

2021 CHARLES E. SHANNON COMMUNITY SAFETY INITIATIVE METRO MAYORS COALITION

Communities: Cambridge, Chelsea, Everett, Malden, Quincy, Revere, Somerville, Winthrop

Funded Partners: Cambridge Community Art Center, Cambridge Police Department, Cambridge Youth Programs - City Peace, CAPIC - Revere PAL, Center for Teen Empowerment, Chelsea Police Department, City of Chelsea - Jordan Boys & Girls Club, City of Malden, Everett Police Department, Malden Police Department, Malden/Mystic Valley YMCA, Quincy Police Department, Quincy Recreation Department, Revere Police Department, ROCA Inc., Somerville Police Department, Winthrop Community Against Substance Abuse, Winthrop Police Department

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: \$676,525.80

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

Strategies	Outcomes		Funding Allocation
Case Management, Street Outreach, or Intervention	25 Received Case Management Services	24 Received Street Outreach Services	\$44,848.27
Community Mobilization	810 Community Members Attended Events, Meetings, & Presentations	149 Community Events, Meetings, & Presentations Held	\$25,834.28
Education & Employment	160 Participated in Employment Programs	81 Completed a Subsidized Year-Round Employment Program	\$79,542.23
Positive Youth Development & Recreation	682 Participated in Recreation Programs	776 Participated in Youth Development Programs	\$241,602.02
Suppression	3,200 Hot Spot Patrols Completed	69 Successful Home Visits (i.e., contact with youth or family)	\$151,133.80

*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 MAPC, \$121,030.20 was allocated to administrative costs, and \$12,535 was allocated to support various partners' youth mental and behavioral health initiatives.

Youth Risk Assessments

- 44% **LOW-RISK*** Youth in danger of engaging in risky behavior or gang activity.
- 35% **MODERATE-RISK*** Youth exposed to the same risk factors as low-risk youth, as well as additional risk factors such as truancy.
- 21% **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

"Two Revere PAL participants assigned to the alternative high school in the district were named captains of the high school basketball team. Both individuals were highly at risk of dropping out of high school and required a waiver from the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association. The Revere PAL wrote letters of support detailing their hardships and challenges and explaining why participating in high school athletics will benefit them."

~CAPIC - Revere PAL

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To learn more visit: <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/shannon-community-safety-initiative-csi>

Community Risk Factors

	Massachusetts	Cambridge	Chelsea	Everett	Malden	Quincy	Revere	Somerville	Winthrop
Total Population (2021/2020 Estimate)	6,984,723	118,403	40,787	49,075	66,263	101,636	62,186	81,045	19,316
Population Lives in Poverty	9.4%	12.7%	18.1%	12.6%	15.5%	11.3%	12.7%	11.5%	8.8%
Unemployment Rate	5.6%	3.4%	6.8%	5.8%	6.1%	5.9%	7%	4%	5.4%
Total School Population (2020-21)	970,443	8,026	7,227	7,564	7,240	9,716	8,336	5,254	1,816
Economically Disadvantaged	43.8%	38.3%	83.1%	74.4%	65.2%	50.2%	70.7%	53.4%	40%
High School Dropout Rate	1.6%	1%	3.5%	4%	3.4%	0.8%	2.7%	2%	1.1%

Sources: www.census.gov/quickfacts; profiles.doe.mass.edu/; www.mass.gov/lwd/economic-data/

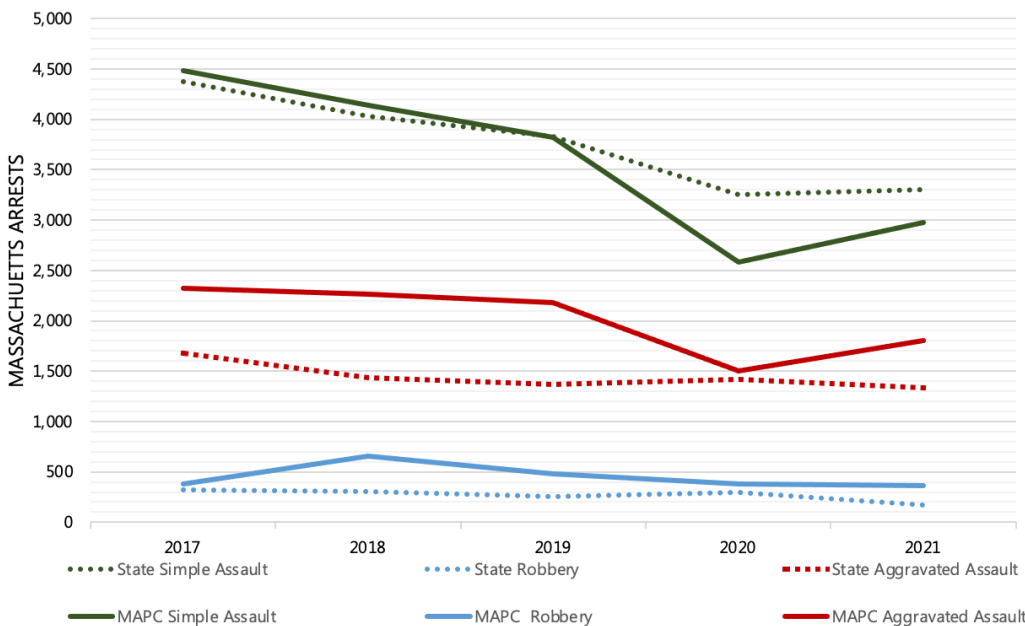
Gang Activity in Metro Mayors Coalition

2-15
Street Gangs in
Each Community

Approximately 72
Gang Members
in Each

In 2021, there were an identified 2-15 street gangs in each of the 8 communities of focus (Cambridge, Chelsea, Everett, Malden, Quincy, Revere, Somerville, Winthrop) with an average of 72 active members in each. 68% of these active members were under the age of 25. Gangs across towns use social media and neighborhood affiliation to recruit youth. The most pressing problems involve firearms distribution, violence, and drug distribution.

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%
 - Metro Mayors Coalition decreased 33%
- Robberies in...
 - Massachusetts decreased 47%
 - Metro Mayors Coalition decreased 5%
- Aggravated assaults in...
 - Massachusetts decreased 20%
 - Metro Mayors Coalition decreased 22%

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