



**Senator Charles E. Shannon
Community Safety Initiative
8100-0111**

Gang Prevention Grant Program

OVERVIEW

In 2006, the Metropolitan Mayors Coalition worked with the Legislature to establish the Senator Charles E. Shannon Community Safety Initiative. Ever since, Shannon Grant funding has been used to combat youth violence, gang violence, and substance abuse through regional, multi-disciplinary efforts.



**Communities receiving
Shannon Grant funding**

Please support Senator
Boncore's amendment
#643 to increase funding to
\$13.3 million in the
FY22 budget.

The Shannon Grant program is nationally recognized for its effective approach to deterring gang and youth violence through targeted enforcement and prevention strategies. Additional funding is needed to bolster programs and services to address the needs of a growing region, changing communities, and episodic spikes in crime.

"By equipping youth people with the resources necessary to lead safe and productive lives, Shannon CSI aims to deter violence and prevent homicides long before these individuals ever encounter a gun."

- Giffords Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence

"As a result of the pandemic, youth need connection and support more than ever. Shannon CSI funding allows u to offer positive youth development and asset-based programming to many youth who would otherwise be disconnected."

- The Center for Teen Empowerment, Inc.

"With additional funding the Worcester Boys and Girls Club could expand their onsite driver's education program to more eligible youth participants. In today's economy, more jobs require applicants to have a valid driver's license. Many low-income youth lack access to programs due to high-cost and location for traditional driver education programs. This service opens up employment opportunities and gives youth an advantage in the competitive job market."

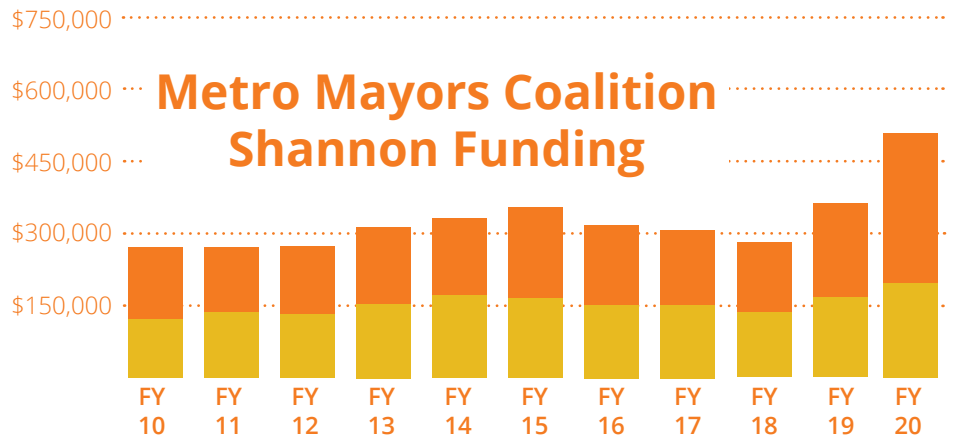
- Worcester Boys & Girls Club | Worcester, MA

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 a local initiative facilitated by METROPOLITAN AREA
 PLANNING COUNCIL

	MMC Enforcement Funding	MMC Prevention Funding
FY 2010	\$121,367	\$148,884
FY 2011	\$136,026	\$134,225
FY 2012	\$136,100	\$137,000
FY 2013	\$151,800	\$155,200
FY 2014	\$173,500	\$166,500
FY 2015	\$170,500	\$180,240
FY 2016	\$153,473	\$165,846
FY 2017	\$153,147	\$157,958
FY 2018	\$137,780	\$144,750
FY 2019	\$173,690	\$188,268
FY 2020	\$195,583	\$328,580



Hotspot patrols target areas that gang activity and youth violence has occurred. These patrols allow police officers to interact with members of the community and proactively deter violence.



The Coalition can no longer fund Metro Gang Taskforce trainings and regular meetings.

2019 OUTCOMES



580 people attended community meetings and other events facilitated by community partners

2,292 youth served by MMC Shannon Grant programs



99 participants in Shannon employment

Additional funding would allow community programs to engage with more youth and to be more creative with new programming to provide youth with enriching experiences.

“The COVID-19 pandemic has led to families experiencing financial hardship, food insecurity, and housing instability. Shannon Grant funding enabled the Revere Police Activities League to offer alternative programming that promotes social/emotional health while exposing youth to local natural resources such as our state parks and conservation areas in a safe and healthy environment.

Revere Police Athletics League

“City Peace used to operate in three centers, open to youth from across the city. This program helped break down barriers amongst neighborhood cliques. However, funding cuts have limited the program to one youth center for the city.”

**Cambridge Youth Programs
 Cambridge, MA**

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