

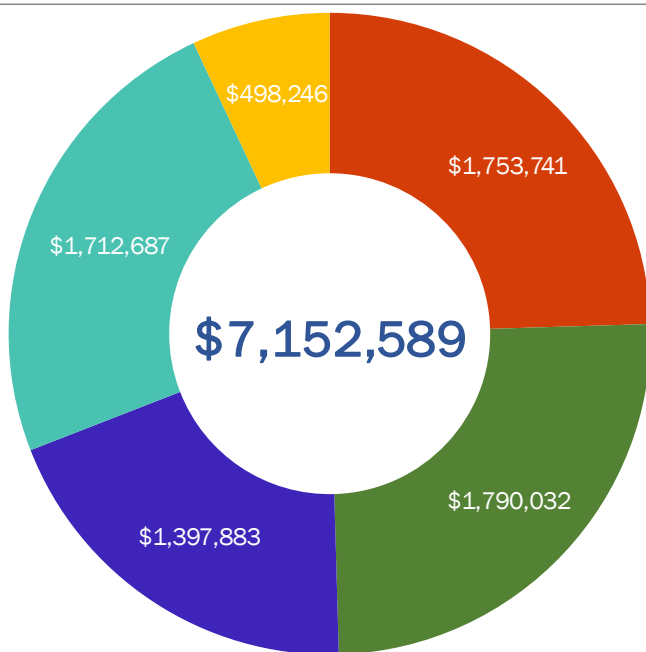
# 2019 Charles E. Shannon Community Safety Initiative MASSACHUSETTS

## Funded Cities

Boston/Brookline, Brockton, Fall River, Fitchburg/Gardner, Haverhill/Methuen, Holyoke/Chicopee, Lawrence, Lowell, Lynn, Metro Mayors Coalition (Cambridge, Chelsea, Everett, Malden, Quincy, Revere, Somerville, Winthrop), New Bedford, Pittsfield, Springfield, Taunton/Attleboro, Worcester

Funded by the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security Office of Grants and Research, the Charles E. Shannon Community Safety Initiative (Shannon) is modeled after the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention's Comprehensive Gang Model. Shannon is a multi-sector approach used to address a community's gang and youth violence problem. During 2019, Shannon CSI awarded \$7.2 million to 27 Massachusetts communities greatly impacted by gang activity. Funding supported positive youth development, recreation, case management, street outreach, education, employment, targeted suppression, and community mobilization programs. Additionally, Shannon CSI funded the equivalent of approximately 165 full-time positions to strategically address youth gang violence within these communities. From 2015 through 2019, Shannon CSI funded communities experienced a 38.9% decrease in the number of arrests for aggravated assault and a 28.8% decrease in the number of arrests for simple assaults involving youth ages 10-24.

## FUNDING ALLOCATION



## 21,807 YOUTH SERVED

**41%**  
LOW-RISK\*

Youth in danger of engaging in risky behavior or gang activity due to the presence of known risk factors such as exposure to gang affiliates in their home or community.

**28%**  
MODERATE-RISK\*

Youth exposed to the same risk factors as low-risk youth, as well as additional risk factors such as school failure, dropping out, truancy, substance abuse, and gang involvement.

**31%**  
HIGH-RISK\*

Youth who are perpetrators or victims of shooting or stabbing violence, and/or are known gang members.

\* % of youth assessed for level of risk.

## STRATEGIES & OUTCOMES

Positive Youth Development & Recreation\*



**16,367**

Participated in Positive Youth Development Programs

**13,162**

Participated in Recreation Programs

Case Management, Street Outreach, or Intervention



**2,496**

Received Case Management Services

**1,424**

Received Street Outreach Services

Education & Employment



**4,094**

Participated in Education Programs

**1842**

Completed a Subsidized Employment Program

Suppression



**6,454**

Hot Spot Patrols Completed

**2,099**

Law Enforcement Supported Home Visits

Community Mobilization



**28,568**

People Attended Events, Meetings, & Presentations

**1,501**

Community Events, Meetings, & Presentations Held

\* Positive Youth Development refers to intentional efforts to provide opportunities for you to enhance their interest, skills, and abilities.

# Shannon Community Risk Factors

## 2019

While approximately 11.1% of the Massachusetts population lives below the poverty line, the impoverished population within some Shannon communities is double or almost triple this rate. Additionally, the majority of high school dropout rates in these communities are higher than the Commonwealth's rate of 1.9%.

<u>Massachusetts</u>	<u>6,892,503</u>	<u>10.0%</u>	<u>2.94%</u>	<u>1,007,005</u>	<u>32.8%</u>	<u>1.9%</u>
Boston	694,583	20.2	2.58%	74,216	58.3%	5.4%
Brookline	58,732	11.9%	1.74%	8,467	9.2%	0.3%
Brockton	95,777	15.6%	3.74%	19,005	57.5%	4.4%
Fall River	89,661	19.4%	5.21%	14,303	70.0%	4.9%
Fitchburg	40,882	16.4%	3.92%	6,602	61.9%	4.6%
Gardner	20,719	15.0%	3.72%	2,844	51.9%	2.5%
Haverhill	64,041	13.2%	3.10%	10,081	48.3%	2.5%
Methuen	50,698	9.3%	3.33%	8,232	35.7%	1.2%
Holyoke	40,358	29.7%	4.80%	6,018	78.1%	4.8%
Chicopee	55,582	15.3%	3.90%	8,531	53.7%	3.6%
Lawrence	80,376	23.7%	5.29%	17,509	70.7%	5.1%
Lowell	111,670	20.7%	3.45%	18,076	57.7%	2.8%
Lynn	94,964	17.3%	3.22%	18,157	58.2%	4.5%
Cambridge	118,977	13.2%	1.83%	8,465	27.9%	1.9%
Chelsea	40,160	18.8%	2.73%	7,364	63.9%	6.7%
Everett	46,880	13.3%	2.45%	7,790	52.8%	3.8%
Malden	61,036	16.4%	2.52%	7,784	46.0%	3.4%
Quincy	94,580	10.8%	2.58%	10,307	35.1%	1.2%
Revere	53,821	13.1%	2.90%	8,469	49.0%	2.2%
Somerville	81,562	11.9%	1.88%	5,603	41.8%	1.7%
Winthrop	18,688	9.9%	2.62%	2,086	26.7%	4.3%
New Bedford	95,315	21.1%	5.12%	16,516	68.0%	3.8%
Pittsfield	42,533	14.6%	3.84%	6,236	53.7%	2.1%
Springfield	155,032	28.6%	5.53%	29,462	77.6%	5.1%
Taunton	57,296	13.8%	3.52%	9,115	45.9%	1.4%
Attleboro	44,117	8.9%	3.17%	6,688	30.4%	1.2%
Worcester	185,877	21.1%	3.47%	23,306	59.7%	2.3%

Information contained in this report is from funding applications, quarterly reports supplied by the site, MA Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, US Census, MA Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development, and Office of Grants and Research/Research Policy and Analysis Division. Special thanks to the Statewide Research Partner, UMass Lowell, for preparing this brief.

# Putting Shannon Dollars to Work to Reduce Youth and Gang Violence

## \$7.2 Million Investment



128 Programs  
in  
27 Cities



21,807 youth served  
\$328 invested per youth



\$458 invested per youth  
in Case Management  
& Street Outreach or  
Intervention Efforts



\$235 invested per youth  
in Education or  
Employment Efforts

## 5-Year Crime Trends for Young People Ages 10-24, 2015-2019\*

### MASSACHUSETTS SIMPLE ASSAULT

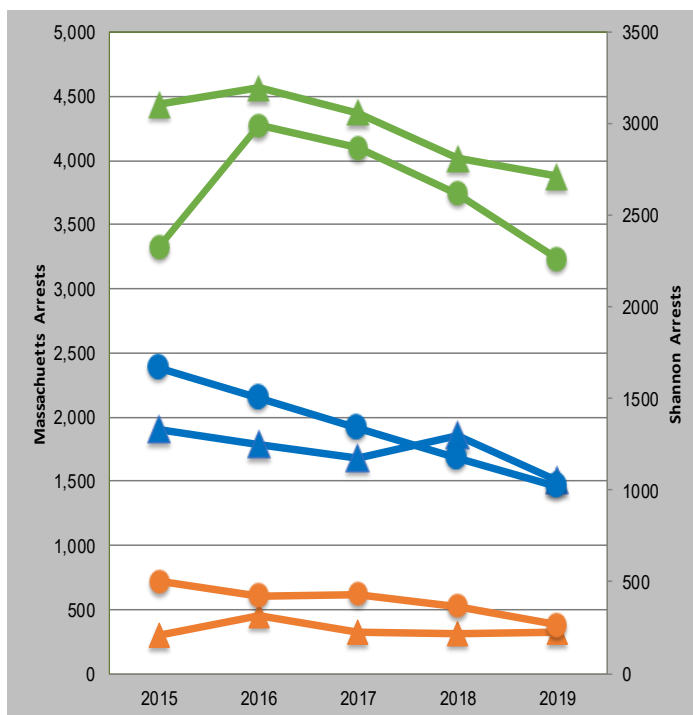
Simple assault arrests declined by 12.7% since 2015 (563 arrests)

### MASSACHUSETTS AGGRAVATED ASSAULT

Aggravated assault arrests declined by 20.6% since 2015 (391 arrests)

### MASSACHUSETTS ROBBERY

Robbery arrests declined by 10% since 2015 (395 arrests)



### SHANNON SIMPLE ASSAULT<sup>1</sup>

Simple assault arrests declined by 28.7% since 2015 (67 arrests)

### SHANNON AGGRAVATED ASSAULT

Aggravated assault arrests declined by 38.9% since 2015 (647 arrests)

### SHANNON ROBBERY

Robbery arrests declined by 47.1% since 2015 (236 arrests)

\*Q4 data from Brookline and August-December data from Chelsea were not available at the time of publication.

<sup>1</sup>Lawrence does not report Simple Assault data.

# Overview of the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Comprehensive Gang Model

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts's Shannon Community Safety Initiative (Shannon CSI) is a multi-sector data-driven approach, modeled after the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention's Comprehensive Gang Model. After completing a community needs assessment, Shannon funded communities, in collaboration with steering committees, develop strategies in the following five areas:

## Positive Youth Development & Recreation\*



Positive Youth Development and Recreation Programs provide a prosocial outlet for youth to expand and enhance their interests, skills and abilities. These programs are safe havens for recreational, enrichment, educational and prevention activities outside school hours (i.e., athletics and physical fitness, school achievement initiatives).

## Case Management, Street Outreach, or Intervention



Case Management Street Outreach or Intervention programs for gang involved and proven risk youth reach out and act as links to gang-involved youth, their families, and other traditional social service providers. For high risk youth and at-risk youth, social intervention programs can include drop-in recreation, positive youth development, and other mechanisms to reach young people and connect them to positive adults and constructive activities.

## Education & Employment



Education and Employment Programs provide education, training, and employment opportunities to youth at high-risk for youth violence and gang involvement.

## Suppression



Suppression programs include close supervision or monitoring of gang involved youth and other high impact players by police, prosecutors, probation officers, and other officers of the court. These programs include hotspot patrols, law-enforcement home visits, ride-alongs, re-entry, and special prosecutors.

## Community Mobilization



Community Mobilization Programs educate community members about local gang and youth violence trends, as well as involving community members in strategies to confront the problem.

Two additional funded components of Shannon CSI include the Local Action Research Partners (LARPs), and the Statewide Youth Violence Research Partner (SRP). LARPs assist funded sites by providing strategic, analytic, technical, and research support. The SRP assists all funded Shannon CSI communities, LARPs and the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security by providing strategic, analytic, and research support. Together the LARPs and SRP inform funded communities about best practices to maximize the effectiveness of the Shannon CSI.