



# ACT *for* Cincy

Achieving Change Together  
Blueprint for Violence Reduction

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# ACT for Cincy Overview

**ACT for Cincy** is Cincinnati's collaborative, community-driven strategy to prevent violence—especially gun violence—by addressing its root causes through a public health approach. While violent crime is declining overall, gun violence remains a serious challenge. Led by the City Manager's Office and built in partnership with **residents, City departments, community organizations**, and the **Cincinnati Children's Hospital's Michael Fisher Child Health Equity Center**, ACT for Cincy focuses on long-term, sustainable safety by addressing root causes and aligning efforts across neighborhoods and sectors.

This strategy brings together years of ongoing work into a unified approach—so individuals and organizations can row in the same direction toward real change. It is grounded in five strategic pillars identified by the community: **Thriving Neighborhoods, Reducing Youth Access to Firearms, Improved Wellbeing, Youth Support, and Policing Innovations**. Each pillar is powered by action teams, targeting specific components, with identified goals and measurable outcomes. This strategy guides the City's ongoing funding of efforts to address violence.

ACT for Cincy is **data-centered**, with a goal of reducing gun violence by 10% in its first year and using shared data to track progress. This is how Cincinnati is achieving change—**grounded in community, guided by data, and powered by collaboration**.



# ACHIEVING CHANGE TOGETHER ACT *for* CINC



## THRIVING NEIGHBORHOODS

Supporting community-led revitalization efforts, economic development, and effective policing strategies rooted in problem-solving and Community Problem Oriented Policing



## REDUCED ACCESSIBILITY OF FIREARMS TO YOUTH

Addressing youth gun violence by combating illegal gun trafficking and promoting firearm safety education to enhance community safety



## IMPROVED WELLBEING

Emphasizing holistic well-being by connecting individuals and families with mental health care, housing stability, and social services that reduce stress and build resilience



## IMPROVED YOUTH SUPPORT

Investing in mentorship, education, and skill-building programs to empower youth, foster creativity, and guide them toward success while preventing violence



## EVIDENCE-BASED POLICING INNOVATIONS

Emphasizing data-driven, community-based policing strategies that build trust and reduce violence at its source.

*Strategic Interventions & Key Drivers in Gun Violence Prevention*

# THRIVING NEIGHBORHOODS



Supporting community-led revitalization efforts, economic development, and grassroots problem-solving efforts.

- **Targeted Community Investments** including the Boots on the Ground Fund, Safe & Clean Fund, and Human Services Funding.
- **Placemaking through Investments in Development** including vacant storefront activations, blighted property acquisition, and other creative placemaking efforts.
- **Beautification & Dignification Action Teams** focused on regular clean-up blitzes in North OTR & the West End to keep community spaces clean.



# REDUCED ACCESSIBILITY OF FIREARMS TO YOUTH



Addressing youth gun violence by combatting illegal gun trafficking and promoting firearm safety education

- **Crime Gun Intelligence Center (CGIC)** using forensic technology to trace the origins of recovered shell casings and firearms used in crimes, identify trafficking patterns, and coordinate with federal and local agencies to disrupt illegal gun flows.
- **Safe Firearm Storage and Responsible Gun Ownership** to help reduce accidental shootings, youth access to firearms, and gun-related injuries.
- **State and Federal Lobbying Strategy** to advocate for state and federal policy changes that reduce gun violence and improve public safety.
- **Local Model Laws and Policies** including the domestic violence firearms possession ordinance, the ordinance requiring reporting of lost and stolen guns, and exploring all available options under Home Rule authority.

# IMPROVED MENTAL & EMOTIONAL WELLBEING



Emphasizing holistic wellbeing by connecting individuals and families with mental health care, housing stability, and social services that reduce stress and build resilience

- **Hope & Shield Network (Hospital-Based Violence Intervention Program)**, led by UC Health and Cincinnati Children's Hospital, funded by the City of Cincinnati, that delivers a comprehensive, evidence-based response to the needs of people who have experienced gun violence.
- **DVERT™: Domestic Violence Enhanced Response Team** providing on-call 24-hour crisis support for survivors of domestic violence, including safety planning and access to services to prevent further trauma.
- **Cincinnati Citizens Respect Our Witnesses (CCROW) and Witness Support**, led by Karen Rumsey, provides a variety of services including court-related services, social services, and referrals to counselling services designed to meet the needs of witnesses and their loved ones.
- **Trauma Informed Care Training** for Cincinnati Recreation Commission Centers and CPD Youth Services Officers to better support children, families, and staff affected by trauma.

# IMPROVED YOUTH SUPPORT



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- **Enhanced City of Cincinnati Recreation Commission Programming through Rec @ Nite**, a flagship initiative designed to provide teens with a safe, welcoming, and engaging space during the summer months.
- **Enhanced programming by Parks** to provide teens with additional safe spaces on the weekend during summer.
- **Career Pathways Initiative** connecting young people in our community to part time jobs that can lead to fulfilling long-term careers.
- **Y-Mag** – Group has been convening to problem solve around youth issues.
- **CMO Cincy Youth Matter Initiative**
- **Support grassroots neighborhood organizations to promote:**
  - **After-School and Enrichment Programs** such as Families Forward Learning Grove and Price Hill Will, aimed at providing safe, creative experiences for kids in Cincinnati.
  - **Mentorship and Life Skills Development** such as Found Village's Journey2Independence Program and SuperSeeds Ambassadors Program that provide important support to justice-involved youth.
  - **Youth Participation in Neighborhood Safety Efforts** through Lower Price Hill Violence Prevention Collaborative, which empowers youth through participatory action research, involving them in designing solutions for safer neighborhoods.

# EVIDENCE-BASED POLICING INNOVATIONS



Emphasizing data-driven, community-based policing strategies that build trust  
and reduce violence at its source

- **Community Problem-Oriented Policing (CPOP) and SARA Problem Solving Strategies** to mitigate localized crime and quality of life issues in our neighborhoods.
- **Place Network Investigations (PIVOT)** targeting micro-locations that are chronically violent, using problem-solving approaches to disrupt longstanding networks that facilitate violence.
- **Focused Investigations** through the Crime Gun Intelligence Center (CGIC), ShotSpotter technology, and Fusus camera integration to assist in criminal and traffic investigations.





# Thriving Neighborhoods



## Grantees

- 15 projects funded through Safe & Clean in 2025 focused on youth leadership and participation
  - Total of \$500,000 has been invested into Safe & Clean for 2025 three grant cycles, \$549,060 invested in FY26
- 25 projects funded for Youth Gun Violence Prevention + Reduction through Human Services in FY26
  - Total of \$2.48million invested in FY26
- 19 organizations funded for Youth Gun Violence Prevention + Reduction through Boots on the Ground
  - Total of \$391,000 invested in the latest round of funding



## Beautification & Dignification Action Team

- 7 clean ups hosted across 2 teams so far in 2025  
(North OTR and West End)
- More than 13,000 lbs of trash collected
- Upcoming clean ups and volunteer opportunities will be shared soon





## Reduced Accessibility of Firearms to Youth



### Gun Lock Distribution & Safe Storage with CPD

- 404 gun locks distributed since 2024, 94 in 2025
- CPD introduced Safe Storage program to allow firearm owners to temporarily store firearm at secure CPD location for up to 6 months



### Red Bike & E-Scooter Weekend Restrictions

- Usage restricted between the hours of 8pm and 6am in the downtown core
- Preventative measure to limit bikes from being used as a tool to commit property crimes and steal guns



## Improved Mental & Emotional Wellbeing



### Hope & Shield Network

- 4 violence prevention professionals and 1 supervisor has been hired
- Since program began in October 2024, 91 patients have completed enrollment in the program
- Only one enrolled individual has been reinjured
- VPPs have assisted community members in
  - Navigating job readiness programs, JFS, and Career Pathways program
  - Re-enrolling in school to obtain GED
  - Securing housing and relocation for multiple participants
  - Connecting youth to mentor organizations
  - Gaining peer and emotional support following incidents of injury





## Improved Youth Support



### Rec @ Nite

- 6 weekends of events this summer at two locations (Hirsch & Lincoln Rec Centers), 2 more planned
- Total of 1,525 kids have attended in the first 5 weeks
- More than 200 members of Rec staff have begun training in Trauma-informed Care



### Community Responders & Collaborative Agreement Community Care Initiative

- 10 responders on the ground
- 4 Collaborative Agreement Community Care Outreach Workers, led by Iris Roley, on the ground at transit centers, on Main St, and several other locations throughout the City



### Career Pathways Initiatives

- Partnered with 53 area high schools in 2024 to reach youth and share employment opportunities
- Secured Summer Jobs Connect Grant in 2024 leading to employment for 376 youth, financial literacy training for 340 youth



# Evidence-based Policing Innovations



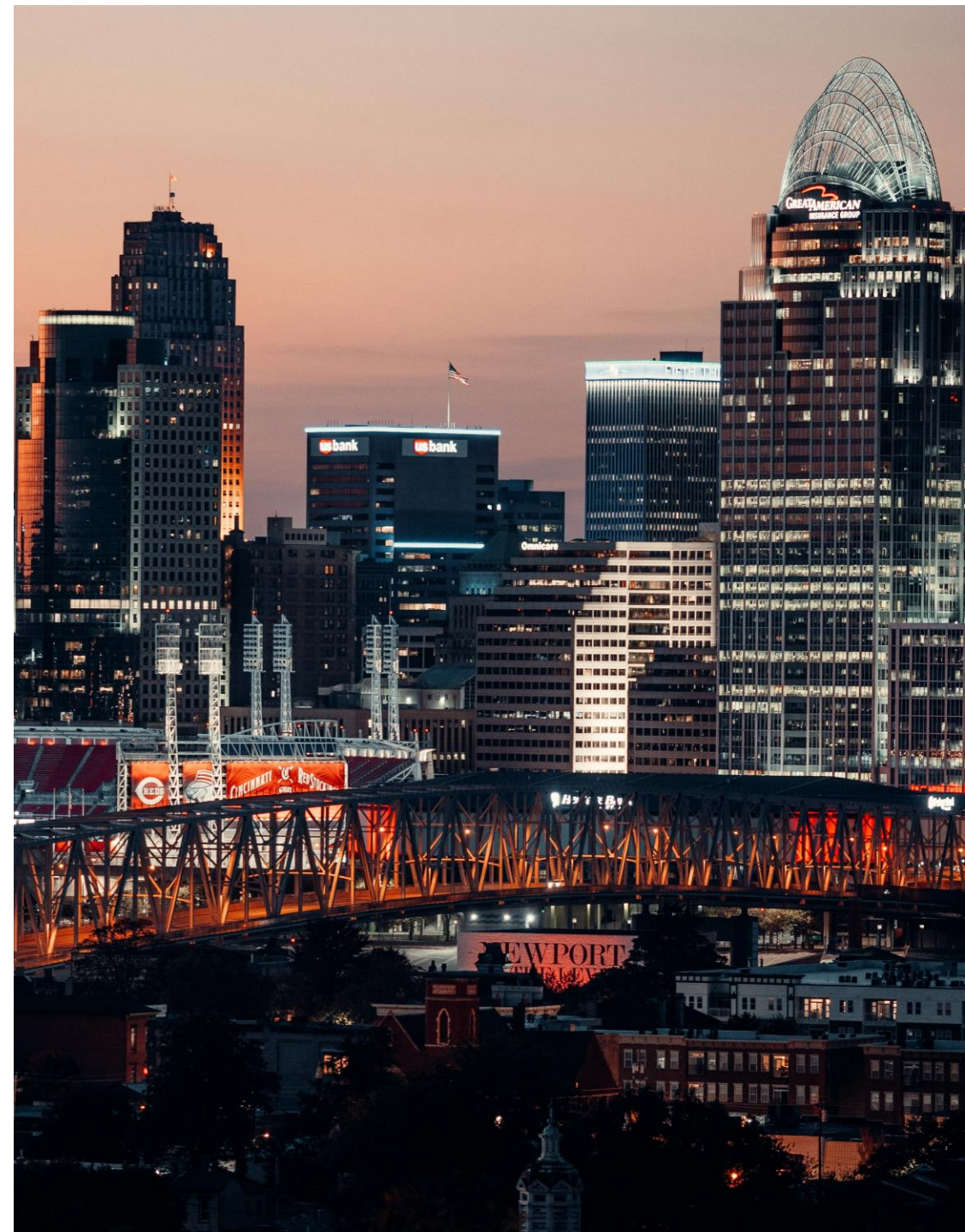
## Community Problem-Oriented Policing (CPOP) Projects

- 24 projects conducted in 2024
- 18 active projects in 2025
  - Neighborhoods include: CUF/Corryville, OTR, Downtown, East Price Hill, West End, Winton Hills, Walnut Hills, Northside, Camp Washington, Mt Washington
  - 2 active PIVOT projects (West End, OTR)



## Curfew Enforcement

- City staff have been exploring the possibility of enforcing a curfew for youth under 18
- Existing curfew law states that unaccompanied minors must be home at the following times:
  - 10pm for those under 16
  - Midnight for those 16 and 17 years old





# Curfew Enforcement Vetting Process



## Reviewing CPD Procedures

CPD is conducting an internal review of policies and procedures to determine what may need to be updated



## Internal Team Exploring Additional Options

A cross-departmental team has been meeting to discuss curfew enforcement options including updated ordinances, partner support, and a centralized curfew center



## Legal Review

The City Law Department is an integral part of exploring enforcement and potential updates to the curfew policy



## Conversations with Funded Partners

Convened group of Human Services funded partners to discuss support for curfew enforcement and messaging to youth served

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