

# Does the Measure Z budget reflect a good strategy for violence prevention?

Funding data is for July 1 2018 - June 30 2019

In 2017 there were over 19,000 homicide victims and 1.7 million emergency visits for assault-related injuries in the United States

These statistics are tragic, but not the whole story of violence

While law enforcement is necessary for public safety when violence occurs...

...it does not address the underlying causes of violence or prevent future acts of violence

Through decades of research, The Center for Disease Control exposes the connection between the poverty, too little community investment and violent behavior

Through Measure Z, the Police and Human Services Departments for the City of Oakland work in collaboration to break this connection

## Police Department

Measure Z budget \$13.7 M

The OPD supports 2 teams that focus on reducing gang-related violence, decreasing recidivism and incarceration rates and strengthening police-community relations

**Community Resource Officers (CROs)**  
Officers serve as liaisons with city service teams, lead enforcement projects, coordinate with other OPD patrol officers and attend neighborhood crime prevention meetings



**The Crime Reduction Team (CRT)**  
Officers are placed within the community to investigate and respond to violent crimes

## Human Services Department

Measure Z budget: \$9.7 M

Oakland Unite runs measure Z programs for Human Services. They manage a network of 26 community-based organizations that focus on public health and trauma-support to reduce systemic violence

**Crisis Response**  
Intervention to negotiate conflicts and reduce retaliatory violence. Negotiators rely on their community credibility and knowledge of Oakland street violence



Provides community-based responders for shooting/homicide victims and their families, immediate resources and long-term support

**Community Building**  
Assistance in building effective violence prevention programs by leveraging community knowledge of violence and leadership training



**Adult Life Coaching**  
Coaching to build positive relationships between individuals involved in gun violence and peer professionals with similar life experiences



Life coaches provide advocacy, systems navigation, family engagement, connection to resources (such as housing and mental health), and socio-emotional skill development

**Family Violence and Sexually Exploited Children Prevention**  
Intervention to aid survivors with their immediate safety needs and long-term support for maintaining health and financial stability



**Youth Education and Career Exploration services**  
Provides work opportunities after school and in the summer for youth to improve education outcomes and career readiness



**Adult Employment and Education**  
Training for high risk individuals to secure employment and improve long-term career opportunities



**Youth Life Coaching and Re-entry Services**  
Support and advocacy for youth transitioning from the Alameda County Juvenile Justice Center  
Services include rapid school placement support, health care services, and referrals to community-based life coaching

