

Seattle Community Safety Initiative

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Agenda

- Introduction and Background
- Seattle Community Safety Initiative (SCSI) Overview
- SCSI Partnership with SPD
- Contracts & Program Focus Areas
- Metrics and Program Performance
- Questions



Introduction

- The Human Services Department's (HSD) mission is to **connect people with resources and solutions during times of need** so we can all live, learn, work and take part in strong, healthy communities.
- HSD's six impact areas are:
 - Preparing Youth for Success
 - Supporting Affordability and Livability
 - Addressing Homelessness
 - Promoting Public Health
 - **Supporting Safe Communities**
 - Promoting Healthy Aging



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Background

- In 2020, the City Council added \$4M to HSD's Seattle Community Safety Initiative (SCSI).
- In 2021, the Safe & Thriving Communities Division was created at HSD, combining existing and additional safety investments.
- 2023 Adopted Budget included ongoing funding of \$4.3M for SCSI

Seattle Community Safety Initiative (SCSI)

- SCSI scales up gun violence intervention and prevention efforts by facilitating community based, culturally relevant, and holistic community safety efforts.
- The Community Safety Hub model is used to provide an alternative to traditional policing.
- Partnership among four POC-led organizations or programs acting as Agency Hubs:

- Community Passageways
- YMCA of Greater Seattle
- Boys & Girls Clubs of King County
- Urban Family Center Association



SCSI Partnership with SPD

- Community Passageways (CP) and SPD maintain a Memorandum of Understanding outlining:
 - Mutual goals
 - Types of incidents for SPD notification to CP
 - On-scene protocol
 - Expectations for ongoing communication.
- SPD and CP maintain open lines of communication before, during, and after a critical incident.



SCSI Contracted Agencies

Agency Hub	Service Area	Contract Budget
YMCA of Greater Seattle	West Seattle	\$1,510,542
Community Passageways	Central District	\$1,457,684
Boys & Girls Clubs of King County	Southeast Seattle	\$1,055,089
Urban Family Center Association	Supports all 3 regions	\$744,574
Total 2023 SCSI Investment		\$4,767,889



SCSI Program Strategy

- Draws on evidence-backed best practices from Seattle and other communities.
- Provides services in important locations (schools and regional agency hubs) to meet at-risk individuals where they are and minimize barriers to receiving services.
- Focuses on providing community-based critical incident response and services to promote well-being and increase protective factors linked with long-term reductions in gun violence.
- Offers a community-based alternative to system-centered gun violence reduction strategies.



Priority Population

- Youth/young adults of color and their families
 - Individuals aged 12 – 30 years old
- Individuals and families from Black and Brown neighborhoods who live, go to school, or work in the respective service area regions
- Youth/young adults who are involved in:
 - Groups/gangs
 - Criminal legal system
 - Incidents of community violence



Contract Program Focus Areas

1. Critical Incident Response and Hotspot Remediation
2. Safe Passages
3. Resource Navigation
4. Training and Professional Development



Critical Incident Response and Hotspot Remediation

Activities	Agency Hubs
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Focused on-the-ground support, expertise, and resources to prevent, intervene, de-escalate violence.• Accelerate recovery and return people to everyday functioning.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Passageways• YMCA• Boys & Girls Clubs of King County• Urban Family



Safe Passages

Activities	Agency Hubs
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Based in schools by geographic regions to promote a “zone of safety” on school campuses• Works to decrease and de-escalate fight disturbances and incidents of violence on school campuses.• Serves as referral conduits connecting young people and their families to service providers for a variety of social services	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Passageways• YMCA• Boys & Girls Clubs of King County• Urban Family



Resource Navigation

Activities	Agency Hubs
<p><u>Part 1</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Safety Specialists address an individual's and family's immediate needs after a critical incident by providing:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Financial assistance○ Vigil and funeral support○ Housing and relocation○ Referrals to Agency Hub services for long-term support	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Passageways• YMCA• Boys & Girls Clubs of King County• Urban Family



Resource Navigation, cont.

Activities	Agency Hubs
<p><u>Part 2</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Intake Specialists perform screening and intake for referral to Resource Navigators who address long-term participant needs such as:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Mentoring○ Grief counseling○ Navigating victim assistance resources○ Medical resources○ Housing○ Job opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Passageways• YMCA• Boys & Girls Clubs of King County• Urban Family



Training and Professional Development

Activities	Agency Hubs
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Brings in external facilitators for trainings for Agency Hubs in the following:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Community safety○ De-escalation○ Outreach○ Crowd control○ Active shooter response○ Retaliation prevention	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Passageways
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lead for Agency Hub Critical Incident Response Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Urban Family



Contract Performance Goals

How much did we do?	How well did we do it?	Is anyone better off?
# of at-risk individuals engaged/complete Agency Hub case management intake	# of case management participants who complete at least one goal in the following areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing • Education • Financial • Employment • pro-social • Behavioral/mental health • Safety/Court Compliance/Reduced Recidivism 	# of case management participants who report decreased involvement in violence and general crime or report feeling safe
# of case management participants enrolled who create a service/goal plan		
# of community engagement events implemented for hotspot remediation		
# of critical incident responses dispatched by law enforcement and community sources		
# of community safety trainings hosted for all three Agency Hubs		

Program Data

	2021 Totals	2022 Totals	2023 Totals As of May 2023
# of shots fired incidents responded to by SCSI	126	112	120
# of at-risk individuals engage/completed Hub case management intake process	265	229	113
# of engagements clients receive before goals were completed	1,316	1,678	1,172
# of individuals who complete one goal in housing, education, financial, employment, pro-social, behavioral and/or mental health, safety, court compliance and reduced recidivism	160	163	61



QUESTIONS?

