

2017 Charles E. Shannon Community Safety Initiative

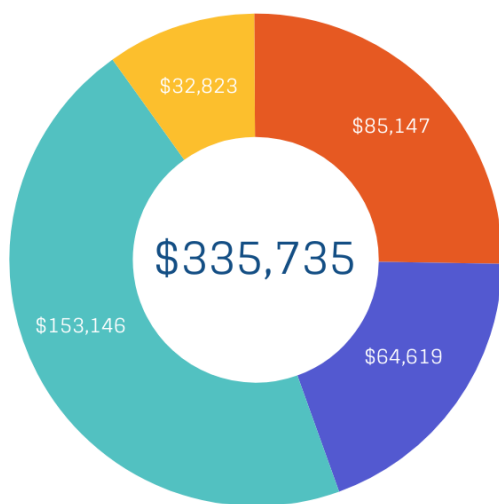
METRO MAYORS COALITION

Funded Partners

Cambridge: Police Department, Chelsea: Jordan Boys & Girls Club, Police Department, Roca, Inc., Everett: Police Department, Public Schools; Malden: Police Department, YMCA/Everett Teen Enrichment Center, Quincy: Police Department, Recreation Department, Revere: CAPIC, Police Department, Somerville: Center for Teen Empowerment, Police Department, Winthrop: Police Department, Community Action for Safe Alternatives

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts's Charles E. Shannon Community Safety Initiative (Shannon) is modeled after the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention's Comprehensive Gang Model (CGM). 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. In each Shannon community, partners implement strategies that align with the CGM and respond to community problems. These strategies include education and employment opportunities, case management and street outreach or intervention, positive youth development and recreation, and coordinating a law enforcement response through suppression. Shannon participants must be between the ages of 10-24 years, live in a high-risk area, and be high-risk or at-risk of becoming involved, or are currently involved, in gang activity. To learn more visit: <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/shannon-community-safety-initiative-csi>

Funding Allocation



2,084 Total Youth Served

49%
At-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.

30%
High-Risk



Youth exposed to the same risk factors as at-risk youth, as well as additional risk factors such as school failure, dropping out, truancy, substance abuse, and gang involvement as an affiliate or member not yet participating in violent criminal activity.

21%
Proven-Risk



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

=10% of Youth Served

Shannon Strategies & Outcomes

Positive Youth Development & Recreation*



931

Participated in Positive Youth Development Programs

785

Developed Communication and Conflict Resolution Skills

930

Decreased Risky Behavior

531

Engaged in Volunteer Work or Community Service

Education & Employment



565

Participated in Education Programs

140

Completed a Subsidized Employment Program

Suppression



606

Hot Spot Patrols Completed

33

Gang Members and High Impact Players Arrested

Community Mobilization



1,761

People Attended Events, Meetings, and Presentations

97

Community Events, Meetings, and Presentations Held

* Positive Youth Development refers to intentional efforts to provide opportunities for youth to enhance their interests, skills, and abilities.

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Community Risk Factors

	Massachusetts	Cambridge	Chelsea	Everett	Malden	Quincy	Revere	Somerville	Winthrop
Total Population (2016 Estimate)	6,811,779	110,651	39,699	46,340	60,840	93,688	53,157	81,322	18,190
Population Lives in Poverty	11.4%	14.0%	19.3%	14.6%	15.3%	10.3%	13.1%	13.3%	9.3%
Unemployment Rate	3.8%	2.5%	3.6%	3.3%	3.5%	3.5%	3.7%	2.5%	3.6%
Total School Population (2016-2017)	953,748	6,794	6,338	7,078	6,623	9,249	7,451	4,931	1,971
Economically Disadvantaged	30.2%	28.4%	55.1%	46.5%	44.0%	35.9%	41.8%	39.4%	26.7%
High School Dropout Rate	1.8%	1.3%	6.1%	4.6%	2.9%	0.6%	3.1%	2.2%	2.0%

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

Gang Activity in Metro Mayors Coalition

33
Street Gangs

307+
Gang Members
Under 25 Years Old

During 2017, the Metro Mayors Coalition (Cambridge, Chelsea, Everett, Malden, Quincy, Revere, Somerville, and Winthrop) identified between 2 and 8 gangs per community (the most frequently mentioned being MS-13 and 18th Street). Gangs comprised an average of 126 gang members in at least 6 of these communities. Gang members under the age of 25 represented between 32% and 100% of communities' gang populations. According to Police Departments, crimes committed by these gangs varied from violent offenses (firearms offenses, assault, shooting, robbery, homicide, etc.) to property offenses (burglary, motor vehicle theft, etc.), and drug offenses (distribution and usage).

5-Year Crime Trends for Young People Ages 10-24, 2013-2017

