

# ARP Funding Request

# COMMUNITY E

A Response To Gun Violence

Gainesville, FL



January 13, 2022

# ARP FUNDS AND GUN VIOLENCE



The President is using the tools at his disposal to address the epidemic of gun violence.

This includes increasing law enforcement efforts, cracking down on ghost guns, and directing historic levels of funding to put more cops on the beat. The basis of community-oriented policing and expanding community violence interventions (CVI) – neighborhood-based programs proven to combat gun violence.

Investing historic levels of existing federal funding in community violence interventions, including American Rescue Plan funding.



# FUNDING OPPORTUNITY AREA FOR PUBLIC SAFETY



- President Biden's rollout of the Comprehensive Strategy to Prevent and Respond to Gun Crime and Ensure Public Safety in late June included additional guidance for three funding sources to help law enforcement agencies respond to increases in gun violence.
- **Additional enforcement efforts:** Agencies can use American Rescue Plan funds to reduce gun violence exacerbated by the pandemic, including prosecuting gun traffickers and rogue dealers. Collaborative federal/state/local efforts to identify and address gun trafficking channels are also eligible.
- **Investing in technology and equipment:** The fact sheet doesn't provide specifics, but notes agencies can use funds to purchase technology and equipment that will aid them in more efficiently and effectively responding to a rise in in gun violence resulting from the pandemic.



## VIOLENT CRIME 2021



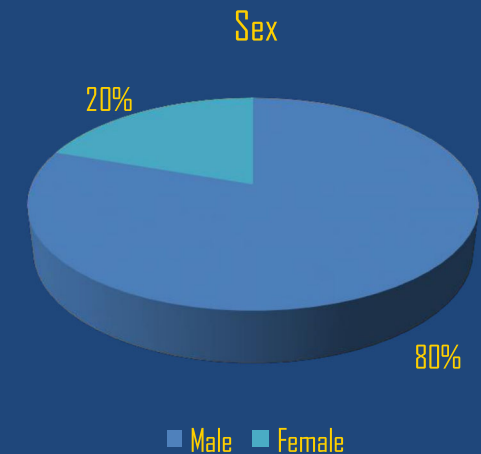
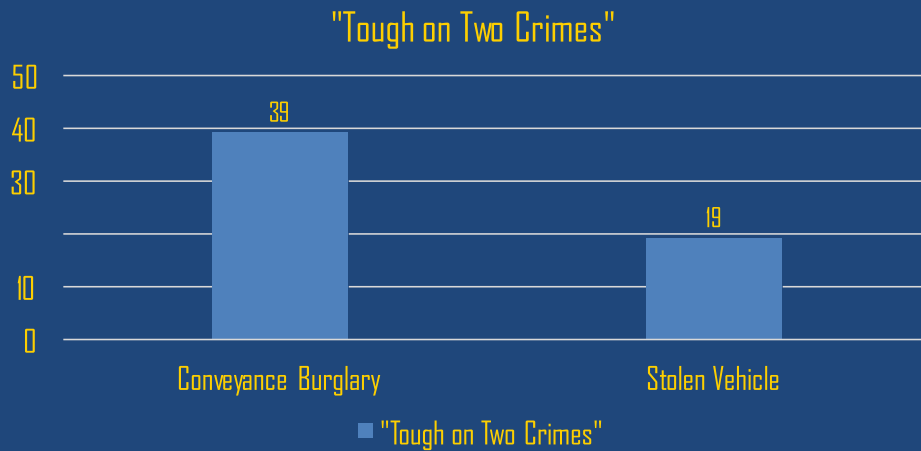
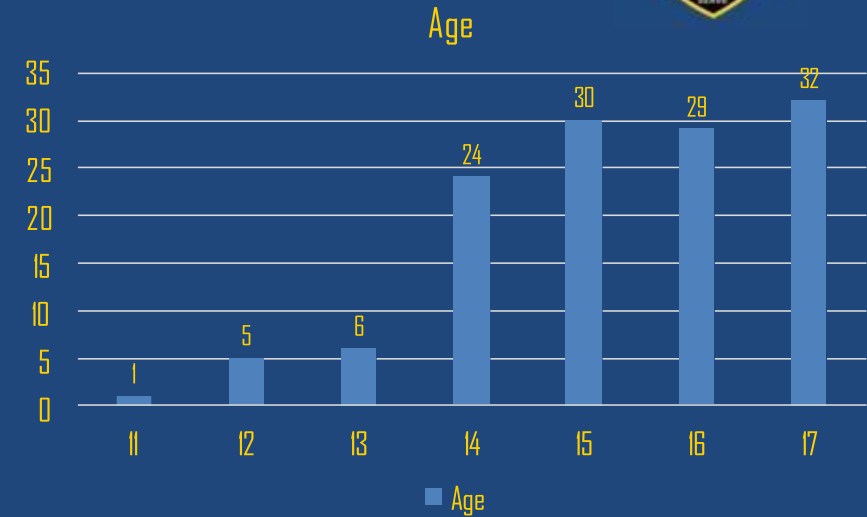
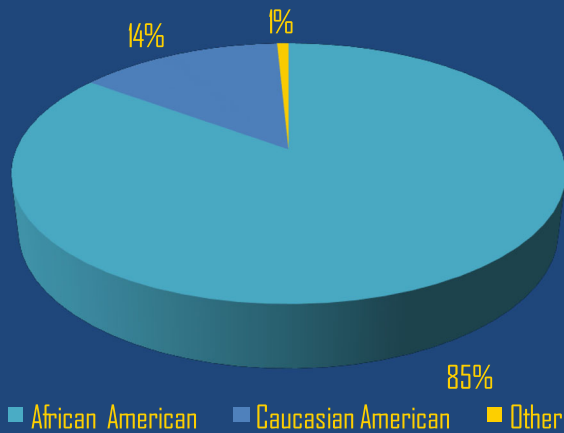
Crime Type	December 2 – December 16, 2021	Since January 2, 2021
Stolen Firearms	3	170
Weapons Seized by Law Enforcement Officials	9	174
Firearm Seized by Law Enforcement Officials	19	336
Number of Shots Fired	3	116
Number of Persons Shot or Injured by a Gunfire	1	51
Homicides	1	7

In comparing 2020 to 2021,  
we have an estimated 14%  
increase in violent crime.\*\*\*

\*\*\*\*(% tabulated through middle of November)



# 2021 Juvenile Crime Statistical Analysis



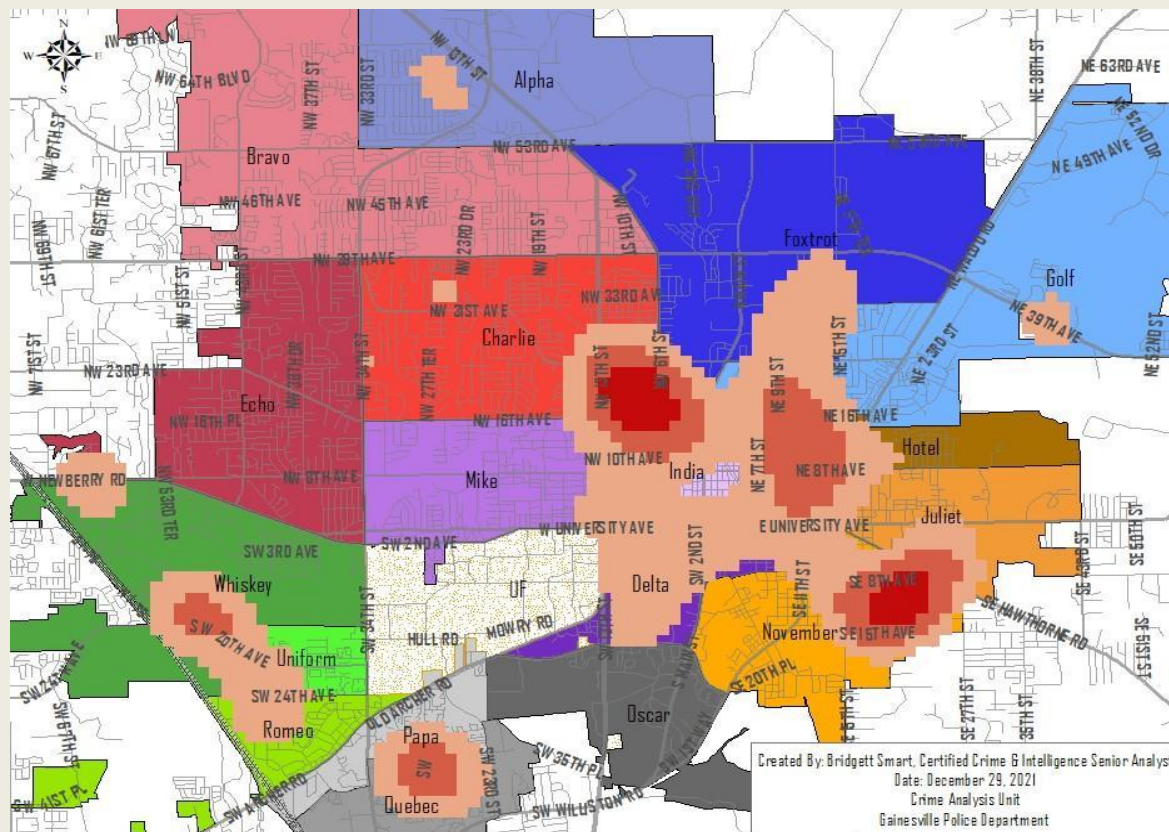
# FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE



## **Arrest Statistics**

- In FY 2019-2020, in Alachua County, there are 20,968 youth between the ages of 10-17
- Youth of color or Black youth comprised 29%, Hispanic youth comprised 12% of the population
- There were 699 arrest that year:
  - Black youth made up 83% of the total, White youth 15.2%, Hispanic youth 1.4%.
- Alachua County is ranked (4<sup>th</sup>) in the state arrest per 1000 population.
  - The year 2021---564 arrests(GPD 220 & ACSO 210)
  - Black youth 83.9% or 473 arrests --White youth 13.1% or 74 arrests--Hispanic youth 1.8% or 10 arrests
    - 8 youth transferred to adult court:
      - Charges were Aggravated Assault/battery(2), Other felony(1), attempt murder(1), Auto theft(1), Burglary(1), Robbery (1), Weapon Firearm (1)

# JUVENILE ARREST LOCATION HEAT MAP



# OUR STRATEGY



- Build trust and earn legitimacy. Meaningful engagement with, and accountability to, the Neighbors are essential underpinnings of any effective strategy to address violent crime.
- Invest in prevention and intervention programs. We believe violent crime is not a problem that can be solved by law enforcement alone. We must continue to build partnerships with our neighbors in community-based violence prevention and intervention programs that work to keep violence from happening before it occurs.
- Precision enforcement efforts and priorities, is most effective response when we focuses our enforcement resources on identifying, investigating, and prosecuting the most significant drivers of gun violence and other violent crime.
- Measure results: The fundamental goal of this work is to reduce the level of violence in our communities, not to increase the number of arrests or prosecutions as if they were ends in themselves—we must measure the results of our efforts on these grounds





# STRATEGIC GOALS SUPPORTED



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- Equitable Community
- Sustainable Community
- A Great Place to Live
- Best in Class Services



# NEIGHBOR ENGAGEMENT



- Our engagement and accountability to the community will be an essential foundation of our strategy to address violent crime. We will work together with those most affected by violent crime to build a sense of respect for the law and to be meaningful partners in our community. It is critical that we treat people with dignity and respect. We will be constitutional, consistent, and compassionate in carrying out our responsibilities.

## Statistical Results: (Measureable)

- Engage community leaders/groups to proactively engage the neighbors, organizations, and businesses in anti-violence/gun violence activities i.e., walks, community events.
- Number of residents and Neighborhood engagement, Number of anti-violence activity, Number of community walks (whether increase or decrease).



# HOW ARE WE INVESTING IN OUR YOUTH?



- Nspire Interrupters have case management files regarding the recent shooting activity between youth.
- Six additional Nspire Interrupters will be hired and trained through the Project Safe Neighborhood Grant and state agreement between the Florida Department of Corrections and the City of Gainesville. They anticipated to start at the beginning of March of 2022.
- School Resource Officers have been addressing the recent bomb threats within the school system.
- Implementing a new unit within the Gainesville Police Department called "Neighborhood Support Unit" will be managed by Lt. Brown and Director John Alexander.



# INVESTMENT IN OUR YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS



We must continue to invest and, in some instances, enhance our efforts in community-based prevention and intervention programs. For example, our neighbors have in the past created programs that serve those individuals who are considered at risk of either engaging in or becoming the victims of violence. We will double our efforts in interrupting the cycle of violence by focusing on and encouraging those youth to be a part of these programs.

## Statistical Results:

- Operations and Administrative staff referrals of youth and young adults to programs
- Violence Interrupters case load numbers
- School Resource Officers referrals of students to programs and activities
- Mental Health Co-Responders' referral in our focused areas
- Operations and Crime Prevention: New activities created with neighbors, parent educational programs through collaboration with faith-based organizations and schools
- Increase the number of Youth and Young Adults added to Reichert House, B.O.L.D., Police Explorers.
- Community Based Gang Prevention Education for parents and youth
- Create a social media campaign (Example: "Its 1100 PM, Do you know where your children are?") message with parent input



# COLLABORATION WITH EXISTING YOUTH PROGRAMS



- Our agency must work with other programs in the community to help support the positive development of youth, improving self-esteem and reducing delinquent acts.
- Many of these programs operate during critical hours between 2-6 PM which some studies suggest this is prime time for juvenile crime.
- These program are viewed as crime prevention, it can assist in keeping our youth engaged to be productive and assist in preparing them to make the right choices which will hopefully lead to productive lives.



# GAINESVILLE PRE-ARREST PROGRAM -- DIVERSION



Demographics	Number of individuals
White Males	45
White Females	30
Black Males	12
Black Females	12
Hispanic Males	0
Hispanic Females	0
Asian Males	0
Asian Females	1
Indian Males	1
Indian Females	0
TOTAL	101

Statistics from January 1 through November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021

- 101 Referrals in lieu of Arrest

Type of Crime	Number of Crimes
Theft	51
Trespass	10
Battery/Fighting	06
Drug Possession or Paraphernalia	02
Under-age Drinking	27
Vandalism	01
Cannabis	04
TOTAL	101

# COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING DETAIL



- To have zone officers work specific details to deter the engagement of violent crime in hot spot neighborhoods and/or communities within the City of Gainesville. This will include neighbor and officer partnership building, providing education, and referral of resources to the community. We have performed these details through out the City of Gainesville, it has been reassuring to our neighbors and staff.
- This is a proactive, hot spots policing tactic that focuses attention on repeat violent offenders operating in neighborhoods with high violent-crime rates. Hot spots that received the treatment reported fewer violent crimes and violent felonies relative to the control areas.
- \$240,000.00 is requested.



# INVESTMENT IN OUR YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS



## **Community Education Efforts**

- Community Education Mobile Unit will be utilized for educating the community on violent crime such as gun violence, gang violence, and domestic violence. We will also engage in gang prevention with youth, neighborhood empowerment, and parental education activities throughout various communities. Requesting \$25,000.00
- Community Education Visual Aid Equipment --Up-to-date production equipment, such as cameras, computers, lighting, batteries, electronic storage, and broadcasting fees for TV and radio space. This will be used to educate the public through Audio/video production platforms about topics such as you and the Law, gang prevention, the perils of firearm violence. Requesting \$10,000.00
- Projector for making community/citizen presentations. Requesting \$2,250.00
- Portable projection screen for presentations. Requesting \$500.00
- Supplies for power cables to facilitate the use of the above equipment. Requesting \$600.00
- Publication material, about violence, both domestic and youth gangs, you and the law and other materials that will be valuable in educating the public about violence. Requesting \$3,000.00
- Total for community education efforts: \$41,350.00



# FORENSIC CRIME UNIT STRATEGIES



## Forensic Crime Unit Equipment:

Investing in technology and equipment to allow law enforcement to respond to violent crime more efficiently and effectively.

Requesting \$86,505.00



## Brasstracks:

This is an automated ballistics imaging and analysis system that populates a computerized database of digital ballistic images of bullets and casings from crime guns, to assist forensic experts in making identifications for police investigations and trials. The program is rated effective by United States Department Of Justice. Requesting \$150,000.00



Total for Forensic Equipment Request: \$236,505.00

# **KIDS, COPS & COMMUNITY** **ONE PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATOR**

## PROGRAM PHILOSOPHY

- The Police Activities League is a community organization focused on making a positive impact on the lives of "at-risk" youth in our community. The key to change for these children and their families is to provide those character-building qualities that help encourage quality character and positive development through our sports, academics and recreation/mentoring programs.

## SPORTS

- Sports build character and good lifelong habits in young people. Through sports leagues and teaching healthy habits, we foster healthy bodies and minds.

## ACADEMICS

- Learning to become an active member of society begins with literacy and educational opportunities. PAL has programs to address the needs of kids.

## RECREATION + MENTORING

- PAL has great selection of exciting and engaging recreation programs to target those needing positive leadership and use the opportunity to connect with them.

\*\*\*\*requesting \$68,633.00 for the coordinator position with benefits.



We have an active Chapter, this will be a venture between GPD and GFR.



## FUNDING REQUEST



TYPE	COST
Community Oriented Policing Detail	\$240,000.00
Community Education Efforts	\$41,350.00
Forensic Equipment	\$271,500.00
Public Safety Coordinator	\$68,633.00
Total Funding Request	\$621,483.00

## QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?

