



# **A Public Health Approach to Gun Violence**

## **King County Law & Justice Committee**

July 24, 2024



# Regional Office of Gun Violence Prevention

## Mission:

Taking a public health approach, the Regional Office of Gun Violence Prevention collaborates with community and across systems to collectively address gun violence in King County.

## Functions:

Coordinate a Regional Approach and Implement Key Initiatives

- Convene and collaborate with community leaders, local and state agencies, and national subject matter experts to identify, implement, and sustain effective gun violence prevention strategies.
- Partner with directly impacted communities, community providers, elders, youth, and survivors to grow and advance equitable community-led solutions.
- Work with service providers, advisory groups, and subject matter experts to enhance strategies, inform policy, review data, identify resources, and align services.
- Provide capacity building, training and technical assistance for community organizations, and key partners
- Measure impact through results-based accountability evaluation
- Co-design, implement, and bring to scale key initiatives

## Current Initiatives:

- Regional Peacekeepers Collective (RPKC) – Community Violence Intervention (CVI)
- Hospital-based & Violence Intervention Program (HVIP)
- Community Violence Intervention (CVI) Training Academy

# Collaboration Framework



	Collaboration Framework Descriptions
	DESCRIPTION
Regional Office of Gun Violence Prevention	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Leads coordination of gun violence prevention efforts in King County</li> <li>Convenes &amp; collaborates with key partners</li> <li>Co-creates with and elevates community-led solutions</li> </ul>
Community Leaders & Community-based Organizations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Co-designs, implements and grows community violence intervention (CVI) strategies</li> </ul>
Regional Youth, Survivors, and Elders Advisory Groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provides strategic advice for growth of regional gun violence efforts</li> </ul>
Executive Advisory Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Builds, leverages, and sustains political will</li> <li>Reviews and influences policy &amp; advocacy</li> <li>Supports resource development, alignment and allocation</li> </ul>
Intermediary Organization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contracts with community organizations and provides capacity building, fiscal and contract management, data collection &amp; reporting</li> </ul>
Evaluation Partners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Evaluates impact of services in partnership with community organizations and provides capacity building</li> <li>Evaluates impact of collaboration &amp; coordination</li> <li>Conducts ongoing data analysis and support research and evaluation to grow regional efforts</li> </ul>
Medical and Public Health Partners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provides hospital-based and community linked intervention</li> <li>Provides firearm injury, emergency services, shots fired and other data</li> </ul>
Cross Systems Partners & Subject Matter Experts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identifies strategies and supports innovation</li> <li>Supports community capacity building through technical assistance and opportunity development</li> <li>Collaborates to implement strategies</li> </ul>
Government Partners (Local, State & Federal)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aligns gun violence prevention strategies along a continuum of prevention, intervention and restoration</li> <li>Identifies resources and develops sustainability plans</li> <li>Collaborates to develop shared vision and goals</li> </ul>



# 100 Days of Action

2024 Plan



King County



# Gun violence is a public health emergency.

On June 25, 2024, US Surgeon General Dr. Vivek Murthy issued an [advisory](#) officially declaring gun violence a public health crisis and called for bold action to address gun violence at all levels.



# Background

As King County is experiencing a rise in gun violence, particularly in Black and brown communities, our ongoing priority is to address the epidemic of gun violence plaguing our community through a public health approach.

In his State of the County Address on June 11, 2024, Executive Dow Constantine called for *100 Days of Action* against gun violence, directing Public Health- Seattle & King County's Regional Office of Gun Violence Prevention to coordinate the effort.







# Why 100 Days?

Short intensive initiatives prove to focus attention, raise awareness, amplify solutions, galvanize support and increase commitments to shared strategies for long term change.

The 100 Days of Action concentrates attention and mobilizes resources to collectively address the current rise in firearm incidents in King County, specifically the likely increase in firearm violence during the summer months.



# Actions at a glance

To meet the immediate need for the 100 Days of Action, Public Health will use approximately \$1.6 Million one-time reserves. These fund will:

Provide \$1M in emergency one-time funding to expand existing community-led violence intervention programming

Provide \$250,000 in funding to support victims and families directly impacted by gun violence through Harborview Medical Center's Hospital-based Intervention program

Launch a public awareness campaign on gun violence prevention.

Expand the [Community-Based Resource Guide](#)

Develop a provider portal to aid community providers in accessing information and resources for those directly affected by gun violence

# Actions at a glance

Increase distribution of free gun lockboxes

Complete *Cost of Violence* and *Landscape* Analyses prepared by National Institute for Criminal Justice Reform (NICJR) to support legislative, budget and strategic planning for Gun Violence Reduction Strategy (GVRS)

Finalize the gun violence prevention legislative agenda and budget priorities for 2025 Washington State Legislative Session

Outline next steps for strategic planning, increased regional collaboration and establishing protocols for a coordinated response following the conclusion of the '100 Days of Action' initiative

# EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP ADVISORY GROUP RECAP

**2024 Quarter Three Meeting**

**July 2024**





# EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP ADVISORY GROUP RECAP – JULY 2024

- Introduction
- Remarks from Tri Chairs:
  - King County Executive Dow Constantine
  - City of Seattle Mayor Bruce Harrell
  - Renton Council President Ed Prince
- 100 Days of Action Presentation
- City of Seattle Youth Mental Health Investment Presentation
- Presentation from the Alliance for Gun Responsibility
- Group Discussion:
  - What is your view on how we meaningfully and sustainably fund our regional approach to interrupting gun violence?
  - What action is currently being taken in our suburban cities to interrupt gun violence on the ground in your community? How does our regional approach inform policy across municipalities?
  - What are the priorities in the creation of a shared legislative agenda to end gun violence? Who should be included?