

# 2021 CHARLES E. SHANNON COMMUNITY SAFETY INITIATIVE

## FALL RIVER

Funded Partners: Bristol County District Attorney's Office, Bristol County Sheriff's Office, Bristol County Training Consortium/MassHire Bristol, Fall River Girls & Boys Club, Fall River Police Department, Fall River Public Schools, Fall River YMCA, Fall River Youth Court, Family Service Association, Greater Fall River RE-CREATION, Massachusetts Parole Board, Solid Ground Psychotherapy, United Neighbors of Fall River, YouthBuild Fall River

Funded by the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security's 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. Each community receiving Shannon funding demonstrates the presence of risk factors for youth and gang violence. Shannon participants must be between the ages of 10-24 years.

### Strategies, Outcomes, and Funding Allocation\*

Total Funding: \$558,713.57

Including \$25,000 in COVID-19 relief funding

Strategies	Outcomes		Funding Allocation
<b>Case Management, Street Outreach, or Intervention</b>	<u>70</u> Received Case Management Services	<u>20</u> Received Street Outreach Services	<b>\$123,449.58</b>
<b>Community Mobilization</b>	<u>2,078</u> Community Members Attended Events, Meetings, & Presentations	<u>105</u> Community Events, Meetings, & Presentations Held	<b>\$74,133.34</b>
<b>Education &amp; Employment</b>	<u>22</u> Participated in Employment Programs	<u>6</u> Participated in Education Programs	<b>\$56,766.91</b>
<b>Positive Youth Development &amp; Recreation</b>	<u>261</u> Participated in Recreation Programs	<u>373</u> Participated in Youth Development Programs	<b>\$142,751.52</b>
<b>Suppression</b>	<u>653</u> Hot Spot Patrols Completed	<u>118</u> Successful Home Visits (i.e., contact with youth or family)	<b>\$115,125</b>

\*Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Shannon CSI programs may have adjusted programming options (e.g., reduced numbers served to meet restrictions, remote programming) and/or shifted funding allocations. In Fall River, \$46,487.22 was allocated to administrative costs.

### Youth Risk Assessments

- 26% **LOW-RISK\*** Youth in danger of engaging in risky behavior or gang activity.
- 24% **MODERATE-RISK\*** Youth exposed to the same risk factors as low-risk youth, as well as additional risk factors such as truancy.
- 50% **HIGH-RISK\*** Youth who are perpetrators or victims of shooting or stabbing violence, and/or are known gang members.

\* % of youth assessed for risk; responses in risk assessment may have been impacted by changes in context due to COVID-19 pandemic.

### Success Highlight

*"A young man who had left high school and was minimally participating in a tutoring program was able to finally return to high school this school year with the support of his mentor and family. Also, this young man returned to counseling services to address his depression and anxiety symptoms that had been impacting his daily functioning and physical health."*

*~Family Service Association*

# Community Risk Factors

Massachusetts

Fall River

Total Population (2021/2020 Estimate)	6,984,723	94,000
Population Lives in Poverty	9.4%	19.7%
Unemployment Rate	5.6%	8.9%
Total School Population (2020-21)	970,443	14,513
Economically Disadvantaged	43.8%	81.7%
High School Dropout Rate	1.6%	3.9%

Sources: [www.census.gov/quickfacts](http://www.census.gov/quickfacts); [profiles.doe.mass.edu/](http://profiles.doe.mass.edu/); [www.mass.gov/lwd/economic-data/](http://www.mass.gov/lwd/economic-data/)

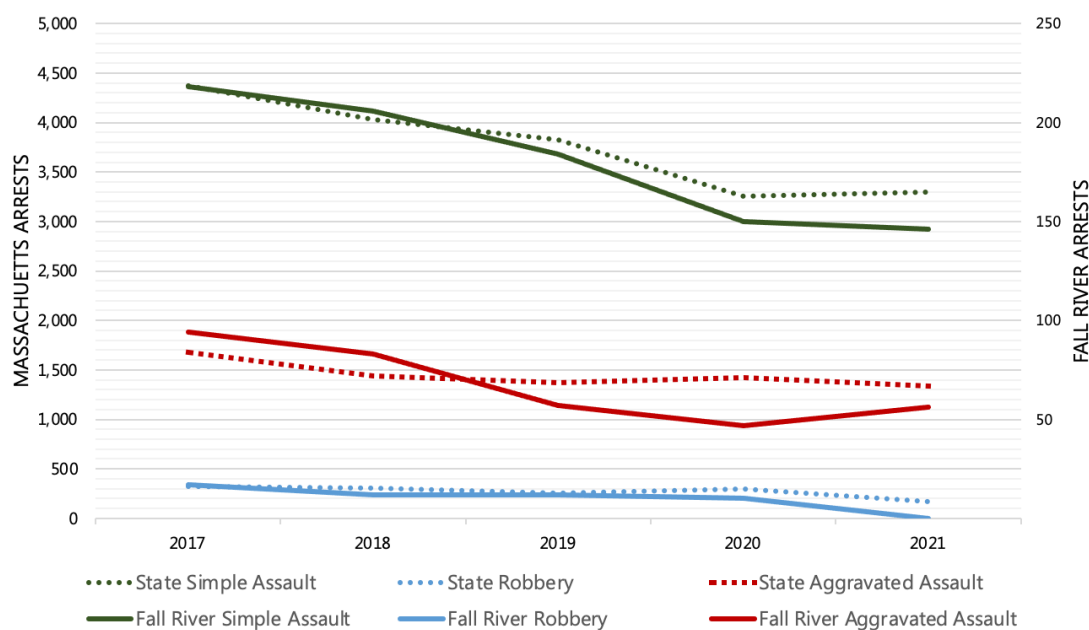
## Gang Activity in Fall River

35  
Street Gangs

80  
Gang Members  
Under 25

Over the past year, the City of Fall River has seen multiple shootings involving members/associates of violent street gangs. The Asian Boyz and the Gangster Disciples are most active, but members of the Crips, Mafioso, Gangster Disciple sets, Boston-based street gangs, 40 Blocc, 1 % Motorcycle Gangs, and Latin Kings were also involved and the targets of multiple search warrants. These gangs continue to target the city's youth by actively trying to recruit them into their gangs We are seeing youth, some as young as 12 years old, join street gangs for protection, recognition, brotherhood, intimidation, criminal activity, feeling of belonging, and financial gain. Within the last two years, we have seen more neighborhood gangs come into existence rather than gangs that are nationally affiliated. These gangs such as Topside and YBG consist of mostly younger at-risk juveniles as young as 12. Due to the age of many of these members and associates, they are difficult to track and identify.

## 5-Year Crime Trends for Young People Ages 10-24, 2017-2021



### Changes in Crime for Young People Ages 10-24, 2017-2021

- Simple assaults in...
  - Massachusetts decreased 25%
  - Fall River decreased 33%
- Robberies in...
  - Massachusetts decreased 47%
  - Fall River decreased 100%
- Aggravated assaults in...
  - Massachusetts decreased 20%
  - Fall River decreased 40%

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