



Long Beach Safety Recovery Plan

City Council Meeting - July 20, 2021

Gun Violence Data

- Like many major cities, Long Beach began 2021 with a significant increase in gun violence
- National issue stemming from economic distress, unemployment, and societal upheaval
- Gun sales increased nationally by 64 percent
- Long Beach Police Department firearm seizures up 51 percent
- Firearm assaults in Long Beach up 60 percent year-to-date compared to 2020

Background

- City Council requested the City Manager to develop a strategy for addressing increased levels of violent crime
- The Police Department began work in 2020 focusing on the following strategies to reduce violent crime:
 - Neighborhoods and partnerships
 - Data-driven approach to allocating additional overtime and resources
 - A Coordinated Response Team (CRT)
 - Implementation of policies, procedures, and partnerships through the Office of Constitutional Policing

Long Beach Safety Recovery Plan

- The City Manager is proposing investments in additional policing measures and additional violence prevention work through the Long Beach Safety Recovery Plan
- This plan allocates **\$5,000,000** in one-time General Fund dollars to invest in public safety programs and violence prevention programs
- This investment is in addition to **\$3,630,000** in public safety and violence prevention programs already approved in the Long Beach Recovery Act
- Total investment of **\$8,630,000**

Safety Recovery Plan - Public Safety Programs

Program	Proposed Funding
Coordinated Response Team (CRT)	\$1,750,000
Continued funding through FY 22 for the CRT, which responds to and investigates active firearm assault incidents using current crime analysis and intelligence techniques. (PD)	
Calls for Service - Base Staffing Levels	\$1,000,000
Additional funding to maintain existing beat and base staffing deployment levels, keep response times consistent, and strengthen public trust and confidence. (PD)	
Neighborhood Walks Program (NWP)	\$400,000
Continued funding through FY 22 for NWP, piloted in 2021 with the objective of increasing outreach and community engagement with residents, businesses, and faith-based and community-based organizations. (PD)	
Neighborhood Safe Streets (NSS) Initiative - Bikes	\$400,000
Continued funding through FY 22 to deploy bike patrol officers throughout entertainment districts, waterfront areas, tourist areas, business districts, and any other areas impacted by crime. (PD)	

Safety Recovery Plan – Public Safety Programs

Program	Proposed Funding
Active Bystandership for Law Enforcement (ABLE) Training	\$400,000
This funding is a match for federal assistance expected to support the ABLE Project, an initiative of Georgetown University Law Center that aims to prevent misconduct, avoid police mistakes, and promote officer health and wellness. (PD)	
Entertainment and Business Districts	\$300,000
Additional public safety response through FY 22 to respond to increased calls for service in entertainment and business districts. (PD)	
Community Youth Engagement	\$250,000
Activities such as Midnight Basketball, Playground Partners, and Summer Nights-type programs in partnership with local CBOs to build relationships and trust with youth who represent the future of the City. (PD)	
Gun Buyback Program	\$75,000
Council-directed Gun Buyback Program to reduce the number of guns on the streets. (PD)	

Safety Recovery Plan - Violence Prevention Programs

Program	Proposed Funding
Be S.A.F.E Expansion	\$110,000
Expand program offering activities for children, teens, and adults to enjoy during summer evening hours to additional locations in Central, West, and North Long Beach, and to provide resources focusing on mental health, parenting skills, and family relationship activities. (PD/PRM)	
Safe Passage - Violence Interruption	\$100,000
Expand previously-implemented multi-agency partnership to provide safety from gang-related crimes against youth and families on specific streets, schools, at bus stops, and at public spaces. (PRM)	
Office of Youth Development - Summer Neighborhood Engagement Program	\$60,000
Youth civics training and leadership development activities in partnership with local CBOs such as Youth Leadership Institute, Californians for Justice, and Historical Society of Long Beach. (HHS)	

Safety Recovery Plan - Violence Prevention Programs

Program	Proposed Funding
Increase Funding to Current Building Youth Social Capital Grantees	\$60,000
Increased funding to eight organizations to provide youth with work or project-based experiences: Youth Leadership Institute, Mental Health America Los Angeles, Earthlodge, Pools of Hope, California for Justice, Ronnie's House, and Books & Buckets. (HHS)	
Teen Center Program Enhancement	\$60,000
Expand normal operating hours for six Teen Centers in Long Beach from 4 hours to 6 hours per day to allow more activities and time for teens to connect and socialize. Funding is requested for resources such as trauma-informed workshops, mentorship opportunities, and academic enrichment. (PRM)	
Career Exploration – Exploring Space Beach	\$35,000
Funding to coordinate a variety of work-based learning activities that include facility tours, industry speaker sessions, expert interview, and project-based learning activities that will raise awareness of careers and academic opportunities. Partners will include Virgin Orbit, Relativity Space, and more. (ED)	

Long Beach Recovery Act – Violence Prevention and Safe Cities Funding

Program	Proposed Funding
Youth Academic Programming	\$810,000
Expands library services and programming for teens in Long Beach, such as the Youth Poet Laureate program and Science, Technology, Arts, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEAM) workshops. (Library)	
Youth Life Coaching and Mentoring	\$300,000
Establish a life coaching network and mentoring for youth in impacted areas to support academic success and economic mobility. (HHS)	
Youth Health and Safety Programming	\$990,000
Be SAFE expansion for park activation at night, Midnight Basketball, teen job readiness/life skills program, teen sports program, family and teen enrichment wellness classes, teen mentoring program, expansion of gymnasium operations, summer lunch program expansion, community learning centers, virtual recreation programming, and mobile recreation. (HE/PRM/PD)	

Long Beach Recovery Act – Violence Prevention and Safe Cities Funding

Program	Proposed Funding
Community Interventionist Program	\$450,000
Expand the reach of the Long Beach Activating Safe Communities Interventionist team in high impact communities to outreach to community and reach families impacted by community violence and bridge access to family supportive service. (HHS/PD)	
Re-Entry Program Pilot	\$540,000
Integrate services for people re-entering from incarcerated settings as people are being released due to COVID concerns in the prison and jail systems. The pilot would integrate mental health, employment, and supportive services including COVID testing and vaccination. (HHS)	
Mental Health Crisis Response Pilot	\$540,000
Provides community responder team to respond to calls for service that do not require police. These responders could be dispatched to lower-risk 911 calls related to mental health, addiction, and collaborate with current homeless response teams.	

Equity and Fiscal Impact

Equity Lens

- The Safety Recovery Plan incorporates recommended strategies from the City's Equity Toolkit, and the proposed safety program will be designed and reviewed through an equity lens.

Fiscal Impact

- Authorization requested in FY 21 for up to \$5 million in General Fund dollars
- These costs are anticipated to be funded by Long Beach Recovery Act funds set aside to cover budget shortfalls and replenish reserves for FY 21 and FY 22.
- All uses of funds are one-time requests; no structural enhancements are requested.

RECOMMENDATION

- Receive a presentation on the proposed Long Beach Safety Recovery Plan, provide input and policy direction, and approve the Plan and its priorities to address the public safety impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic utilizing available federal relief funding; and,
- Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to allocate in Fiscal Year 2021 (FY 21) the expenditure of up to \$5 million in the General Fund group to implement the proposed Plan.



Thank you

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