

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
**FY 2025 Budget Request**



Keeping Our Country Safe:  
**Combat Violent Crime and Gun Violence**

Component / Initiative	Positions	Agents/ Attorneys	\$000s
<b>FEDERAL PROGRAMS</b>			
<b>Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF)</b>			
Bipartisan Safer Communities Act	349	100	\$73,438
Combating Gun Violence	97	50	\$21,043
National Services Center (NSC) Expansion	25	0	43,948
Enhancing NIBIN and Crime Gun Intelligence	18	2	18,707
Forensic Services Crime Gun Intelligence	30	0	13,117
<b>Subtotal, ATF</b>	<b>519</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>\$170,253</b>
<b>Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)</b>			
Bipartisan Safer Communities Act	0	0	43,033
National Instant Criminal Background Check System	27	1	8,433
<b>Subtotal, FBI</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>\$51,466</b>
<b>U.S. Attorneys (USA)</b>			
Violent Crime Prosecutions	50	50	\$9,000
<b>Subtotal, USA</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>\$9,000</b>
<b>Subtotal, Federal Programs</b>	<b>596</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>\$230,719</b>
<b>Violent Crime Reduction and Prevention Fund (VCRPF)</b>			
<b>ATF</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>\$31,523</b>
<b>FBI</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>\$39,487</b>
<b>USA</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>\$39,428</b>
<b>Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA)</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>\$10,500</b>
<b>United States Marshals Service (USMS)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$5,679</b>
<b>Subtotal, Mandatory VCRPF</b>	<b>309</b>	<b>268</b>	<b>\$126,617</b>

Component / Initiative	Positions	Agents/ Attorneys	\$000s
<b>GRANTS - DISCRETIONARY</b>			
<b>Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS)</b>			
COPS Hiring Program	0	0	\$370,000
STOP School Violence	0	0	\$55,000
Police Act – Active Shooter Training	0	0	\$13,000
<i>Community Policing Development</i>	0	0	\$45,000
<b>Subtotal, COPS</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$483,000</b>
<b>Office of Justice Programs (OJP)</b>			
Community Violence Intervention	0	0	\$100,000
<i>Justice Assistance Grants (JAG)</i>	0	0	\$529,500
<i>Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN)</i>	0	0	[\$20,000]
STOP School Violence	0	0	\$82,000
<i>National Criminal History Improvement Prog (NCHIP)</i>	0	0	\$95,000
<i>Community Teams to Reduce the Sexual Assault Kit (SAK) Backlog</i>	0	0	\$55,000
<b>Subtotal, OJP</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$856,500</b>
<b>Subtotal, Grants Discretionary</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$1,339,500</b>
<b>GRANTS – MANDATORY</b>			
<b>COPS – Hiring Program</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$2,175,000</b>
<b>OJP – Gun Crime Prevention Strategic Fund</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$884,000</b>
<b>OJP – Community Violence Intervention</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$150,000</b>
<b>COPS - Violent Crime Reduction and Prevention Fund</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$120,500</b>
<b>Subtotal, Grants Mandatory</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$3,329,500</b>
<b>Subtotal, Grants</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$4,669,000</b>
<b>Total Resources, Violent Crime and Gun Violence</b>	<b>905</b>	<b>471</b>	<b>\$5,026,336</b>

\*Programs that are italicized are base resources only. Base resources are not discussed in the narrative below.

In 2022, approximately three and a half million individuals, 12 years or older, were victims of at least one violent crime nationwide.<sup>1</sup> After a peak during the pandemic, violent crime is on a downward trajectory, including double-digit drops in homicide rates across several major cities.<sup>2</sup> The Department's initiatives aimed at reducing and preventing violent crime have been successful; however, despite promising developments, it is important not to reduce resources or shift focus elsewhere. As gun crime and violence continues to affect American communities, it is critical for the Department to strategically invest in comprehensive action against those who engage in violent illegal activity to the detriment of public safety.

If there is little effort to engage with all levels of government and society, the progress in reducing violent crime is at risk of being lost. Addressing the DOJ law enforcement and community partners in Indianapolis, Associate Attorney General Gupta reinforced this message by stating, "effectively addressing violent crime requires partnerships and investments at every level – Federal, State, and local law enforcement, and the communities we serve."<sup>3</sup> This includes providing the necessary funding and support to ensure our partners have the resources needed to maintain momentum and making further progress combating violent crime across the country.

On February 16, 2023, the OJP organized the first gathering of grantees participating in its Community Violence Intervention and Prevention Initiative, in St. Louis, MO. Attorney General Garland summarized the Department's strategy to combat violent crime to those present, noting: "At the Justice Department, our approach to disrupting violent crime is centered on our partnerships – both with the communities

harmed by violent crime and with the law enforcement agencies that protect those communities. Our approach is centered on building public trust. We know that we cannot do our jobs effectively without the trust of the communities we serve."<sup>4</sup>

The FY 2025 President's Budget prioritizes data-driven solutions to effectively curb the escalation of violent crime. This includes efforts to prevent the flow of illegal firearms, to support State and local law enforcement partners and hold those who endanger the public through acts of violence accountable.

The FY 2025 President's Budget invests a total of \$5.0 billion, as \$3.5 billion mandatory and \$1.6 billion discretionary, to undertake the challenge of combating violent crime and reducing gun violence in the United States. Through targeted investments in the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), the Criminal Division (CRM), the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), the U.S. Attorneys (USA), and the U.S. Marshals Service (USMS), and by fueling grant initiatives administered through the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Office and the OJP, the Department continue to expand its efforts to implement comprehensive action against gun violence, and mitigate its impact on American cities.

The FY 2025 Budget request also provides a total of **\$4.7 billion to support State and local law enforcement and community violence prevention and intervention programs** to make neighborhoods safer. This includes a total of \$1.4 billion in discretionary resources for State and local grants and \$3.3 billion in mandatory resources to support law enforcement, crime prevention, and community violence intervention.

<sup>1</sup> Thompson, A. and Tapp, S. N., Criminal Victimization, 2022. U.S. Department of Justice. September 2023. [Criminal Victimization, 2022 \(ojp.gov\)](https://www.ojp.gov/criminal-justice-statistics/criminal-victimization)

<sup>2</sup> U.S. Department of Justice, Speech (Remarks as Delivered), January 5, 2024, Washington, D.C.: [Deputy Attorney General Lisa O. Monaco Delivers Remarks on Combating Violent Crime](https://www.justice.gov/opa/speech/20240105).


<sup>3</sup> Ibid.

<sup>4</sup> U.S. Department of Justice, Speech (Remarks as Delivered), February 16, 2023, St. Louis, MO: [Attorney General Merrick B. Garland Delivers Remarks at the Community Violence Intervention and Prevention Initiative Grantee Convening](https://www.justice.gov/opa/speech/20230216)

## FEDERAL PROGRAMS

### Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF): \$170.3 million

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 519 positions (152 agents, 1 attorney)

→ **Bipartisan Safer Communities Act (BSCA): \$73.4 million**

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349 positions (100 agents)

→ **Combating Gun Violence: \$21.0 million**

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97 positions (50 agents, 1 attorney)

→ **National Services Center (NSC) Expansion: \$43.9 million**

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25 positions

→ **Enhancing NIBIN and Crime Gun Intelligence (CGI): \$18.7 million**

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18 positions (2 agents)

→ **Forensic Services Crime Gun Intelligence: \$13.1 million**

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30 positions

### Bipartisan Safer Communities Act (BSCA): \$73.4 million and 349 positions (100 agents)

The ATF requests funding to fulfill its responsibilities under the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act (BSCA), the most substantial change to Federal firearms laws in decades. These resources build on the investments initiated in FY 2023, aiming to add 257 new Industry Operations Investigators to continue inspections of Federal Firearms Licensees (FFLs) and 100 agents to investigate gun-related crimes. These investments will enable the ATF to respond to various provisions of the BSCA, such as the revised FFL definition; addressing the “boyfriend loophole” which resulted in an increase in misdemeanor domestic violence crimes; new statutes prohibiting trafficking in firearms and straw purchasing; and encouraging States to adopt extreme risk protection orders, also known as “red flag laws.” The comprehensive implementation of this new legislation by the ATF depends on appropriate resources, and this budget seeks to provide the ATF with the resources to fully realize the BSCA’s vision for safer communities across America. **Current services for this initiative are \$22.0 million and 77 positions (16 agents).**

### Combating Gun Violence: \$21.0 million and 97 positions (50 agents, 1 attorney)

In light of the ATF’s central role in the Department’s efforts to combat gun violence, its funding request is structured to reduce violent firearm crimes in communities across the Nation. The allocation of increased resources and personnel directed towards the Firearms Trafficking Strike Force (FTSF) initiative will enhance the ATF’s involvement in homicide units of law enforcement agencies located in cities heavily affected by violent firearms crime and where trafficking is most prevalent. Strike Forces have generated investigations in dozens of cities across America; this request enables the ATF to continue its work as the leading Federal law enforcement agency. It provides the necessary resources and collaborative infrastructure for investigations relating to firearms trafficking and gun violence. **Current services for this initiative are \$515.7 million and 2,272 positions (1,681 agents).**

### National Services Center (NSC) Expansion: \$43.9 million and 25 positions

The ATF requests funding to expand capacity to carry out its statutory authorities aimed at reducing and preventing gun violence across the country. The NSC in Martinsburg, WV houses multiple critical ATF operations including the National Tracing Center, the Out-of-Business

Records Center, the Firearms and Ammunition Technology Division, and the National Firearms Act Division. This facility has far exceeded its maximum capacity to support these functions. Additional funding will alleviate major capacity challenges and difficulties the ATF faces in managing its physical workspaces. These investments will support the lease and retrofit of an existing building near the NSC, a campus plan to improve operational effectiveness across the multiple ATF functions, and hiring of new personnel to support the National Firearms Act Division to improve NFA applications processing times. ***There are no current services for this initiative.***

### **Enhancing NIBIN and Crime Gun Intelligence (CGI): \$18.7 million and 18 positions (two agents)**

Funding and positions will enhance the ATF's ability to reduce violent crime nationwide and support the Department's Comprehensive Strategy for Reducing Violent Crime, to include support for Project Safe Neighborhoods. The National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN) and Crime Gun Intelligence (CGI) enable the ATF and Federal, State, local, tribal, and territorial partners to focus investigative resources on the most violent firearm offenders in communities. Funding will support the NIBIN National Correlation and Training Center II by adding positions to oversee and support the increase in correlation reviews requested daily. Additionally, funding will provide increased IT support for the NIBIN Enforcement Support System, field support for NIBIN program infrastructure, and program support for the Crime Gun Intelligence Center of Excellence. ***Current services are \$82.9 million and 63 positions (17 agents).***

### **Forensic Services Crime Gun Intelligence: \$13.1 million and 30 positions**

The ATF requests funding to implement the first phase of staffing and equipment support for the high-throughput, rapid-processing DNA laboratory. The DNA laboratory, the only one of its kind in the United States, will be able to analyze DNA from fired cartridge casings recovered at crime scenes enabling criminal investigators to capitalize on the benefits of both NIBIN for linking multiple shooting scenes to one another and the forensic laboratory for linking evidence from a shooting scene to an individual. Key investments include forensic specialists to support the DNA laboratory, laboratory equipment to support the DNA analysis function, fired cartridge case collection devices, and laboratory equipment that will support the second Firearms Examiner Academy. ***There are no current services for this initiative.***

## Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI): \$51.5 million

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 27 positions  
(1 agent)

→ Bipartisan Safer Communities Act: \$43.0 million

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→ National Instant Criminal Background Check System: \$8.4 million

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27 positions (1 agent)

## U.S. Attorneys (USA): \$9.0 million

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 50 positions  
(50 attorneys)

## Bipartisan Safer Communities Act: \$43.0 million

The BSCA provided the FBI with \$100.0 million in one-time funding in FY 2022, to begin implementing the BSCA's important mandates for combatting gun violence. The FBI is utilizing this funding to increase staffing for the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) Section; implement numerous developments to the NICS system, including developments directly related to the BSCA and other developments that are needed to improve the system; and enhance training for staff conducting firearm background checks. However, the FBI expects to fully expend those funds as planned before the end of FY 2024. The FBI requires \$43.0 million in additional resources to sustain the implementation of the BSCA's important mandates in FY 2025 and beyond. The resources will fund annualization of the 170 NICS positions as well as continued system developments to continually improve and keep up with evolving needs. ***There are no current services for this initiative.***

## National Instant Criminal Background Check System: \$8.4 million and 27 positions (one agent)

The requested \$8.4 million and 27 positions (one agent) will allow the FBI to continue combatting violent crime across the country. Funding will enhance the FBI's NICS Section abilities to support firearm background checks required by law, including the continually evolving requirements of the BSCA. For example, additional resources are needed to conduct Under 21 background checks, which have proven more labor-intensive than originally estimated. To meet BSCA's requirement, licensees must have the option to use NICS for voluntary background checks for a current or prospective employee. This process is conservatively expected to result in 750,000 additional annual checks once implemented. In addition, upon passage of the BSCA, FBI NICS reprioritized system enhancements to ensure successful implementation. This request will enable the FBI to continue system enhancements and future development, which will provide increased system availability and automation of the NICS transaction life-cycle process. ***Current services are \$166.0 million and 1,129 positions (2 agents).***

## Violent Crime Prosecutions: \$9.0 million and 50 positions (50 attorneys)


Funding will support the Department's violent crime reduction strategies that are essential to upholding the Department's fundamental goal of keeping the American people safe. This funding resource will enable the hiring of 50 additional prosecutors to increase the USAOs' capacity to target high-priority violent street gangs and drug traffickers. This boost in resources will also allow for the acceptance of more high-priority

firearms cases for Federal prosecution, shut down pipelines feeding illegally-trafficked firearms that directly affect gun violence around the country, and implement effective approaches to reduce violent crime. **Current services for this initiative are \$209.4 million and 1,062 positions (681 attorneys).**

## Violent Crime Reduction and Prevention Fund

### Violent Crime Reduction and Prevention Fund: Total \$1.2 billion

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 1,249 positions (148 agents, 120 attorneys)  
(Mandatory)

→ ATF – Hiring of Agents and Forensic Specialists:  
Total \$157.6 million

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74 positions (69 agents)

→ DEA – Operation Overdrive: Total  
\$52.5 million

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33 positions (5 agents)

→ FBI – Bolster Violent Crime Reduction: Total  
\$197.4 million

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82 positions (69 agents)

→ USA – Prosecute Violent Crime: Total  
\$197.1 million

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120 positions (120 attorneys)

→ USMS – Operation North Star: Total  
\$28.4 million

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This funding request will support a new mandatory investment to combat violent crime and support victims. The Budget builds upon the Safer America Plan by investing an additional \$1.2 billion over five years to launch a new Violent Crime Reduction and Prevention Fund. This fund is designed to provide Federal, State, local, tribal, and territorial law enforcement the dedicated and seasoned, full support they need to focus exclusively on violent crime. It includes funding to hire new Federal law enforcement agents, prosecutors, and forensic specialists to expand Federal operations to combat fentanyl and apprehend dangerous fugitives. Additionally, it supports the recruitment of 4,700 detectives at the State and local level to solve homicides, non-fatal shootings, and other violent crimes. This initiative aims to drive down the high rate of unsolved violent crimes and the lengthy delays that undermine public trust and public safety. Of the \$1.2 billion requested, \$602.5 million will support COPS mandatory grants and is described below. The remaining \$633.1 million will support the ATF, the DEA, the FBI, the USA, and the USMS to reduce and prevent violent crime as described herein.

#### ATF – Hiring of Agents and Forensic Specialists: Total \$157.6 million and 82 positions (69 agents)

The Budget requests a total of \$157.6 million over five years in mandatory spending for the ATF to support the Administration’s goal to bolster violent crime reduction efforts. This mandatory funding will provide the resources necessary to support 69 ATF agents as well as 13 ATF forensic specialists over the next five years. **There are no current services for this initiative.**

#### DEA – Operation Overdrive: Total \$52.5 million and 33 positions (5 agents)

The Budget requests expanding DEA’s Operation Overdrive, which uses a data-driven, intelligence-led approach to identify and dismantle violent drug trafficking networks, to 50 more cities that are experiencing high rates of gun violence and fentanyl overdoses for 45-day operations. **There are no current services for this initiative.**

## **FBI – Bolster Violent Crime Reduction: Total \$197.4 million and 74 positions (74 agents)**

The request includes a total of \$197.4 million over five years in mandatory spending for the FBI to support the Administration’s goal to bolster violent crime reduction efforts. This mandatory funding will provide the resources necessary to support 74 FBI agents over the next five years. ***There are no current services for this initiative.***

## **USA – Prosecute Violent Crime: Total \$197.1 million and 120 positions (120 attorneys)**

The request includes \$197.1 million over five years in mandatory spending for the USA to provide the resources necessary to support 120 prosecutors. Combined with the discretionary investment, these resources will enable the USA to prosecute violent crime in hard-hit locations nationwide. ***There are no current services for this initiative.***

## **USMS – Operation North Star: Total \$28.4 million**

The Budget requests a total of \$28.4 million over five years in mandatory spending provided to expand the USMS’s Operation North Star, which has taken more than 6,700 of the most dangerous State and local fugitives off the street since 2021, to 20 more cities in FY 2025 to drive down violent crime. ***There are no current services for this initiative.***

## **GRANTS**

### **Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS): Total \$2.8 billion (+\$2.5 billion)**

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**→ COPS Hiring Program (CHP) – Discretionary: Total \$370.0 million (+\$46.0 million)**

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### **COPS Hiring Program (CHP) – Discretionary: Total \$370.0 million (+\$46.0 million)**

The CHP aims to increase the ability of law enforcement agencies to promote the growth of policing strategies for communities and strengthen partnerships for safer communities. It will bolster law enforcement’s capability to prevent, solve, and control crime through funding for additional officers. Increased resources in law enforcement has been shown to help police collecting information about crime and disorder problems, understanding the nature of the problems better, and solve crimes more efficiently. Moreover, law enforcement agencies will be more effective when they adopt policies and practices that promote fairness, legitimacy, and positive community partnerships. Within the increase, \$45.0 million is for the base hiring program. A portion of the increase will be used to strengthen the capacity of Tribes to combat crime, with \$2.0 million requested for the expansion of the Tribal Access Program, and \$3.0 million included to enhance the Tribal Resources Grant Program. ***Current services for this initiative are \$324.0 million.***



→ STOP School Violence  
– Total \$55.0 million  
(+\$2.0 million)

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→ Police Act – Active  
Shooter Training (PASS)  
– Total \$13.0 million  
(+1.0 million)

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→ Violent Crime  
Reduction and  
Prevention Fund—COPS  
Hiring – Total \$120.5  
million (Mandatory)  
(+\$120.5 million)

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→ CHP (Mandatory):  
Total \$2.2 billion  
(+\$2.2 billion)

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## STOP School Violence – Total \$55.0 million (+\$2.0 million)

This program provides funding directly to States, units of local government, Indian Tribes, and public agencies (school districts, public boards of education, and law enforcement departments) to improve security at schools and on school grounds in the grantees’ jurisdictions through evidence-based school safety programs and technology. **Current services for this initiative are \$53.0 million.**

### Police Act – Active Shooter Training (PASS) – Total \$13.0 million (+1.0 million)

The overarching goal of PASS is to increase the survivability during an active shooter and other hostile events by offering evidence-based multi-disciplinary training for law enforcement officers and other public safety-first responders. This training focuses on integration of response, improvements to critical decision-making skills, and the execution of appropriate judgment during critical events. **Current services for this program are \$12.0 million.**

### Violent Crime Reduction and Prevention Fund—COPS Hiring – Total \$120.5 million (Mandatory) (+\$120.5 million)

The Administration is committed to doing everything it can to make communities safer, including efforts to advance effective, accountable policing. As part of this commitment, in a separate section of the Department’s budget, mandatory funding has been included for the **Violent Crime Reduction and Prevention** initiative which will serve to further bolster crime-fighting efforts throughout the Nation. This request would provide \$120.5 million in the first year and a total of \$602.5 million over five years for a new COPS program. This program would provide grants to police departments to hire 4,700 detectives over five years to solve homicides, non-fatal shootings, and other violent crimes to drive down the high rate of unsolved violent crimes and the lengthy delays that undermine public trust and public safety.

### CHP (Mandatory): Total \$2.2 billion (+\$2.2 billion)

The Budget requests \$2.2 billion in mandatory funding for the COPS Hiring Program (CHP) in 2025, and \$10.9 billion over five years in total as part of the Safer America Plan. This will provide communities the resources needed to keep streets safe by helping them hire and train additional police officers for accountable community policing and dedicating funds for small law enforcement agencies. **There are no current services for this initiative.**

## Office of Justice Programs (OJP): \$1.9 billion (+\$1.1 billion)

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→ Community Violence Intervention (CVI): Total \$250.0 million (+\$200.0 million)

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→ Gun Crime Prevention Strategic Fund (Mandatory): Total \$884.0 million (+\$884.0 million)

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## Community Violence Intervention (CVI): Total \$250.0 million (+\$200.0 million)

The FY 2025 President's Budget request includes \$100.0 million in discretionary funds, an increase of \$50.0 million over the FY 2024 CR level, and \$150.0 million in mandatory funds, for a total of \$250.0 million for Community Violence Intervention. This initiative was developed to address serious violent crime at the local level by investing in evidence-informed community violence intervention strategies as a vital complement to policing. This funding would be in addition to the \$50.0 million provided as part of the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act of 2022. **Current services for this initiative are \$50.0 million.**

## Gun Crime Prevention Strategic Fund (Mandatory): Total \$884.0 million (+\$884.0 million)

The Budget requests \$884.0 million in 2025 and \$4.4 billion over five years for a new mandatory grant program that aims to provide States and localities with the necessary resources to invest in modern, data-informed strategies to prevent gun crime and reduce victimization. The Fund aims to improve and expand cooperation for Federal, State, and local communities to take repeat shooters off the streets, and meet the needs of collaborative efforts by providing additional personnel and technology. It will work to expand and strengthen crime gun intelligence centers, enhance local crime data sharing and analysis capacity, and enhance access to technology and ensure its responsible use. Resources will also be allocated to improve outcomes, such as increasing the clearance rates for gun crimes and strengthen training for State and local law enforcement and prosecutors. Additionally, it will recruit and retain law enforcement for accountable community policing, through retention bonuses, student loan repayment and tuition reimbursement, and wellness resources. **There are no current services for this initiative.**