

FY13 Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation Program

Project Abstract

Applicant: Cleveland Division of Police

Project Title: STANCE Cleveland Criminal Justice Innovation Program

Category Applying: Category 1: Planning and Implementation

1. Target Boundaries and Zip Codes: The target area zip codes include portions of 44104, 44105, 44128 and 44120. The boundaries are Kinsman Avenue to the north, Cranwood Avenue to the south, Lee Road to the east, and East 93rd Street to the west.
2. The target neighborhood is not a Promise or Choice neighborhood. The area has not received Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) funds. There is a Department of Health and Human Services funded Community Health Center less than a mile from the target area.
3. Partners Include Representatives from the Following Agencies:
Cleveland Division of Police (Fiscal Agent/Law Enforcement Agency)
Partnership for a Safer Cleveland (Cross-Sector Partner)
Debra Lewis-Curlee (Community Leader)
Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences, Case Western Reserve Univ. (Researcher)
U.S. Attorney's Office, Northern District of Ohio
U.S. Marshalls Service, Northern District of Ohio
Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF)
Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA)
Ohio High Intensity Drug Trafficking Agency (HIDTA)
City of Cleveland
Cleveland Community Relations Board
Cleveland Department of Building and Housing
Cleveland Metropolitan School District
Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority
Greater Cleveland RTA Police Department
Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Office, Prosecutor's Office
Cuyahoga County Reentry Department, Juvenile Court, Probation
Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court, Court of Common Pleas
Cuyahoga County Department of Justice Affairs,
Cuyahoga County Adult Probation Department
Ohio Department of Rehabilitation & Correction
Ohio Department of Youth Services, Juvenile Parole
Ohio Adult Parole Authority, Lutheran Metropolitan Ministries
National Council of Jewish Women, Cleveland Section
College Now Greater Cleveland, Sisters of Charity Health System

Community Assessment & Treatment Services, Adcom Communications
Partnership for a Safer Cleveland, Third Federal Foundation
Mt. Pleasant Community Zone
Mt. Pleasant Now (Neighborhood Community Development Corporation)
Third Federal Foundation & St. Luke's Foundation

4. Why the Target Neighborhood Needs an Implementation Grant:

The Mt. Pleasant neighborhood is a microcosm of the problems throughout the Cleveland community, concentrated poverty, high teen pregnancies, vacant housing, violence, and gangs. Making the area unique is the level of violent crime and homicides which surpass rates for the rest of the city. Roughly 5% of adults have a college degree compared with 11% of Cleveland residents and only 50% worked full-time for the entire year. Teen pregnancy rates for the area are higher than the rest of the city as is the percentage of low birth weight babies. Child abuse rates for the Census Tracts identified hover around 15 per 1,000. Mt. Pleasant has a 34% high school graduation. There is a strong desire to change in this neighborhood. For example, no other neighborhood in Cleveland has more new schools (4) built within the last five years and the only new high school. Reducing crime and violence and improving the quality of life in the Mt. Pleasant neighborhood will make it a community of choice to raise a family.

5. Goals: The Goals of STANCE CCJI are: 1) Improve community safety in the Mt. Pleasant neighborhood; 2) Support the residents and other stakeholders in the Mt. Pleasant neighborhood in the design and implementation of effective comprehensive approaches to addressing crime; 3) Advance neighborhood revitalization through cross-sector community-based partnerships.

6. Strategies: We anticipate that the **planning** phase will provide the opportunity to identify the community-based, research driven, place-based strategies that are best suited for the micro-area we target within the Mt. Pleasant neighborhood. Strategies will be selected based on input from the community, the local resources available, the identified underlying causes of crime, and other factors to be determined during the planning phase. There are numerous evidence-based, research-based and innovative programs currently operating that we expect to expanded, focus, or, at least, coordinated with. We also identified new innovative programs that will complement and build off of the existing programs to reduce crime and improve community capacity for safety and economic development and move Mt. Pleasant towards becoming a neighborhood of opportunity. Strategies include:

Violence-Gun Reduction & Interdiction Project (V-GRIP) – An innovative collaborative program using intelligence-led policing to select an area of focus. Components include focusing on locating fugitives, focus on parolees, saturation enforcement, and Knock & Talk where officers interview residents of every home so no one appears to be a “snitch.

Operation Focus and Operation Night Light - - (replicated based upon elements of the Chicago and Boston Ceasefire programs) Community notifications, home visitation, service delivery, assessments, counseling, coaching and accountability measure in partnership with the community.

P-16 – A National evidence-based program that aims to add four years to the education of youth by creating a coordinated educational system that communicates goals from pre-school through college.

Safe Surrender – An evidence-based, US Marshall developed program that allows non-violent fugitives to turn themselves in a safe environment.

Defending Childhood Initiative –Evidence-based initiative of Attorney General Holder that strives to harness resources to reduce childhood exposure to violence, increase knowledge by advancing scientific inquiry, and reduce the negative impact of exposure.

Community Reentry – An evidence-based program that provides support services to returning felons but reinforces the message that continued criminal activities will not be tolerated by the community.

7. Length of project period: 36 months

8. Total Amount of Funding Being Requested: \$1,000,000

9. Identification of Other Resources that will Support the Program:

Since receiving an initial \$2.5 million in Comprehensive Anti-Gang Initiative funding in 2006, STANCE has successfully raised financial support from stakeholders, local foundations, and state and federal grants. These efforts will continue throughout and after this grant program. Some support is detailed below:

STANCE Funding

Organization	STANCE-Related Activity or Program	Funding Level
U.S. Attorney General CAGI Grant	STANCE Initial Funding	\$2,500,000
Cleveland Foundation	Gang outreach, Peacemakers Alliance, Partnership Safer Cleveland	\$3,500,000
Third Federal Foundation	Peacemakers Alliance	\$1,500,000
FY09 Ohio Byrne Justice Assistance Grant	STANCE Operation Focus	\$207,140
FY08 OJJDP Gang Prevention Coordination Assistance Grant	STANCE Gang Prevention	\$200,000
Cleveland Boys & Girls Clubs	Targeted Gang Outreach	\$300,000
The Billie Howland Steffee Family Fund	Gang Outreach (Boys & Girls Club)/Project YES	\$224,000
Third Federal Foundation	Gang Outreach	\$80,000
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation	Police Assisted Referral Program	\$200,000
Cleveland Foundation/ St Luke's Foundation/Sisters of Charity (Match of Robert Woods Johnson funds)	Police Assisted Referral Program	\$200,000
TOTAL		\$8,911,140.00

Additionally, the City of Cleveland recently included an additional 20 police officers in their 2013 budget specifically to institutionalize the V-GRIP program.

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