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VALUES-BASED CRIME EVENT

DATE: July 22, 1998
LOCATION: Room 450 OEOB
BRIEFING TIME: 10:00 am - 10:30 am
EVENT TIME: 10:30 am - 11:00 am
FROM: Bruce Reed/Rahm Emanuel

I. PURPOSE

To announce a new Values-Based Violence Prevention Initiative in which the Justice Department will make \$2.2 million in grants available to 16 community-based collaboratives, including religiously-affiliated organizations, that target youth violence, gangs, truancy, and other juvenile problems by promoting common-sense values and responsibility.

II. BACKGROUND

While the Congress appears unlikely to move on juvenile crime legislation this year, today's initiative provides another opportunity to help communities to replicate a critical component of Boston's successful youth violence strategy. You will announce a new initiative that will provide grants of \$135,000 each to 16 community-based groups, including a significant number of faith organizations, to engage in gang intervention, truancy prevention, mentoring, drug and alcohol abuse, conflict resolution, job training, and other activities. The 16 communities are already participating in Justice's Weed and Seed program, and many are also involved in your Youth Crime Gun Interdiction Initiative and Anti-Gang COPS initiative. The cities selected include: Salinas, CA; Los Angeles, CA; Washington, DC; Miami, FL; Chicago, IL; Indianapolis, IN; Baltimore, MD; Detroit, MI; Kansas City, MO; Hempstead, NY; Portland, OR; Philadelphia, PA; Charleston, SC; San Antonio, TX; Richmond, VA; and Seattle, WA.

You will be joined by Mayors, Police Chiefs, and local religious and community leaders from each of the 16 cities. Although Boston will not receive funding, you also will be joined by Boston Police Commissioner Paul Evans, Mayor Menino, and Reverend Rivers, the co-founder of the National 10 Point Leadership Coalition, because of their leadership in creating faith-based anti-crime programs.

This new Values-Based Initiative is based on the successful approach taken in Boston, where local law enforcement joined forces with pastors and faith organizations to steer young

people away from violence and give them alternatives to crime. The whole community -- including local and federal prosecutors, probation officers, police, social service workers and neighborhood ministers -- worked together to combat gangs and prevent juvenile crime. The result: juvenile crime plummeted and youth homicides with firearms came to a halt.

Studies have also shown that values are a strong predictor of violent crime. The initial findings of a long-term study on violence in Chicago neighborhoods showed that communities with a strong sense of shared values, reinforced in children by adults, had 40 percent less crime than other communities. In fact, a community's willingness to work together to reinforce good behaviors and maintain order was a better predictor of crime rates than any other factor, including poverty or race.

III. PARTICIPANTS

Briefing Participants:

Rahm Emanuel
Bruce Reed
Jose Cerda

Event Participants:

Deputy Attorney General Eric Holder
Boston Police Commissioner Paul Evans
Reverend Lewis Anthony

Also on Stage:

Lupe Garcia, Salinas, CA. She created a Parent Patrol Group to work closely with law enforcement to monitor illegal activity.

Police Chief Rueben Greenberg, Charleston Police Department. He has been Chief since 1982, and has worked closely with community leaders on innovative solutions to fighting crime.

Reverend Richard Bennett, Jr., Miami, FL. Executive Director of the African American Council of Christian Clergy.

David Domenici, Washington, D.C. Founder of an organization to revitalize inner city neighborhoods. He is Senator Domenici's son.

Wali Jones, Miami, FL. Former NBA Philadelphia 76er and Vice President of Community relations for the Miami Heat. Jones runs basketball clinics that trains youth on AIDS, health, and nutrition.

Sister Carol Keck, Philadelphia, PA. Executive Director of the Norris Square Neighborhood Project, where she oversees tutoring, counseling and conflict resolution programs. She has been very active in crime prevention in Philadelphia for many years.

Reverend Olgen Williams, Indianapolis, IN, Associate Minister at the Victory Tabernacle Church. Prominent community leader on issues such as youth violence.

Police Commissioner Thomas Frazier, Baltimore, MD. Instrumental in implementing community policing and after school programs to target youth violence in Baltimore.

Kacy Conley, Baltimore, MD, Director of the YMCA Urban Programs.

Beverly Watts-Davis, San Antonio, TX, Vice President of United Way of San Antonio and Bexar County. Previously the statewide coordinator for Texas's War on Drugs.

IV. PRESS PLAN

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V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

- **YOU** will be announced onto stage accompanied by stage participants.
- Deputy Attorney General Eric Holder will make remarks.
- Police Commissioner Paul Evans will make remarks
- Reverend Lewis Anthony will make remarks.
- **YOU** will make remarks, and then depart.

VI. REMARKS

Remarks Provided by Speechwriting.

Promoting Values and Fighting Crime

July 22, 1998

Recognizing the important role that civic, community, and faith-based organizations can play in reducing crime, President Clinton will unveil a new Values-Based Violence Prevention Initiative. The Justice Department will make \$2.2 million in grants available to 16 community-based collaboratives, including religiously-affiliated organizations, that target youth violence, gangs, truancy, and other juvenile problems by promoting common-sense values and responsibility.

Value-Based Violence Prevention

Building on the Boston model. The Values-Based Initiative stems from the successful approach taken in Boston, where local law enforcement joined forces with preachers and other faith organizations to protect youth from violence and give them alternatives to crime. The whole community -- including local and federal prosecutors, probation officers, police, social service workers and neighborhood ministers -- worked together to combat gangs and prevent juvenile crime. The result: juvenile crime plummeted and youth homicides with firearms came to a halt.

Linking stronger values to less violence. Values are a strong predictor of violent crime. The initial findings of a long-term study on violence in Chicago neighborhoods showed that communities with a strong sense of shared values, reinforced in children by adults, had 40 percent less crime than other communities. In fact, a community's willingness to work together to reinforce good behaviors and maintain order was a better predictor of crime rates than any other factor, including poverty or race.

A comprehensive response to youth violence. The Values-Based Initiative builds on existing Administration efforts to reduce juvenile crime. Cities taking part in this initiative are already participating in the President's Youth Crime Gun Interdiction Initiative, Anti-Gang COPS initiative, and Justice's Weed and Seed program. Today's initiative will help more cities replicate the Boston model by enhancing these efforts with the involvement of community-based groups, including religiously-affiliated organizations, to reach out to at-risk youth, instill values, and thereby improve public safety.

Expanding partnerships in 16 cities. The initiative will provide grants of \$135,000 for gang intervention, truancy prevention, mentoring, drug and alcohol abuse, conflict resolution, job training, and other activities. The 16 cities selected for the demonstration are: Salinas, CA; Los Angeles, CA; Washington, DC; Miami, FL; Chicago, IL; Indianapolis, IN; Baltimore, MD; Detroit, MI; Kansas City, MO; Hempstead, NY; Portland, OR; Philadelphia, PA; Charleston, SC; San Antonio, TX; Richmond, VA; and Seattle, WA.

Fighting for a Tough, Smart Juvenile Crime Bill

The President continues to call on Congress to enact his Anti-Gang and Youth Violence Strategy, to allow more communities to achieve Boston's success in attacking juvenile crime. The President's strategy includes funds for prosecutors, courts, and probation officers to promote and enforce tough standards for juveniles, as well as funds for community-based anti-gang prevention efforts.

Value-Based Crime Prevention Initiative
Questions and Answers
July 22, 1998

Q. What is the initiative the President unveiled today?

A. Today, President Clinton unveiled a new Values-Based Violence Prevention Initiative. As part of this initiative, the Department of Justice will make demonstration grants of approximately \$135,000 to 16 community-based collaboratives, including religiously-affiliated organizations, that target youth violence, gangs, truancy, and other juvenile problems by promoting common-sense values and responsibility.

The \$2.2 million in total funding for the initiative is being provided by the Executive Office of Weed and Seed, and the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS). The funds will be administered through the Weed and Seed Office at Justice through the National Congress of Community Economic Development.

The 16 cities selected for the demonstration are: Salinas, CA; Los Angeles, CA; Washington, DC; Miami, FL; Chicago, IL; Indianapolis, IN; Baltimore, MD; Detroit, MI; Kansas City, MO; Hempstead, NY; Portland, OR; Philadelphia, PA; Charleston, SC; San Antonio, TX; Richmond, VA; and Seattle, WA.

Q. What is the purpose of this initiative? Why is it being launched now?

A. The purpose of the initiative is to build on the successful experiences of Boston and other communities by expanding values-based violence prevention efforts aimed at youth. In Boston, local law enforcement joined forces with preachers and other faith organizations to protect youth from violence and give them alternatives to crime. The whole community -- including local and federal prosecutors, probation officers, police, social service workers and neighborhood ministers -- worked together to combat gangs and prevent juvenile crime. As a result, juvenile crime plummeted and youth homicides with firearms came to a halt for over two years.

By highlighting the success of such programs and providing some modest but important funding to expand these efforts, we hope that other values-based entities including faith-based groups, schools and other community-based organizations will work with local law enforcement to develop similar programs targeted at youth violence and public safety.

The President's comprehensive anti-gang and juvenile crime strategy would have allowed cities across the country to replicate the success of Boston. Congress, however, has ignored the President's repeated calls to enact this tough and smart juvenile crime bill. Today's initiative is yet another step the President is taking -- in addition to comprehensive gun tracing and innovative COPS initiatives to target youth firearms and gangs -- to help communities replicate Boston's successful youth violence strategy without

Congressional action.

Q. Why do you think that grants to religiously-affiliated organizations and other values-based groups will work to reduce youth violence?

A. There is a growing recognition within the law enforcement community that the police alone cannot solve the problem of youth violence. In Boston, for example, law enforcement officers realized that in order to break the culture of gangs, guns, and drugs, they had to look beyond government for a more powerful set of values for troubled kids to embrace. So law enforcement joined forces with neighborhood churches and influential local leaders like Rev. Eugene Rivers, who could reach out to youth and help instill in them basic values. And these efforts produced tremendous results: juvenile crime plummeted and youth gun homicides were brought to a halt for over two years.

Q. How were these cities and sites selected?

A. The cities and sites selected are current participants in other Administration efforts to reduce juvenile crime. All cities are current participants in the Department of Justice Weed and Seed Program -- a neighborhood-based program that brings together federal law enforcement, local police, community-based organizations, and residents to work together to reduce crime and improve the quality of life for residents. In addition, many of the cities are participating in the Administration's Youth Crime Gun Interdiction Initiative to crack down on illegal gun traffickers, as well as in COPS Office youth firearms and anti-gang initiatives. The selected cities will receive \$135,000 apiece to enhance values-based efforts in their communities.

Q: Isn't a grant of federal funds to a religiously-affiliated organization inconsistent with the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment?

A: As the Supreme Court has recognized, when the federal government enlists the help of private groups to address social problems in a neutral program, religiously-affiliated organizations can participate equally with nonreligious entities. "[R]eligious institutions need not be quarantined from public benefits that are neutrally available to all."

Government funding of religiously-affiliated organizations must satisfy two requirements. First, the government must ensure that its direct aid is not used to advance religious activities. Second, no direct aid can flow to "pervasively sectarian" institutions, such as churches.

All programs funded under the Values-Based Violence Prevention Initiative will conform to these constitutional principles. In particular, no funds under this initiative will be used to proselytize or otherwise advance religious activities.

VALUES-BASED VIOLENCE PREVENTION INITIATIVE CITIES

Under the Values-Based Initiative launched by the President today, community collaboratives, often including faith-based organizations, in the following cities will receive grants of up to \$135,000 to target youth violence, gangs, truancy, and other juvenile problems. Coupled with the Administration's other initiatives targeting juvenile crime and violence in these cities, the following organizations and community leaders will be able to expand their efforts to promote common sense values and responsibility to our youth.

BALTIMORE, MD -- In Baltimore, the YMCA will take the lead in implementing the Values-Based Initiative. In addition to other youth programs, the YMCA sponsors a special program called STAR (Success Through Accelerated Responsibility,) where certain middle school students are identified by teachers and administrators as being at-risk for gang activity. Attendees from Baltimore will include: Kacy Conley, the director of the YMCA's Urban Programs; and Joyce Jones, a Master Teacher in the YMCA's Dunbar Extended Day program.

CHARLESTON, SC -- The lead organization in Charleston will be the federally-designated Enterprise Community. The Enterprise Community has helped community members to work together with the Charleston Police Department to resolve local problems, foster economic opportunity, and promote self-sufficient neighborhoods. Attendees from Charleston will include: Chief Rueben Greenberg, Police Chief of Charleston since 1982; and Reverend Charles Young, pastor of the Ebenezer AME Church and Chairman of the Enterprise Community.

CHICAGO, IL -- Two organizations will be the focus of Chicago's Value-Based Initiative: the Northwest Austin Council (NAC), a community-based organization that was formed in response to the deterioration of Chicago's far west side; and the Westside Ministers Coalition, which provides services to the disadvantaged in the Austin area, including spiritual guidance and counseling. Attending from these organizations will be: Leola Spann, President of NAC; and Reverend Lewis Flowers, Executive Director of the Westside Ministers Coalition and Chairman of the Church and Clergy Subcommittee for the 25th District Police Station.

DETROIT, MI -- El-Beth-El Temple, which provides its community residents with everything from computer training to Bible School to substance abuse treatment, will be the focus of the Values-Based Initiative in Detroit. Attending will be Pastor Henry G. Sims, Sr, founder of the El-Beth-El Temple.

HEMPSTEAD, NY -- COMET/STAR, an extended school day program that offers academic enrichment, counseling and personal development services to students, is at the center of Hempstead's values-based initiative. Representing Hempstead will be Dr. Nathaniel Clay, Superintendent of Schools for the Hempstead Public School District.

INDIANAPOLIS, IN -- Westside Community Ministries, a non-profit organization that strives to increase the capacity of Christian churches to strengthen families and enhance the quality of life for the residents of Westside Indianapolis, will be the lead organization in Indianapolis. Participants at today's event will include: Reverend Melvin Jackson, a member of the Washington-based National Center for Neighborhood Enterprise (NCNE); and Reverend Olgen Williams, an associate Minister at the Victory Tabernacle Church.

KANSAS CITY, MO -- The state-of-the-art Central Computer Unlimited High School will be the focal point of Kansas City's Values-Based Initiative. Located in the inner city, this facility provides its students with resources that rival many colleges and universities. Willie Buie, Principal of Central Computer Unlimited High School, will represent Kansas City today.

LOS ANGELES, CA -- Two organizations will take the lead in implementing Los Angeles' Values-Based Initiative: the Central American Resource Center (CARECEN), a non-profit organization whose mission is to

empower Central Americans in Los Angeles; and the Martin Luther King Legacy Association, a leadership development and training program. Attending from these organizations will be: Angela Sanbrano, Executive Director of CARECEN; and Mark Wilson, project administrator for the King Legacy Association's Youth Empowerment Project.

MIAMI, FL -- Two youth-focused organizations are participating in Miami's Values-Based Initiative. They are: the National Shoot for the Stars Institute, which helps to deter children from socially and personally destructive behavior; and the African-American Council of Christian Clergy, which seeks to instill values in children at-risk. Representing these organizations will be: Wali Jones, a former NBA Philadelphia 76er and currently the Miami Heat's Vice President for Community Relations; and Reverend Richard Bennett, Jr., Executive Director of the African American Council of Christian Clergy.

PHILADELPHIA, PA -- The lead organization in Philadelphia will be United Neighbors Against Drugs (UNAD), which runs safe havens and after-school programs in the Norris Square Neighborhood. Attending on behalf of Philadelphia will be Sister Carol Keck, a former Catholic school principal that currently directs UNAD and other neighborhood efforts.

PORTLAND, OR -- Portland's Urban League and Emanuel Community General Services will take the lead in promoting the Values-Based Violence Prevention Initiative. Attending from Portland will be: Lawrence Dark, President and CEO of the Urban League; and Bishop Adolph A. Wells, founder of the Emmanuel Temple Church and President of the Emmanuel Community General Services, Inc.

RICHMOND, VA -- The lead organization for the initiative in Richmond will be the Sixth Mount Zion Baptist Church Gilpin-Jackson Family Skills Center After School and Summer Program. This collaboration of churches runs Kid's Cafe, where more than 200 children are given meals four times a week, and a weekly summer science camp for 90 elementary school students. Reverend Robert Dortch, Pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church, will attend from Richmond.

SALINAS, CA -- The lead organization in Salinas will be the Violent Injury Prevention Coalition (VIPC), a group dedicated to eliminating violence committed by and against youth. Salinas attendees will include: Lupe Garcia, creator of the Parent Patrol Group; and Reverend Kenneth Feske, chair of VIPC's Community Awareness/Education Committee.

SAN ANTONIO, TX -- San Antonio's Fighting Back, a comprehensive effort to address substance abuse, crime and violence in the city, will implement the Values-Based Initiative here. Beverly Watts-Davis, Vice President of United Way of San Antonio and Executive Director of San Antonio Fighting Back, will attend from San Antonio.

SEATTLE, WA-- In Seattle, there will be two lead organizations for the Values-Based Initiative: Seattle Team for Youth, a joint effort by the city's Police Department and Department of Housing and Human Services to assist at-risk youth; and Safe Futures, an anti-gang program that provides assistance for gang-involved youth who have been suspended or dropped out of school. Attending from Seattle will be: Larry Taylor, Deputy Director for the Seattle Department of Housing and Human Services; and Grigori Green, Supervisor for Seattle Team for Youth.

WASHINGTON, DC -- In Washington, D.C., three organizations will be the focus of the initiative: Refuge of Hope, which provides after-school programs and crisis intervention counseling; Browne Junior High, which serves as a Safe Haven for young people; and See Forever, which is devoted to helping young people in the juvenile justice system develop into self-sustaining adults. Attending from these organizations will be: Reverend Drs. Charles and Judith Farmer, founders of Refuge of Hope Disciple Center; Cynthia Clarke, Principal of the Browns Junior High School; David Domenici, founder and director of See Forever, and Reverend Lewis Anthony, Senior Pastor at the Metropolitan Wesley African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church.

VALUE-BASED VIOLENCE PREVENTION INITIATIVE CITIES

BALTIMORE, MD

Related Administration Initiatives on Youth Violence and Juvenile Crime

- **Youth Crime Gun Interdiction.** Baltimore is participating in the President's Youth Crime Gun Interdiction Initiative to crack down on illegal gun traffickers in 27 cities. Baltimore currently receives an estimated \$281,000 in yearly support from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF) to trace firearms used by youth in crimes. Under the President's FY 99 budget, Baltimore will benefit from an additional \$583,000 to fund 6 new ATF agents to help in the investigation and prosecution of illegal gun traffickers.
- **COPS Youth Firearms Violence Initiative.** To combat the rise in violence associated with kids and guns, 10 cities were chosen to demonstrate innovative strategies to cut-off youth access to firearms, such as School Enforcement Teams that handle criminal conduct in schools, targeting gun "hot spots," and enforcing curfews and tougher penalties for gang members. Baltimore received \$949,907 under this initiative.
- **Other Initiatives.** Overall, COPS has awarded Baltimore over \$37 million to fund the hiring and redeployment of 458 community policing officers. Baltimore also participates in the Justice Department's Weed and Seed program and the Comprehensive Strategy effort of Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Programs..

New Value-Based Crime Prevention Initiative

- Under the Value-Based Initiative launched by the President today, the following community collaborative will receive a grant of \$135,000 to target youth violence, gangs, truancy, and other juvenile problems by promoting common-sense values and responsibility -- as well as by working with religiously-affiliated and other community-based organizations. Organizations and individuals from Baltimore participating in this new initiative will include:

YMCA is a community program extended day program that provides academic and cultural enrichment. Safe Haven is a middle school that is located in a very high-risk community. They have a special program called STAR (Success Through Accelerated Responsibility) where children in this middle school are identified by teachers and administrators as being at-risk for becoming involved in gang activity. This program encourages participation by children, but also by their parents.

Kacy Conley (410) 331-0562. Ms. Conley is the director of the YMCA Urban Programs. Ms. Conley began her career in the YMCA as a street worker providing outreach service to youth. She is also a national trainer for the YMCA in Teen Leadership.

Joyce Jones (410) 542- 7929. Ms. Jones is a Master Teacher in the Dunbar Extended Day program, which is part of the YMCA. She has both her Bachelor of Science and Master of Education degrees from Morgan State University.

CHARLESTON, NC

Related Administration Initiatives on Youth Violence and Juvenile Crime

- **COPS.** The Justice Department's COPS Office has awarded Charleston over \$1 million to fund the hiring and redeployment of 10 community police officers. Charleston also participates in the Department of Justices Weed and Seed program.

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Charleston's Enterprise Community Charleston is a federally-designated Enterprise Community that is eligible for nearly \$3 million in federal funds to revitalize and strengthen its neighborhoods. The Enterprise Community has helped to empower community members to work together with Chief Greenberg and the Charleston Police Department to resolve local problems, foster economic opportunity, and promote self-sufficient neighborhoods.

Rueben Greenberg (803) 720-2497. Chief Greenberg has served as the Police Chief of Charleston since 1982. He previously served with law enforcement agencies in California, Florida, and Alabama. He is a board member of the South Carolina Commission on Race Relations, the South Carolina Sentencing Commission, and a member of the National Association of Black Law Enforcement Executives. Chief Greenberg has published several articles, and his first book, *Let's Take Back Our Streets*, was published in 1989.

Reverend Charles Young (509-865-5944). Rev. Young is the pastor of the Ebenezer AME Church and serves as Chairman of Charleston's Enterprise Community. He works with the Enterprise Committee of the Weed and Seed site to support family oriented programs.

CHICAGO, IL

Related Administration Initiatives on Youth Violence and Juvenile Crime

- **Youth Crime Gun Interdiction.** Chicago is participating in the President's Youth Crime Gun Interdiction Initiative to crack down on illegal gun traffickers in 27 cities. Chicago currently receives an estimated \$281,000 in yearly support from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF) to trace firearms used by youth in crimes. Under the President FY 99 budget, Chicago will benefit from an additional \$583,000 to fund 6 new ATF agents to help in the investigation and prosecution of illegal gun traffickers.
- **COPS Anti-Gang Initiative.** The President launched an Anti-Gang Initiative in 15 communities on the front lines in the battle against gangs. Chicago received \$1 million to pursue strategies, such as: civil enforcement remedies against gangs; environmental design to reduce gang activity; and the mobilization of neighborhoods, schools, churches and community groups to keep kids in school and out of trouble.
- **Other Initiatives.** Overall, COPS has awarded Chicago over \$87 million to fund the hiring and redeployment of 1,587 community policing officers. Chicago also participates in the Justice Departments Weed and Seed program.

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The Northwest Austin Council (NAC) is a community-based organization that was formed in 1972 in response to the deterioration of Chicago's far west side. NAC mobilizes residents to take action on the issues that directly affect their lives. NAC and religious leaders have joined together to develop the Austin High School Safe Haven, the Austin Gang Intervention Task Force, and the Kids House, an extension of the Safe Haven program which provides young people a structured learning environment.

Leola Spann (773) 379-7822. Ms. Spann is the President of NAC. She is a community leader and resident of Chicago's Austin community who has worked to make her neighborhood a safer place to live. She has gained community recognition as a community activist and has helped NAC tackle issues of crime, drugs, housing, education, and health care.

Westside Ministers Coalition provides various services to the disadvantaged in the Austin area. Services provided include everything from spiritual guidance and counseling to running a local pantry and clothing bank.

Reverend Lewis Flowers (427) 207-8067. Reverend Flowers is the Executive Director of the Westside Ministers Coalition, and Chairman of the Church and Clergy Subcommittee for the 25th District Police Station.

DETROIT, MI

- **Youth Crime Gun Interdiction.** Detroit is participating in the President's Youth Crime Gun Interdiction Initiative to crack down on illegal gun traffickers in 27 cities. Detroit currently receives an estimated \$281,000 in yearly support from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF) to trace firearms used by youth in crimes. Under the President FY 99 budget, Detroit will benefit from an additional \$583,000 to fund 6 new ATF agents to help in the investigation and prosecution of illegal gun traffickers.
- **COPS Anti-Gang Initiative.** The President launched an Anti-Gang Initiative in 15 communities on the front lines in the battle against gangs. Under this initiative, Detroit received \$1 million to pursue strategies, such as: civil enforcement remedies against gangs; environmental design to reduce gang activity; and the mobilization of neighborhoods, schools, churches and community groups to keep kids in school and out of trouble.
- **Other Initiatives.** Overall, COPS has awarded Detroit over \$34 million to fund the hiring and redeployment of 577 community policing officers. Detroit also participates in the Justice Department's Weed and Seed program.

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El-Beth-El Temple has provided a number of programs for the community over the past few years, which are open to both adults and youth, including: Tutorial program for children; Computer Training Center for children and adults; Four Week Summer Feeding Program for kids 4-18; Fire and Health Safety Day; Spring and Summer Outdoor Basketball Program; Harvest Festival; Bible School; Ceramics classes; and Substance Abuse Treatment and Prevention Program.

Henry G. Sims Sr. (313) 835-3326. Pastor Sims was ordained as an Elder in the Church of God in Christ in August 1980 and appointed as District Superintendent of the Holy Spirit District of the Great Lakes Jurisdiction in 1998. In addition to starting the El-Beth-El Temple in August 1985, Pastor Sims has been involved in many community initiatives, including the Residents United Together in Hope (RUTH) program and the Detroit Weed and Seed program.

HEMPSTEAD, NY

Related Administration Initiatives on Youth Violence and Juvenile Crime

- **COPS.** The Justice Department's COPS Office has awarded Hempstead over \$1.3 million to fund the hiring and redeployment of 21 community policing officers. Hempstead also participates in the Justice Department's Weed and Seed program.

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COMET/STAR is an extended school day program which offers academic enrichment, counseling and personal development services. The focus is on helping students improve academic outcomes and positive personal development. Their Violence Prevention Program focuses on improving attendance, reduce suspensions, drop-out rates, and school violence. Conflict resolution and violence prevention activities will also be provided.

Dr. Nathaniel Clay (516) 338-7686. Dr. Clay has been the Superintendent of Schools for the Hempstead Public School District since 1995. Before that, Dr. Clay was Superintendent of the Michigan City Area Schools in Michigan City, Indiana. Dr. Clay received his Masters Degree in Education from Oakland University, Rochester, Michigan, and his Doctorate in Education Administration and Supervision from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

INDIANAPOLIS, IN

Related Administration Initiatives on Youth Violence and Juvenile Crime

- **COPS Anti-Gang Initiative.** The President launched an Anti-Gang Initiative in 15 communities on the front lines in the battle against gangs. Under this initiative, Indianapolis received \$500,000 to pursue strategies, such as: civil enforcement remedies against gangs; environmental design to reduce gang activity; and the mobilization of neighborhoods, schools, churches and community groups to keep kids in school and out of trouble.
- **Other Initiatives.** Overall, COPS has awarded Indianapolis over \$8.6 million to fund the hiring and redeployment of 113 community policing officers. Indianapolis also participates in the Justice Department's Weed and Seed program.

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Westside Community Ministries is a non-profit organization that strives to unite and increase the capacity of Christian churches to strengthen families and enhance overall quality of life for neighborhood residents of Westside Indianapolis by working in partnership with other community organizations.

Reverend Melvin Jackson (317) 923-8840. Rev. Jackson is an ordained clergy, member of the Washington-based National Center for Neighborhood Enterprise (NCNE) Hands Across America, a faith-based grassroots movement. Reverend Jackson is also a member of the Mayor's Front Porch Alliance which links neighborhood churches to neighborhood schools.

Reverend Olgen Williams (317) 635-7211. Rev. Williams is the associate Minister at the Victory Tabernacle Church. Reverend Williams is also the Chairman of the Weed and Seed Committee, as well as a board member of the West Community Ministers Association.

KANSAS CITY, MO

Related Administration Initiatives on Youth Violence and Juvenile Crime

- **COPS Anti-Gang Initiative.** The President launched an Anti-Gang Initiative in 15 communities on the front lines in the battle against gangs. Kansas City received \$500,000 in grant funds under the COPS Anti-Gang Initiative to pursue strategies as: civil enforcement remedies against gangs; environmental design to reduce gang activity; and the mobilization of neighborhoods, schools, churches and community groups to keep kids in school and out of trouble.
- **Other Initiatives.** Overall, COPS has awarded Kansas City over \$8.5 million to fund the hiring and redeployment of 111 community policing officers. Kansas City also participates in the Justice Department's Weed and Seed program.

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Central Computer Unlimited High School is a state of the art education center in the inner city of Kansas City. The school provides its students with resources that rival many colleges and universities. Courses emphasize programming as well as computer building and repair, and the school-to-work program has an excellent placement rate.

Willie Buie (816) 358-8563. Mr. Buie has been the Principal of Central Computer Unlimited High School for six years. Mr. Buie has been with the school District for over twenty years. Mr. Buie holds a degree from the University of Arkansas, Pine Bluff and has been with the school district for thirty years.

LOS ANGELES, CA

Related Administration Initiatives on Youth Violence and Juvenile Crime

- **Youth Crime Gun Interdiction.** Los Angeles is participating in the President's Youth Crime Gun Interdiction Initiative to crack down on illegal gun traffickers in 27 cities. Los Angeles currently receives an estimated \$281,000 in yearly support from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF) to trace firearms used by youth in crimes. Under the President's FY 99 budget, Los Angeles will benefit from an additional \$583,000 to fund 6 new ATF agents to help in the investigation and prosecution of illegal gun traffickers.
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- **Other Initiatives.** Overall, COPS has awarded Los Angeles over \$162 million to fund the hiring and redeployment of 2,988 community policing officers. Los Angeles also participates in the Justice Department's Weed and Seed program.

New Value-Based Crime Prevention Initiative

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Central American Resource Center (CARECEN) is a non-profit organization whose mission is to empower Central Americans in Los Angeles. The organization runs several youth programs, including after school programs and computer instruction classes.

Angela Sanbrano (213) 385-0987. Ms. Sanbrano is the Executive Director of CARECEN and chair of the California Latino Civil Rights Network.

Martin Luther King Legacy Association, Youth Empowerment Project (YEP) is a leadership development and training program based upon the premise that in order for young people to take their rightful place as productive members of society, guidance, coaching, training, and development must occur both within and outside of the basic family unit. YEP is directed at youth in the South Central

Los Angeles area.

Mark Wilson (213) 735-2295. Mr. Wilson is the project administrator, supervising the Youth Empowerment Project. He has practical background in child development, child care, youth development, and marketing. His community involvement includes work with rites of passage programs, and serving as a youth board member of the Violence Prevention Coalition of the Los Angeles County Health Dept.

MIAMI, FL

Related Administration Initiatives on Youth Violence and Juvenile Crime

- **Youth Crime Gun Interdiction**. Miami is participating in the President's Youth Crime Gun Interdiction Initiative to crack down on illegal gun traffickers in 27 cities. Miami currently receives an estimated \$281,000 in yearly support from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF) to trace firearms used by youth in crimes. Under the President's FY 99 budget, Miami will benefit from an additional \$583,000 to fund 6 new ATF agents to help in the investigation and prosecution of illegal gun traffickers.
- **COPS Anti-Gang Initiative**. The President launched an Anti-Gang Initiative in 15 communities on the front lines in the battle against gangs. Miami received \$500,000 in grant funds under the COPS Anti-Gang Initiative to pursue strategies, such as: civil enforcement remedies against gangs; environmental design to reduce gang activity; and the mobilization of neighborhoods, schools, churches and community groups to keep kids in school and out of trouble.
- **Other Initiatives**. Overall, COPS has awarded Miami over \$82 million to fund the hiring and redeployment of 965 community policing officers. Miami also participates in the Justice Department's Weed and Seed program.

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National Shoot for the Stars Institute is a program strategy based on a school team approach to problem-solving. The program uses conflict resolution techniques to provide skills and training to children, helping to deter them from socially and personally destructive behavior. Teams of children take their skills into the community to help other children avoid involvement in gangs, violence and substance abuse and encourage them to stay in school.

Wali Jones (305) 279-4199. Mr. Jones is a former NBA Philadelphia 76er and currently the Vice President of Community Relations for the Miami Heat, developed educational and recreational programs that have trained more than 50,000 children in the South Florida area. Jones also runs basketball clinics that provide instruction to young people in the fundamentals of basketball, AIDS education, health, nutrition, and career exploration.

African-American Council of Christian Clergy provides help to educate children at-risk to set moral standards for the community. The Council identifies youth in the court system with first time offenses and provides counseling, mentoring, conflict resolution training, and self-esteem building.

Reverend Richard Bennett, Jr. (305) 835-9808. Mr. Bennett is the Executive Director of the African American Council of Christian Clergy. Prior to working for the Council, Reverend Bennett was Senior Pastor of Rising Star Evangelical Temple. He received his undergraduate degree in Criminology Studies, and received his Bachelor of Theology from the Seminary and Training School in Waycross, Georgia.

PHILADELPHIA, PA

Related Administration Initiatives on Youth Violence and Juvenile Crime

- **Youth Crime Gun Interdiction**. Philadelphia is participating in the President's Youth Crime Gun Interdiction Initiative to crack down on illegal gun traffickers in 27 cities. Philadelphia currently receives an estimated \$281,000 in yearly support from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF) to trace firearms used by youth in crimes. Under the President's FY 99 budget, Philadelphia will benefit from an additional \$583,000 to fund 6 new ATF agents to help in the investigation and prosecution of illegal gun traffickers.
- **COPS**. Overall, COPS has awarded Philadelphia over \$59 million to fund the hiring and redeployment of 844 community policing officers. Philadelphia also participates in the Justice Department's Weed and Seed program.

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United Neighbors Against Drugs (UNAD), runs four safe havens in the Weed and Seed area and has been instrumental in the formation of an offshoot community group, Community United Neighbors Against Drugs (CUNAD). These groups are in the forefront with after-school, summer education, and nutrition programs in Philadelphia. In October of 1997, Attorney General Reno transferred two rehabilitated forfeited properties to CUNAD and UNAD.

Sister Carol Keck (215) 426-4631. Sister Keck is the Executive Director of the Norris Square Neighborhood Project, is dedicated to the continued revitalization of the Norris Square Neighborhood. She has been actively involved, empowering members of the community by involving them in community related programs such as AmeriCorps. Sister Carol Keck oversees an programming that provides tutoring, counseling services and methods of conflict resolution.. She is a former Catholic School Principal and has been very active in crime prevention activities in Philadelphia for many years. Sister Carol also heads United Neighbors Against Drugs (UNAD).

PORTLAND, OR

Related Administration Initiatives on Youth Violence and Juvenile Crime

- **COPS.** Overall, COPS has awarded Portland over \$6 million to fund the hiring and redeployment of 141 community policing officers. Portland also participates in the Justice Department's Weed and Seed program.

New Value-Based Crime Prevention Initiative

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The Urban League, founded in 1945, is one of the largest community social service and civil rights agency's in Oregon. Three of their main goals are to reduce juvenile crime; have 100% high school completion; and reduce, and eventually eliminate, poverty for youth and their families. The League's primary service area is North and Northeast Portland, including the Albina Community.

Lawrence Dark (503) 280-2626. Mr. Dark has been President and Chief Executive Officer of the Urban League of Portland, Oregon, since 1994. Mr. Dark has worked at done extensive community work at the local, State, and national level, including working on economic/social justice, education, health and equity issues.

Emanuel Community General Services is based out of the Emanuel Temple Church and provides programs and services to assist people in becoming productive citizens through spiritual, moral, social, economic, and academic support. Such programs and services include anti-social behavior modification, youth outreach and intervention, alcohol and drug counseling, and court intervention. It also has one of the most prominent mentoring programs for at-risk youth in the neighborhood called Redirections.

Bishop Adolph A. Wells (503) 287-2223. Bishop Wells is the founder of the Full Gospel Pentecostal Church organization and founder of the Emmanuel Temple Church, is the Founding President of the Emmanuel Community General Services, Inc. For over 30 years, Bishop Wells has led a crusade to bolster family values and improve the outlook for the young and old alike.

RICHMOND, VA

Related Administration Initiatives on Youth Violence and Juvenile Crime

- **Youth Crime Gun Interdiction.** Richmond is participating in the President's Youth Crime Gun Interdiction Initiative to crack down on illegal gun traffickers in 27 cities. Richmond currently receives an estimated \$281,000 in yearly support from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF) to trace firearms used by youth in crimes. Under the President's FY 99 budget, Richmond will benefit from an additional \$583,000 to fund 6 new ATF agents to help in the investigation and prosecution of illegal gun traffickers.
- **COPS Youth Firearms Violence Initiative.** To combat the rise in violence associated with kids and guns, 10 cities were chosen to demonstrate innovative strategies to cut-off youth access to firearms, such as School Enforcement Teams that handle criminal conduct in schools, targeting gun "hot spots," and enforcing curfews and tougher penalties for gang members. Richmond received nearly \$700,000 under this initiative.
- **Other Initiatives.** Overall, COPS has awarded Richmond over \$10 million to fund the hiring and redeployment of 101 community policing officers. Richmond also participates in the Justice Department's Weed and Seed program.

New Value-Based Crime Prevention Initiative

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Sixth Mount Zion Baptist Church Gilpin -Jackson Family Skills Center After School and Summer Program is in the Weed and Seed target area. In Gilpin, a collaboration of churches runs Kid's Cafe where more than 200 children are given nutrition classes and meals four times a week. Also, the churches are playing a key role in our Community Building from the Inside Out asset mobilization initiative. In the Blackwell Weed and Seed, Weed and Seed collaborates with the Broomfield C.M.E. Church, through which 90 elementary school youth participate in a weekly summer science camp. Weed and Seed has sent over 30 residents and 5 service providers from the target sites to community development training at a local seminary. Rev. Dortch and Dr. Joyner both play vital roles in the success of the Richmond Weed and Seed site by being involved in several collaborations with value-based organizations in the target communities.

Reverend Robert Dortch (804) 775-1366. Rev. Dortch serves as Pastor of

Shiloh Baptist Church, a medium-sized congregation in Petersburg, VA.

SALINAS, CA

Related Administration Initiatives on Youth Violence and Juvenile Crime

- **Youth Crime Gun Interdiction.** Salinas is participating in the President's Youth Crime Gun Interdiction Initiative to crack down on illegal gun traffickers in 27 cities. Salinas currently receives an estimated \$281,000 in yearly support from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF) to trace firearms used by youth in crimes. Under the President's FY 99 budget, Salinas will benefit from an additional \$583,000 to fund 6 new ATF agents to help in the investigation and prosecution of illegal gun traffickers.
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- **Other Initiatives.** Overall, COPS has awarded Salinas over \$3.2 million to fund the hiring and redeployment of 48 community policing officers. Salinas also participates in the Justice Department's Weed and Seed program.

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Violent Injury Prevention Coalition (VIPC) is a non-profit organization dedicated to eliminating violence committed by and against youth of Salinas. Under the Mayor's direction, VIPC has empowered thousands of residents to begin finding solutions within their own communities to address problems of gangs and gang violence.

Lupe Garcia - (408) 757-3571. Lupe Garcia is a Salinas community activist, successfully implemented and coordinated the 10-Block Project as part of the VIPC. Lupe Garcia created and organized the Parent Patrol Group in her community to work more closely with law enforcement to monitor illegal activity, causing a significant reduction in the crime rate of Salinas. She is part of the Juvenile Justice Commission, and the Bilingual Task Force.

Reverend Kenneth Feske (408) 422-9872. Rev. Feske chairs the Community Awareness/Education Committee of the Violent Injury Prevention Coalition. He

is involved in the coordination of various activities allowing youth to organize and make decisions that affect them. Reverend Feske has also been instrumental in bringing a variety of local organizations together to focus on reducing gang violence in the Salinas community.

SAN ANTONIO, TX

Related Administration Initiatives on Youth Violence and Juvenile Crime

- **Youth Crime Gun Interdiction.** San Antonio is participating in the President's Youth Crime Gun Interdiction Initiative to crack down on illegal gun traffickers in 27 cities. San Antonio currently receives an estimated \$281,000 in yearly support from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF) to trace firearms used by youth in crimes. Under the President's FY 99 budget, San Antonio will benefit from an additional \$583,000 to fund 6 new ATF agents to help in the investigation and prosecution of illegal gun traffickers.
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- **Other Initiatives.** Overall, COPS has awarded San Antonio over \$10 million to fund the hiring and redeployment of 152 community policing officers. San Antonio also participates in the Justice Department's Weed and Seed program and the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention's Gang Prevention, Intervention, and Suppression initiative.

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San Antonio Fighting Back is a comprehensive community empowerment and community improvement program that addresses substance abuse, crime and violence. Various programs of Fighting Back bridge the gap between community oriented policing and service providers with the community to provide prevention, intervention, and neighborhood restoration measures.

Beverly Watts-Davis (210) 533-6592. Ms. Davis is the Vice President of United Way of San Antonio and Bexar County. Prior to serving these positions, Ms. Davis was the statewide coordinator for Texas's War on Drugs where she provided community mobilization services to rural, high-risk, and ethnic minority groups. Ms. Davis is a national trainer in community mobilization, resource development, and forming effective partnership and collaboratives to address

systematic problems. She has recently been inducted into the San Antonio's Women's Hall of Fame for her work in volunteerism and was chosen by US Attorney General, Janet Reno, to receive the National Volunteerism award. Ms. Davis is the Executive Director of San Antonio Fighting Back.

SEATTLE, WA

Related Administration Initiatives on Youth Violence and Juvenile Crime

- **Youth Crime Gun Interdiction.** Seattle is participating in the President's Youth Crime Gun Interdiction Initiative to crack down on illegal gun traffickers in 27 cities. Seattle currently receives an estimated \$281,000 in yearly support from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF) to trace firearms used by youth in crimes. Under the President's FY 99 budget, Seattle will benefit from an additional \$583,000 to fund 6 new ATF agents to help in the investigation and prosecution of illegal gun traffickers.
- **COPS Youth Firearms Violence Initiative.** To combat the rise in violence associated with kids and guns, 10 cities were chosen to demonstrate innovative strategies to cut-off youth access to firearms, such as School Enforcement Teams that handle criminal conduct in schools, targeting gun "hot spots," and enforcing curfews and tougher penalties for gang members. Seattle received \$981,380 under the initiative.
- **Other Initiatives.** Overall, COPS has awarded Seattle over \$10 million to fund the hiring and redeployment of 118 community police officers. Seattle also participates in the Justice Department's Weed and Seed program.

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Seattle Team For Youth is a joint program between the city's Department of Housing and Human Services and the Seattle Police. This coordinated effort assists at-risk youth with a variety of counseling, job skills, and treatment services. Police officers are actively involved in the program and are able to coordinate efforts with other departmental initiatives to address the youth partnership goals of the city.

Grigori Green (206) 322-7676 x221. Mr. Green is currently the supervisor for the Seattle Team for Youth and Diversion Programs in the Central Youth and Family Services of Seattle. He also participates in community outreach programs and Safe Futures, as well as serving as an individual and family counselor.

Safe Futures offers various anti-gang programs including a Back-to-School program where assistance is offered to gang involved youth who are suspended or who dropped out of school. The program helps these youth re-enter and succeed

in school or obtain a GED, reduce the recidivism rate of these youth and provide such services as employment, mental health counseling, drug and alcohol counseling, ADD and LD tutoring, and language interpretation. Safe Futures also has a Youth Center Program which provides an array of services in order to prevent delinquency, gang identification, violence, drug abuse, and academic failure. The Sisters in Common Program target young females who are either involved or have a family member involved in the justice system or demonstrate delinquent behavior or are pregnant or parenting. The program helps provide the opportunity to increase self esteem, enhance communication and interpersonal skills, conflict resolution, and enhance their employment and leadership skills.

Larry Taylor (206) 684-0129. Mr. Taylor is Deputy Director for the Department of Housing and Human Services in Seattle, Washington. Mr. Taylor has played a major role in youth crime intervention programs, serving as the department's lead for Weed and Seed, Seattle Team for Youth, and the Safe Futures Program.

WASHINGTON, DC

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Refuge of Hope provides after-school programs, summer youth camps, crisis intervention counseling, emergency food, and clothing and educational supplies to families and youth residing within the target area. This community outreach center ministers to the needs of the urban community and provides humanitarian relief through its social, educational, spiritual, and recreational programs.

Reverend Drs. Charles and Judith Farmer (301) 420-4065. They founded the Refuge of Hope Disciple Center in 1990 and share a vision to "make a difference in their city by making a positive difference in the lives of its people." Dr. Charles Farmer has a Masters Degree in Guidance and Counseling and a Doctorate Degree in Urban Ministry and Counseling. Dr. Judith Farmer has a Masters Degree in Public Administration and a Doctorate Degree in Urban Evangelism.

Browne Junior High School serves as a Safe Haven for youth. Two components of the Safe Haven are the Ladies of Distinction and Boys to Men programs. These programs focus on building self-esteem, health awareness and academic achievement by giving young people safe places to study and learn after school.

Cynthia Clarke (202) 724-4550. Ms. Clarke is the Principal of the Browne Junior High School, and has served as an educator for 27 years. Ms. Clarke was a

Harvard University Fellow in 1987 and 1989, and in 1990 she received the Outstanding Secondary School Principal of the Year award for Washington, D.C.

See Forever is devoted to helping young people who have been involved in the juvenile justice system become self-sustaining adults. Participants in this program participate in activities designed to build confidence and trust and to reduce violence.

David Domenici (202) 216-0206. Mr. Domenici is the founder and Director the See Forever Company. Mr. Domenici has a history of working to strengthen economically depressed communities by developing and implementing community revitalization programs.

Reverend Lewis M. Anthony (202) 483-3262. Rev. Anthony is the Senior Pastor at the Metropolitan Wesley African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church. A veteran of civic and public affairs, Reverend Anthony began his long involvement in public service and advocacy as a student leader in the 1960s. He has made multiple contributions violence prevention in the Washington D.C.

Crime -
values-based grants

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Crime-values-based grants

To: Rahm

Fr: Ricki 

Re: Grants for Values-Oriented Youth Crime Prevention

Please find attached:

- Program Description (needs a little tweaking)
- List of Cities

Cities will receive a grant of up to \$150,000 per year for three years. (Funds to come from Weed & Seed and COPS) OJP is in the process of contacting the cities to discuss participation and line up the various partners (mayors, police departments, schools, community participants/non-profits/religiously-affiliated organizations, etc.).

We are planning as if this program will be announced by the President on July 15, 1998.

Let's talk when you've taken a look at this. Thanks.

COMMUNITY-BASED YOUTH VIOLENCE PREVENTION INITIATIVE

The Department of Justice recognizes that crime and violence reduction and prevention strategies are achieved in partnership with local residents, businesses, police, courts, schools, social services and faith-based communities. Community, civic and faith-based organizations have served an integral role in instilling values and in promoting public safety in neighborhoods by reaching children, young adults and families at-risk to gangs, drugs, alcohol abuse, and domestic violence. They have had a dramatic impact through housing development, job training and drug treatment programs that seek not only to restore the health of individuals but to restore the quality of life in whole communities, as well. Community-based coalitions have developed specialized outreach programs, in partnership with law enforcement, in response to youth violence and the increasing seriousness of juvenile crime.

The Department of Justice, with its state and local partners in crime prevention, recognizes the critical ongoing role that such community-based efforts have had in developing strategies to rebuild communities and reduce crime. In Weed & Seed neighborhoods throughout the country these efforts have been especially important in the comprehensive strategic planning and in the development of values to ensure that young people are given alternatives to crime and violent behavior. Other Department of Justice initiatives that use this approach include the SafeFutures program funded through the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) and the Community Policing Youth Focused Project jointly funded through Community Oriented Policing Services and OJJDP.

The *Community-Based Youth Violence Prevention Initiative* builds on the Department of Justice's successful record of working in partnership with community, civic and faith-based organizations to effect public safety in neighborhoods and schools.

This demonstration project will support the work of community-based programs in 16 sites that are currently working with young people in Weed & Seed neighborhoods within distressed communities.

This initiative is intended to support and enhance existing youth related efforts of community-based organizations in partnership with law enforcement, schools, courts and service providers and can include, but is not limited to the following type activities:

- Gang Intervention and Outreach
- Gun Reduction
- Truancy Prevention
- Mentoring
- School Violence Prevention/Reduction
- Mental Health Counseling & Referral
- Drug & Alcohol Abuse Prevention and Intervention
- Job Training
- Educational Skills Building

Outreach to Runaway, Homeless Youth
Intervention to At-Risk Children/Youth Who Witness Domestic Violence
Outreach, Intervention & Referrals for Children/Youth Who Are Victims of
Abuse, Neglect, Sexual Assault.

Funding for each site is expected to be ^{150,000}~~75,000~~, contingent on Congressional appropriations.
The project will be administered by the Executive Office For Weed and Seed of the Office of
Justice Programs.

**Community-Based Youth Initiative Cities**

Baltimore, MD

Youth Crime Gun Interdiction City
COPS Youth Firearms Violence Initiative (strong program)
OJJDP Comprehensive Strategy

✓ Charleston, South Carolina

Chicago, IL

Youth Crime Gun Interdiction City
COPS Anti-Gang Initiative (strong program)

Detroit, MI

Youth Crime Gun Interdiction City
COPS Anti-Gang Initiative

Hempstead, Long Island

Indianapolis, IN

COPS Anti-Gang Initiative

Kansas City, MO

COPS Anti-Gang Initiative

Los Angeles, CA

Youth Crime Gun Interdiction City
COPS Anti-Gang Initiative (religious groups are partners)(strong program)

Miami, FL

Youth Crime Gun Interdiction City
COPS Anti-Gang Initiative

Philadelphia, PA

Youth Crime Gun Interdiction City

Portland, OR

Richmond, VA

Youth Crime Gun Interdiction City
COPS Youth Firearms Violence Initiative

Salinas, CA

Youth Crime Gun Interdiction City

COPS Youth Firearms Violence Initiative (strong program)

San Antonio, TX

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Youth Crime Gun Interdiction City

OJJDP Juvenile Gang Prevention, Intervention and Suppression

Seattle, WA

Youth Crime Gun Interdiction City

COPS Youth Firearms Violence Initiative

OJJDP SafeFutures

Washington, DC

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