

Appendix E: Sustainability- Financial and Legislative Literature/References

Catalog of current available funding sources:

Helpful tool: <https://everytownsupportfund.org/govgrant-navigator/>

<https://www.ncgvr.org/grants.html> The National Collaborative on Gun Violence Research will support carefully selected, rigorous research designed to broaden agreement on the facts associated with gun policy, and support development of equitable and effective policies.

<https://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/firearms/funded-research.html> The forecasted federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC's) National Center for Injury Prevention and Control (NCIPC) funding opportunities are intended to support research that aligns with several of the priorities identified in the IOM/NASEM report, including:

- Understanding the characteristics of firearm violence
- The risk and protective factors for interpersonal and self-directed firearm violence
- The effectiveness of interventions to prevent firearm violence

Summary of the CT Department of Social Services Community Violence Prevention Program (written by Katie Berdy, OTG Fellow)

To further support the efforts to address gun violence in the state of Connecticut, the Department of Social Services has established a Community Violence Prevention program that provides Medicaid-reimbursable services to victims of violent incidents. The services are provided by a violence prevention professional (VPP) who has received their certification from The Health Alliance for Violence Intervention (The HAVI) or other CT DPH-approved training and certification program. The program supports HUSKY Health members who are receiving treatment for an injury, including both medical and behavioral health treatment for a physical and/or behavioral health injury, sustained as a result of an act of community violence.

Community violence prevention services are evidence-based, trauma-informed, supportive and non-psychotherapeutic services provided by a certified VPP in any appropriate setting; such services are provided for the purpose of promoting improved health outcomes and positive behavioral change, and prevention of re-injury and revictimization. The services are tailored for each person based on the individualized service plan.

Covered services include: screening; assessment of needs; development of an individualized service plan; counseling, including counseling to address and mitigate the impact of trauma; mentorship; conflict mediation; crisis intervention; patient education; discharge planning; and care coordination to facilitate the beneficiary's access to appropriate services, including medical, behavioral health, social, and other necessary services designed to prevent further impacts of community violence, prevent future community violence, prolong life, and promote the beneficiary's physical and mental health in accordance with the individualized service plan.

The Department of Social Services has also set forth qualifications for billing provider entities including requiring they be a business entity (including a nonprofit organization) or municipality organized or registered in good standing under state law; have experience providing community violence prevention services in Connecticut for at least twelve months; maintain an affiliation with at least one trauma level I or II licensed short-term general hospital or children's hospital in Connecticut through which the provider entity is authorized to provide community violence prevention services to beneficiaries; have on staff at least one staff person who is certified as a VPP, in accordance with state law, has experience providing community violence prevention services for not less than three years, and supervises the provision of community violence prevention services by the provider entity; and ensure that community violence prevention services are performed by practitioners who meet the qualifications detailed immediately below. The agency's fee schedule rates for the program are effective as of July 1, 2022 and are published on the Connecticut Medical Assistance Program website.

At the time of this report, the agency is focused on enrolling additional providers in the program and conducting an evaluation of the program, which will be distributed in the form of a report. As of November 16, 2022, the agency has submitted a State Plan Amendment (SPA) to the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to cover these services under Medicaid. The waiver is pending final approval.