunity</td>
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<td>Communities selected (Districts 7, 15) implementation planning underway</td>
<td>Begun implementation – detail, report out – what organs are doing?</td>
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<td>Violence Prevention</td>
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<td>Decisions public 5/14 – share contact information across organizations</td>
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<td>RRFC Summer Fund Alignment</td>
<td>area Mitchell</td>
<td>Will work with MFS and CPS to highlight, Light in the Night and Back to School once MFS calendar final in late May</td>
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- Significant update
- Short update
As summer planning draws to a close, the Working Group will transition to a longer-term focus

Ongoing activities fall into three categories:

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<th>Execute ongoing initiatives</th>
<th>Develop long-term coordination structure and priorities</th>
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<td>▪ The Working Group will continue meeting on a biweekly basis to address new summer challenges and manage existing initiatives</td>
<td>▪ Initiative owners, objectives, and approaches will be finalized</td>
<td>▪ A subgroup focused on the long term will develop a structural proposal based on insights from summer planning</td>
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<td>▪ West Side Coordination stakeholders will continue to meet on a biweekly basis</td>
<td>▪ After the summer, the impact of the aggregated initiatives will be reviewed and assessed</td>
<td>▪ The subgroup will also work to prioritize long term initiatives</td>
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