

Addressing Community & Intimate Partner Violence Together



A City Partnership Opportunity with Cure Violence Global & the National Network for Safe Communities

Overview

Cities across the U.S. are confronting persistent community violence (CV) and intimate partner violence (IPV). While these forms of violence are often addressed separately, emerging research and frontline experience show they are deeply interconnected. **This Ford Foundation-supported project offers selected cities an opportunity to pilot an integrated, evidence-based approach that addresses CV, IPV, and their overlap while strengthening safety both in public spaces and in homes.**



This two-year initiative is led by Cure Violence Global (CVG) and the National Network for Safe Communities (NNSC), two nationally recognized technical assistance and action-research partners with decades of experience supporting cities to reduce violence.

Why This Matters

- CV drives up to two-thirds of a city's homicides and shootings, often involving a very small number of high-risk individuals.
- Over 40% of women and 25% of men experience IPV in their lifetime, with disproportionate impacts on Black, Indigenous, and other marginalized communities.
- New analyses show that 9–10% of serious community violence incidents are directly or indirectly connected to IPV, and nearly one-quarter of IPV-related incidents involve a group-involved individual.

Despite these overlaps, CVI and IPV systems often operate in silos and miss critical opportunities for prevention, safety planning, and coordinated intervention.

Project Goals

Participating cities will work with CVG and NNSC to:

- Strengthen coordination between CVI and IPV systems
- Build practitioner capacity to safely and effectively respond to CV/IPV overlap
- Develop a data-informed, multi-agency violence reduction strategy
- Improve outcomes for individuals and families at the highest risk
- Contribute to national learning and field advancement

What the Project Includes

Over two years, selected city partners will receive:

1. Cross-Training & Capacity Building

- CV 101 training for IPV advocates and service providers
- IPV 101 training for CVI staff, including violence interrupters and outreach workers
- Ongoing refresher trainings and scenario-based learning

2. Data, Analysis & Learning

- Local context analysis and CV/IPV asset mapping
- Practitioner surveys and focus groups
- Support to establish or strengthen violent incident review processes
- Shared metrics to track CV, IPV, and overlap

3. Strategy Development & Governance

- Dedicated technical assistance and biweekly advising
- Support to convene cross-sector stakeholders (CVI, IPV, law enforcement, health, advocacy)
- Development of shared protocols for referral, messaging, and safety planning

4. Pilot Intervention Design

- Tailored deterrence and prevention messaging
- Integrated referral pathways between CVI and IPV partners
- Community-informed implementation and continuous improvement

What We Ask of City Partners

Selected cities are expected to:

- Demonstrate leadership commitment and cross-agency buy-in
- Designate a local project manager (approx. 0.5–1.0 FTE or equivalent capacity)
- Participate in trainings, advising, and learning activities
- Allocate staff time across CVI, IPV, and partner agencies
- Support responsible data-sharing and evaluation efforts
- Provide space for convenings and trainings

Benefits to Participating Cities

- Access to national experts in CVI, IPV, and focused deterrence
- Customized technical assistance grounded in the local context
- Stronger coordination across fragmented systems
- Improved safety outcomes for individuals at the highest risk
- Opportunity to help shape a national model for integrated CV/IPV prevention

About the Partners

Cure Violence Global (CVG) applies a public health approach to violence prevention, supporting community-based organizations in over 100 communities worldwide. Its model has demonstrated 30–70% reductions in shootings and killings.

National Network for Safe Communities (NNSC), based at John Jay College of Criminal Justice, leads evidence-based strategies such as Group Violence Intervention and Intimate Partner Violence Intervention, producing sustained reductions in serious violence across dozens of jurisdictions.

Is Your City a Good Fit?

Your city may be a strong candidate for this project if:

- There is a visible leadership commitment to reducing both community violence and intimate partner violence
- Your community wants a new way to address intimate partner violence
- CVI and IPV stakeholders are active but currently operate in parallel or disconnected systems
- The city is willing to engage in cross-agency collaboration and shared problem-solving
- There is interest in strengthening data use, coordination, and safety planning across systems
- Community-based organizations and credible messengers are valued partners in violence prevention
- The city can dedicate staff time to participate in training, advising, and learning activities

Interested in Partnering?

Cities interested in learning more or being considered as a project site are encouraged to connect for an initial conversation to discuss readiness, fit, and next steps.

This project is supported by the Ford Foundation and is part of a broader effort to advance equitable, community-rooted approaches to public safety.