

2022 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 Office of Grants and Research, a state agency that is part of the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, 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: \$629,910.66*

Strategies	Outcomes		Funding Allocation
Case Management, Street Outreach, or Intervention	57 Received Case Management Services	22 Received Street Outreach Services	\$124,556.61
Community Mobilization	3,578 Community Members Attended Events, Meetings, & Presentations	91 Community Events, Meetings, & Presentations Held	\$116,240.67
Education & Employment	11 Participated in Employment Programs	10 Completed a Subsidized Summer Employment Program	\$52,930.23
Positive Youth Development & Recreation	1,101 Participated in Recreation Programs	885 Participated in Youth Development Programs	\$162,684.23
Suppression	525 Hot Spot Patrols Completed	115 Law Enforcement Home Visits	\$143,525.00

*In 2022, \$29,973.93 was allocated to administrative costs.

Youth Risk Assessments

29% **LOW-RISK*** Youth in danger of engaging in risky behavior or gang activity.

50% **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

Success Highlight

"There are 2 individuals, who are actively involved with Shannon programming and were able to take part in summer employment while working the summer lunch program for REC. These 2 young men were able to receive outreach services while enrolled in school. Their case manager has been able to connect with them on a daily basis to keep their intervention goals in sight as well as provide advice and guidance to help them navigate through everyday situations. These young men also took part in separate programs at their High School, those being a Men of Color group and sports. Both of these young men have done an outstanding job and have shown growth and maturity with the guidance and support that the Outreach Program has provided."

~ Greater Fall River RE-CREATION

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

Community Risk Factors

Massachusetts

Fall River

Total Population (2021/2022 Estimates)	6,981,974	93,884
Population Lives in Poverty	10.4%	19%
Unemployment Rate (Nov. 2021 – Nov. 2022)	4%	6.2%
Total School Population (2021-22)	957,774	14,796
Low-Income	42.3%	79.9%
High School Dropout Rate (2020-21)	1.5%	3.7%

Sources: www.census.gov/quickfacts; profiles.doe.mass.edu; www.lmi.dua.eol.mass.gov/LMI/LaborForceAndUnemployment

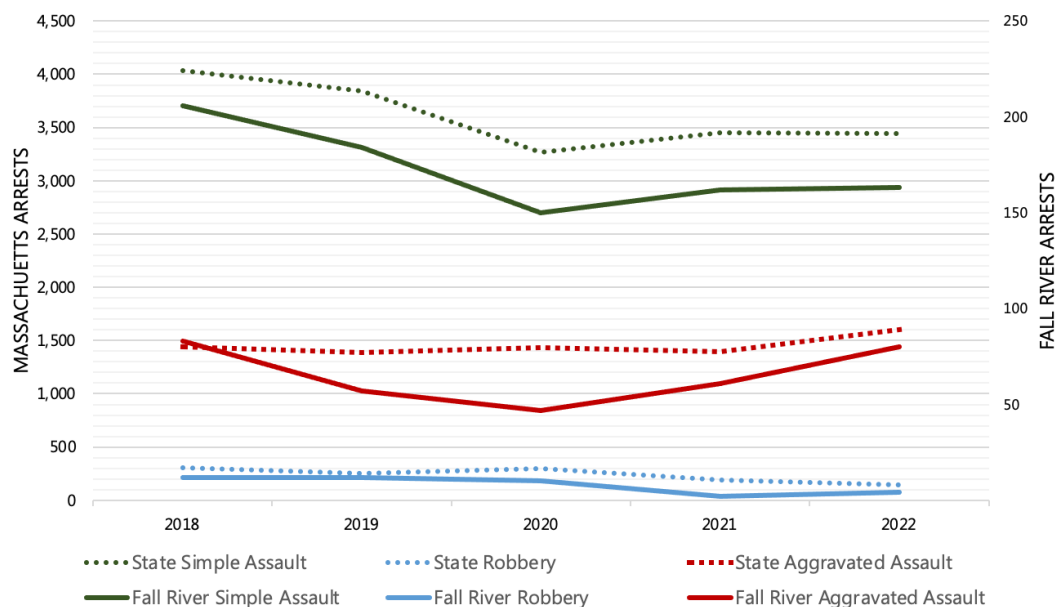
Gang Activity in Fall River

58
Street Gangs

81
Gang Members
Under 25

Conflict between gangs is generally attributed to narcotic sales, turf, or the belief that disrespect has occurred from one gang to the other. Conflict escalates into violent confrontations, revenge shootings, stabbings, home invasions, robberies, beatings, random attacks, spray painting, firearm possession, and sex trafficking crimes. Drug and firearm trafficking continue to be the primary sources of profit for gang members and with the widespread availability of social media, gangs create and share videos that glorify their lifestyle and use them for recruitment. Officers continue to see the recruitment and exploitation of children as young as 10 years old, mainly because these youth are less likely to be convicted for a first-time offense or to receive a heavy sentence.

5-Year Crime Trends for Offenses Committed by Youth Ages 10-24, 2018-2022



Changes in Crime for Young People Ages 10-24, 2018-2022

- Simple assaults in...
 - Massachusetts decreased 15%
 - Fall River decreased 21%
- Robberies in...
 - Massachusetts decreased 52%
 - Fall River decreased 67%
- Aggravated assaults in...
 - Massachusetts increased 11%
 - Fall River decreased 3.6%

Source: National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS)

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