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To require the Attorney General, through the Office of Justice Programs of the Department of Justice, to establish a 5-year competitive grant program to establish pilot programs to reduce the rate of occurrence of gun-related crimes in high-crime communities.

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Mr. RUSH (for himself, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. JEFFERSON, Mr. STARK, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Mr. GRIJALVA, and Mr. PAYNE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Communities in Action
5 Neighborhood Defense and Opportunity Act of 2008” or
6 the “CAN DO Act of 2008”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 The Congress makes the following findings:

3 (1) The Department of Justice Bureau of Sta-
4 tistics reports that over 45 Americans are killed
5 daily by gun violence all across the United States.

6 (2) In 2005, gun violence killed 3,027 American
7 children and teens ages 19 and under, an average of
8 8 young people killed each day by guns in the
9 United States, a total that is the highest of any de-
10 veloped country.

11 (3) In 2005, individuals between 17 years of
12 age and 24 years of age made up 11.4 percent of
13 the population but accounted for 33.7 percent of
14 those killed by gun violence.

15 (4) In 2005, firearm homicide was the second
16 leading cause of injury death for men and women
17 between 10 years of age and 24 years of age—sec-
18 ond only to motor vehicle crashes.

19 (5) In 2005, firearm homicide was the leading
20 cause of death for black males between 15 years of
21 age and 34 years of age.

22 (6) A study of all direct and indirect costs of
23 gun violence including medical, lost wages, and secu-
24 rity costs estimates that gun violence costs the Na-
25 tion \$100 billion per year.

1 (7) The average total cost of one gun crime can
2 be as high as \$1.79 million, including medical treat-
3 ment and the prosecution and imprisonment of the
4 shooter, and at least 80 percent of the economic
5 costs of treating firearm injuries are paid for by tax-
6 payer dollars.

7 (8) In 1995, Boston’s Operation Ceasefire,
8 which entailed a problem-oriented policing approach,
9 and focused on specific crime hot spots, was estab-
10 lished as a strategy for stemming the epidemic of
11 youth gun violence in Boston, and within two years
12 the number of youth homicides dropped from 73 to
13 ten, with only one handgun-related youth homicide
14 occurring in 1999 and 2000.

15 (9) Programs targeted at entire communities,
16 such as community revitalization, after-school pro-
17 grams, and media campaigns, have been proven to
18 be more effective in reducing the general level of vio-
19 lence that children are exposed to.

20 (10) Sociologist James D. Wright suggests that
21 to convince inner-city youths not to carry guns “re-
22 quires convincing them that they can survive in their
23 neighborhood without being armed, that they can
24 come and go in peace, that being unarmed will not
25 cause them to be victimized, intimidated, or slain”.

1 **SEC. 3. ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMUNITIES IN ACTION**
2 **GRANT PROGRAM.**

3 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Attorney General, through
4 the Office of Justice Programs of the Department of Jus-
5 tice, shall establish a 5-year competitive grant program
6 (in this Act referred to as the “Grant Program”) under
7 which the Attorney General may provide grants to six
8 communities, through State attorney generals of the
9 States involved, to establish and maintain, in accordance
10 with the provisions of this Act, pilot programs for CAN
11 DO Centers (described in section 4(a)) in such commu-
12 nities to establish, administer, and coordinate each of the
13 following:

14 (1) The CAN DO Safer Streets Strategy Group
15 Program and Guns off Our Streets Program under
16 section 5.

17 (2) The CAN DO Operation Community Patrol
18 Program under section 6.

19 (3) The CAN DO Street Mentoring Program
20 under section 7.

21 (4) The CAN DO Services Providers Network
22 under section 8.

23 (b) **ELIGIBILITY.**—To be eligible to receive a grant
24 under subsection (a)—

25 (1) a community must be a community that has
26 a population within a population size specified by

1 the Attorney General and that has an average rate
2 of gun homicides that is more than the average na-
3 tional rate of gun homicides; and

4 (2) the executive officer of a community shall
5 submit to the Attorney General, through the State
6 attorney general of the State involved, an application
7 at such time and in such manner as specified by the
8 Attorney General, and containing at least—

9 (A) a proposal for establishing and main-
10 taining a CAN DO Center under section 4(a)
11 and each of the programs described in para-
12 graphs (1) through (4) of subsection (a), that
13 will demonstrate—

14 (i) the capacity of the community to
15 establish and maintain a CAN DO Pro-
16 gram Board described in section 4(c) and
17 the commitment of all of the members de-
18 scribed in such section to participate on
19 such board;

20 (ii) the capacity of the community to
21 provide for each of the programs described
22 in such paragraphs; and

23 (iii) the location site for each of such
24 programs; and

1 (B) assurances that for each year the com-
2 munity receives the grant the executive officer
3 will submit to the Attorney General, through
4 the State attorney general of the State involved,
5 a report describing the activities for which the
6 grant funds for such year were used.

7 (c) ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—A grant awarded under sub-
9 section (a) shall be awarded to a community through
10 the State attorney general of the State in which the
11 community is located and shall be administered to
12 such community by such State attorney general.

13 (2) PILOT PROGRAM SITES.—Grants under sub-
14 section (a) shall be awarded to six communities, 4
15 of which shall be urban communities and 2 of which
16 shall be suburban or rural communities, as selected
17 by the Attorney General.

18 (3) AMOUNT OF GRANTS.—The amount of a
19 grant awarded to a community under subsection (a)
20 shall be for each year of the grant—

21 (A) in the case of an urban community,
22 \$2,000,000; and

23 (B) in the case of a suburban or rural
24 community, \$1,000,000.

25 (4) DURATION.—

1 (A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subpara-
2 graph (B), a grant awarded to a community
3 under subsection (a) shall be for five years.

4 (B) CONDITION FOR RECEIPT OF ANNUAL
5 FUNDS.—If, based on a report described in sub-
6 section (c)(2)(B) submitted by a community for
7 a year, the Attorney General determines that
8 the community is not in compliance with the
9 terms of the grant or the proposal submitted by
10 such community under subsection (c) the com-
11 munity shall not be eligible for a payment
12 under the grant for any subsequent year of the
13 Grant Program.

14 **SEC. 4. CAN DO CENTERS.**

15 (a) IN GENERAL.—Each community that receives a
16 grant under subsection (a) shall establish and maintain
17 a CAN DO Center to establish, administer, and coordinate
18 each of the programs described in section 3(a) and
19 through which information about and access or referral
20 to such programs may be obtained.

21 (b) ADMINISTRATOR.—Each CAN DO Center shall
22 be administered by an administrator (in this Act referred
23 to as the “Administrator”) to be selected by the executive
24 officer of the community involved. Such Administrator
25 shall oversee the operations of the Center and the pro-

1 grams established, administered, and coordinated by the
2 Center.

3 (c) CAN DO PROGRAM BOARD.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—Each CAN DO Center shall
5 have a CAN DO Program Board to consult and ad-
6 vise the Administrator and executive officer of the
7 community involved, with respect to the programs
8 established, administered, and coordinated by the
9 Center.

10 (2) MEMBERS.—Each CAN DO Program
11 Board, with respect to a community, shall be com-
12 posed of members as follows:

13 (A) INITIAL MEMBERS.—Initial members
14 of the Board shall be appointed and selected as
15 follows:

16 (i) Ten members shall be appointed as
17 follows:

18 (I) 1 shall be a representative of
19 the executive officer's office;

20 (II) 1 shall be a representative of
21 the local court;

22 (III) 1 shall be a representative
23 of the local prosecutor's office;

24 (IV) 1 shall be a representative
25 of the local public defender's office;

1 (V) 1 shall be a representative of
2 the office of the executive officer of
3 the community;

4 (VI) 1 shall be a representative
5 of a local educational agency;

6 (VII) 1 shall be a representative
7 of a local mental health agency;

8 (VIII) 1 shall be a representative
9 of the local law enforcement agency;

10 (IX) 1 shall be a representative
11 of a local job training agency; and

12 (X) 1 shall be a representative of
13 the regional office of the Department
14 of Health and Human Services;

15 (ii) Seven members shall be selected
16 by the community in accordance with a
17 process specified by the executive officer of
18 the community, of whom—

19 (I) 1 shall be a local parent;

20 (II) 1 shall be a local student;

21 (III) 1 shall be a representative
22 of the local faith-based community or
23 clergy;

24 (IV) 1 shall be a representative
25 from a local business; and

1 (V) 3 shall be representatives
2 from a community-based nonprofit or-
3 ganization that works with at-risk
4 youth in areas of education, life skills,
5 job readiness, management, coun-
6 seling, or any other related area.

7 (B) ADDITIONAL MEMBERS.—The initial
8 members of the Board appointed and selected
9 under subparagraph (A) may by the affirmative
10 vote of two-thirds of such members select addi-
11 tional members to be included on the Board.

12 (3) MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT.—Each
13 Community in Action Advisory Board shall establish
14 a memorandum of agreement, which must be signed
15 by each member of the Board before participating
16 on such Board, that provides for the duties of each
17 member with respect to establishing, administering
18 and coordinating the programs described in section
19 3(a) and the timeframes involved in establishing, ad-
20 ministering, and coordinating such programs.

21 (4) TERMS.—

22 (A) IN GENERAL.—The terms of members
23 of each Community in Action Advisory Board
24 shall be 1 year, except as provided in subpara-

1 graph (B). There shall be no limit for the num-
2 ber of terms that such a member may serve.

3 (B) VACANCIES.—Any member appointed
4 to fill a vacancy occurring before the expiration
5 of the term for which the predecessor of the
6 member was appointed shall be appointed only
7 for the remainder of that term. A member may
8 serve after the expiration of that member’s
9 term until a successor has been appointed or se-
10 lected. A vacancy in the Commission shall be
11 filled in the manner in which the original ap-
12 pointment or selection was made.

13 (5) MEETINGS.—Each Community in Action
14 Advisory Board shall meet at least once every three
15 months.

16 **SEC. 5. CAN DO SAFER STREETS STRATEGY GROUP PRO-**
17 **GRAM.**

18 (a) STRATEGY GROUP.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—Each community that re-
20 ceives a grant under section 3(a) shall establish a
21 CAN DO Safer Streets Strategy Group (in this Act
22 to be known as the “Strategy Group” to develop a
23 coordinated community-wide intervention strategy,
24 through the coordination and knowledge of the com-
25 munity’s law enforcement and criminal justice agen-

1 cies, to deter firearm violence and homicides, includ-
2 ing such crimes committed by youth, in the commu-
3 nity.

4 (2) MEMBERS.—Each Strategy Group, with re-
5 spect to a community, shall consist of the following
6 members:

7 (A) At least one representative of the local
8 police anti-gang unit or similar local police unit.

9 (B) At least one representative from the
10 United States Attorney’s office involved.

11 (C) At least one representative from the
12 State probation office and the State parole of-
13 fice involved or similar office for such State.

14 (D) At least one representative of the
15 United States Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco,
16 Firearms and Explosives.

17 (E) At least one representative of the
18 United States Drug Enforcement Administra-
19 tion.

20 (F) At least one representative of the Fed-
21 eral Bureau of Investigation.

22 (G) At least one representative of the De-
23 partment of Youth Services of the Department
24 of Health and Human Services.

1 (H) If applicable, at least one representa-
2 tive of the county district attorney's office.

3 (I) At least one representative of the Com-
4 munities in Action Street Mentoring Program
5 under section 7.

6 (J) At least one representative of the local
7 clergy.

8 (K) Representatives of any other applicable
9 community-based organization.

10 (3) SPECIFIC DUTIES.—Each Strategy Group,
11 with respect to a community, shall have the fol-
12 lowing duties:

13 (A) TRACKING GANG ACTIVITY.—The
14 Strategy Group shall geographically map the
15 areas of the community with the highest rates
16 of gun homicides and gather and coordinate in-
17 formation on the sizes of gangs in the commu-
18 nity, the areas of the community affected by the
19 activities of such gangs, and any alliances or
20 conflicts between gangs in the community.

21 (B) INFORMATION ON HIGH RISK INDIVID-
22 UALS.—The Strategy Group shall collect and
23 maintain information on individuals identified
24 by law enforcement officials as being involved in
25 multiple gun homicides and violent crimes, in-

1 including information on probation, parole, war-
2 rants, criminal violations committed, arrests,
3 and other information related to the criminal
4 history of such individuals.

5 (C) DETERRENCE MEETINGS.—The Strat-
6 egy Group shall meet with the following individ-
7 uals to communicate with such individuals that
8 the community has a zero tolerance policy for
9 homicides:

10 (i) Individuals identified under sub-
11 paragraph (B).

12 (ii) At-risk youth (as defined in sec-
13 tion 6(b)), through group and individual
14 meetings in schools, homes of such youth,
15 neighborhoods of such youth, courthouses,
16 and other appropriate locations.

17 (iii) Teens and youth who are on pro-
18 bation.

19 (D) ORDER MAINTENANCE AND ENFORCE-
20 MENT TACTICS.—In the case of any gun homi-
21 cide that occurs in the community, the Strategy
22 Group shall provide for, through working and
23 consultation with the appropriate law enforce-
24 ment agencies, intensive order maintenance and
25 enforcement tactics to quickly suppress poten-

1 tial resulting firearm violence in emerging vio-
2 lent hotspots in the community, as identified by
3 the Strategy Group. Such tactics may include
4 targeting individuals identified under subpara-
5 graph (B) in the community with aggressive en-
6 forcement of penalties for motor vehicle viola-
7 tions, outstanding arrests, public drinking and
8 disorderly conduct, loitering, probation and pa-
9 role violations, breaking curfew, child support
10 arrears, and other criminal violations.

11 (E) ADDITIONAL SERVICES.—The Strategy
12 Group shall inform individuals in the commu-
13 nity about services provided by the community,
14 specifically services provided or coordinated by
15 the Communities in Action Center of the com-
16 munity, including job training and placement
17 services, drug treatment services, tutoring serv-
18 ices for General Education Development (GED)
19 testing, psychological and mental health serv-
20 ices, and conflict mediation and resolution serv-
21 ices.

22 (F) GUNS OFF OUR STREETS PROGRAM.—
23 The Strategy Group shall oversee the Guns off
24 Our Streets Program under subsection (b) for
25 the community and shall—

1 (i) flag for investigation each firearms
2 trace conducted under such program that
3 shows guns used or found in high-risk
4 neighborhoods of the community, as identi-
5 fied by the Strategy Group, and guns that
6 are associated with gang members in the
7 community; and

8 (ii) establish and maintain a database
9 or other data collection that compares
10 trace data determined through the pro-
11 gram, as described in subsection (b)(2),
12 and data on individuals collected or main-
13 tained by the Strategy Group under sub-
14 paragraph (B) on individuals described in
15 such subparagraph.

16 (b) GUNS OFF OUR STREETS PROGRAM.—Each com-
17 munity that receives a grant under section 3(a) shall pro-
18 vide for a Guns off Our Streets Program under which—

19 (1) the local law enforcement agencies work to-
20 gether with the district attorney’s office involved
21 and, as appropriate, in consultation with the United
22 States Attorney’s office involved and the Bureau of
23 Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, to in-
24 vestigate firearm trafficking in the community and

1 crime committed by repeat criminal offenders in the
2 community;

3 (2) the local law enforcement agencies shall
4 submit to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms,
5 and Explosives information necessary for the Bureau
6 to trace through the Bureau's National Tracing
7 Center each gun recovered by such agencies to dis-
8 cover sources of illegal weapons and firearms-traf-
9 ficking patterns in the community and the Bureau
10 shall conduct such traces;

11 (3) the local law enforcement agencies and the
12 Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explo-
13 sives will work in collaboration to ensure all Federal
14 firearms licenses issued in the community are in
15 compliance with Federal laws; and

16 (4) the local law enforcement agencies shall at-
17 tempt to gather information on the firearms market
18 from criminal offenders in the community.

19 (c) DOJ ASSISTANCE.—Upon request of the Strategy
20 Group, the Attorney General may detail, on a reimburs-
21 able basis, the appropriate personnel of the Department
22 of Justice to the Strategy Group to assist it in carrying
23 out its duties under this section.

1 **SEC. 6. CAN DO OPERATION COMMUNITY PATROL PRO-**
2 **GRAM.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Each community that receives a
4 grant under section 3(a) shall establish and carry out a
5 CAN DO Operation Community Patrol Program (in this
6 section referred to as the “Community Patrol Program”),
7 under which probation officers of the District Court in-
8 volved shall jointly work with law enforcement officers
9 from the anti-gang violence unit of the local law enforce-
10 ment agency involved (or similar unit) to identify and
11 monitor gang members and other at-risk youth in the com-
12 munity and to carry out the following activities, with re-
13 spect to such members and youth:

14 (1) PATROL ORGANIZATION STRATEGY.—Such
15 individuals and entities shall develop and carry out
16 a patrol organization strategy, including the assign-
17 ment of local law enforcement officers of the com-
18 munity to specific areas of the community to become
19 familiar with such area, criminal activity involved in
20 such area, and develop approaches to reduce violent
21 crime in such area in cooperation with residents of
22 the area.

23 (2) AT-RISK YOUTH VISITS.—Probation officers
24 shall select gang members and at-risk youth for such
25 officers to visit, based on whether or not such mem-
26 ber or youth has defaulted on the terms of the mem-

1 ber or youth's probation or parole, and shall visit
2 such members and youth on a rotational basis.

3 (3) UNANNOUNCED VISITS.—Probation officers
4 and local law enforcement officers shall make unan-
5 nounced visits to homes, schools, and workplaces of
6 gang members and other at-risk youth to ensure
7 that such youths are complying with the terms of
8 their probation or parole, including curfews, geo-
9 graphical restrictions, and restricted associations, as
10 applicable.

11 (4) ENFORCEMENT OF PROBATION AND PAROLE
12 TERMS.—Such officers shall enforce all terms of the
13 probation or parole of each identified gang member
14 and other at-risk youth.

15 (5) COMMUNITY OUTREACH TRAINING.—A rep-
16 resentative from the National Organization of Black
17 Law Enforcement Executives (or similar certified
18 entity) shall train such officers in community out-
19 reach and appropriate sensitivity training in order to
20 enhance cooperation and collaboration between such
21 officers and the community.

22 (6) COMMUNITY OUTREACH.—Such officers
23 shall conduct outreach to residents of the community
24 to identify and address neighborhood concerns. To
25 further such purposes, such officers shall attempt to

1 meet with members of the community in a
2 nonconfrontational, courteous, and professional man-
3 ner in accordance with community law enforcement
4 roles, to establish good relations with members of
5 the community.

6 (7) INFORMATION ABOUT SERVICES AVAIL-
7 ABILITY.—Such officers shall inform members of the
8 community of the services coordinated by or pro-
9 vided for by the Communities in Action Center of
10 the community that are available to gang members
11 and other at-risk youth and their families, including
12 substance abuse prevention and treatment services,
13 mental health and psychological counseling services,
14 job training services, and educational and rec-
15 reational opportunities.

16 (b) AT-RISK YOUTH DEFINED.—For purposes of this
17 Act, the term “at-risk youth” means teens and other
18 youth who are exposed to high levels of crime, sex, drug
19 abuse, gangs, or other risky behavior in daily reactions
20 with their family, their school, or communities in high
21 crime areas.

22 **SEC. 7. CAN DO STREET MENTORING PROGRAM.**

23 (a) IN GENERAL.—Each community that receives a
24 grant under section 3(a) shall establish and maintain a
25 CAN DO Street Mentoring Program (referred to in this

1 section as the “Street Mentoring Program”) under which
2 members of the community shall serve as street mentors
3 who act as liaisons between the law enforcement agencies
4 of the community and other appropriate entities and the
5 members of the community who are gang members or
6 other at-risk youth (as defined in section 6(b)), in accord-
7 ance with this section.

8 (b) LOCATION AND AVAILABILITY OF STREET MEN-
9 TORING PROGRAM SERVICES.—Services provided through
10 the Street Mentoring Program of a community shall be
11 carried out at a Street Mentoring Program center that
12 is centrally located in the community. Such services may
13 also be made available through schools, churches, commu-
14 nity agencies, local colleges and universities. Services pro-
15 vided at such center shall be provided in such a manner
16 that staff members will be available 24 hours a day to
17 conduct gang and youth outreach.

18 (c) STREET MENTORS.—

19 (1) ELIGIBILITY.—Street mentors shall be
20 members of the community involved who are at least
21 18 years of age and not more than 55 years of age.

22 (2) DUTIES.—Street mentors, with respect to a
23 community, shall perform the following duties:

24 (A) Work closely with gang members in
25 the community to mediate disputes and gang

1 truces in schools and throughout the commu-
2 nity.

3 (B) Assist gang members and their fami-
4 lies to gain access to social services available in
5 the community, especially such services made
6 available by the Communities in Action Center
7 of the community.

8 (C) Be assigned to active street mentoring
9 cases.

10 (D) Work closely with the local law en-
11 forcement agencies, probation agencies, clergy,
12 courts, schools, and health and mental health
13 agencies and providers.

14 (E) Provide a critical non-traditional com-
15 munity outreach approach to help reduce crime.

16 (F) Invite gang members in the community
17 to meetings described in section 5(a)(3) with
18 Federal, State, and local law enforcement agen-
19 cies.

20 (G) Inform gang members in the commu-
21 nity of the consequences of continued violence.

22 (H) Refer at-risk youth and their families
23 to the CAN DO Center established under sec-
24 tion 4(a), or directly to the appropriate service
25 administered by such center, as appropriate, to

1 receive information about and access to drug
2 prevention and treatment services, mental
3 health and psychological services, job training
4 and employment services, and educational and
5 recreational opportunities provided by the CAN
6 DO Services Providers Network under section
7 8.

8 (I) Provide training for the Strategy
9 Group under section 5 on ways to develop effec-
10 tive relationships with at-risk youth and gangs.

11 **SEC. 8. CAN DO SERVICES PROVIDERS NETWORK.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—Each community that receives a
13 grant under section 3(a) shall establish and maintain a
14 CAN DO Services Providers Network (in this section re-
15 ferred to as the “Providers Network” that provides the
16 community with the mental health services network under
17 subsection (b), the summer of opportunity job training
18 and placement program under subsection (c), and the edu-
19 cational and recreational alternatives to violence program
20 under subsection (d). The central location for information
21 about access to services and programs provided for by the
22 Providers Network shall be the CAN DO Center for the
23 community established under section 4(a).

24 (b) MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES NETWORK.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—The mental health services
2 network under this subsection is a comprehensive
3 network of mental health prevention and interven-
4 tion services and family support services to improve
5 and expand the access of gang members and other
6 at-risk youth (as defined in section 6(b)) and the
7 families of such members and youth who reside in
8 the community to such services, which shall include
9 the services and programs described in paragraph
10 (2). The CAN DO Program Board of the commu-
11 nity, established under section 4(c), shall enter into
12 agreements with local educational agencies, insti-
13 tutes of higher education, community-based centers,
14 State agencies, faith-based organizations, and pri-
15 vate nonprofit mental health, mentoring, and psy-
16 chological counseling agencies, as appropriate, to co-
17 ordinate and provide such services and programs.

18 (2) SERVICES AND PROGRAMS.—The services
19 and programs described in this paragraph, with re-
20 spect to a community, include the following:

21 (A) Community outreach and education to
22 inform the community about the availability of
23 services and activities under this subsection.

24 (B) Training and professional development
25 services for law enforcement personnel, edu-

1 cational personnel, and other appropriate per-
2 sonnel who work with at-risk youth.

3 (C) Family and community programs to
4 prevent and reduce the participation of juve-
5 niles in gangs.

6 (D) Treatment programs for gang mem-
7 bers and other at-risk youth who are victims of
8 child abuse or neglect and for the families of
9 such youth.

10 (E) Mentoring programs for gang mem-
11 bers and other at-risk youth.

12 (F) Mental health services that are avail-
13 able 24-hours a day and 7 days a week to gang
14 members and at-risk youth in the community.

15 (G) Community outreach and education
16 about the programs available under the CAN
17 DO Services Providers Network for gang mem-
18 bers and other at-risk youth and their families.

19 (H) Family-based, school-based, and com-
20 munity-based anti-violence and anti-drug pro-
21 grams to educate youth and their families about
22 the dangers of violence and drugs.

23 (I) Drug treatment programs and dem-
24 onstrations programs to reduce the use of alco-
25 hol and other drugs.

1 (J) Partnerships between the CAN DO
2 Program Board and local educational agencies
3 to improve school-based mental health pro-
4 motion, prevention, and intervention services
5 and to hire student service providers as needed,
6 including school counselors, school psycholo-
7 gists, or other qualified psychologists, child or
8 adolescent psychiatrists, and school social work-
9 ers insofar as such additional personnel are to
10 support the goal of increasing the availability of
11 mental health services in the school involved.

12 (K) A peer support counseling program.

13 (L) Partnerships between a State, county,
14 or local mental health authority and one or
15 more local public or private entities to provide
16 violence-prevention education, mentoring, coun-
17 seling, and mental health services to gang mem-
18 bers and other at-risk youth in the community.

19 (M) Community-based efforts to coordinate
20 educational, developmental, family, health, and
21 other comprehensive services through commu-
22 nity-based organizations and public and private
23 partnerships.

24 (N) Partnerships between the CAN DO
25 Program Board and psychology departments

1 that can provide promotion, prevention, and
2 intervention services related to the reduction of
3 community gun violence, including through doc-
4 toral training programs.

5 (3) FUNDING.—Of the amount provided under
6 section 3(d)(2) to a community for a year, at least
7 \$500,000 for such year shall be used for purposes
8 of carrying out this subsection.

9 (c) SUMMER OF OPPORTUNITY JOB TRAINING AND
10 PLACEMENT PROGRAM.—The summer of opportunity job
11 training and placement program under this subsection is
12 a program, with respect to a community that receives a
13 grant under section 3(a), under which the CAN DO Pro-
14 gram Board of the community, established under section
15 4(c) shall—

16 (1) implement a program that will be available
17 to youth in the community any time after school, on
18 the weekend, or during the summer, which will pay
19 such youth stipends in exchange for working in com-
20 munity-based jobs to improve the community as an
21 alternative to participating in gang activities, drug
22 activities, and violence;

23 (2) create a community office of public works
24 and jobs in partnership, as appropriate, with faith-
25 based organizations, schools, local businesses and

1 corporations, neighborhood programs, local colleges
2 and universities, and other community-based organi-
3 zations in order to assist individuals in the commu-
4 nity to find community-based employment or entry
5 level jobs, including jobs in tutoring, mentoring, jobs
6 in renewal energy, neighborhood beautification, com-
7 munity gardening, tree planting, cleaning vacant
8 properties and lots, community service, construction,
9 entry level local government jobs, typing, filing, an-
10 swering telephones, and data entry;

11 (3) enter into agreements with local businesses
12 and corporations to offer job training, internships,
13 apprenticeships, and employment opportunities to in-
14 dividuals in the community; and

15 (4) enter into agreements with State and local
16 agencies, faith-based organizations, community-
17 based agencies, schools, and local colleges to offer
18 offender reintegration projects and employment pro-
19 grams for gang members and other at-risk youth to
20 reduce recidivism and promote long-term employ-
21 ability.

22 (d) EDUCATIONAL AND RECREATIONAL ALTER-
23 NATIVES TO VIOLENCE PROGRAM.—The educational and
24 recreational alternatives to violence program under this
25 subsection, with respect to a community that receives a

1 grant under section 3(a), is a program that provides year-
2 round after-school and weekend educational and rec-
3 reational activities, either at or through the CAN DO Cen-
4 ter for the community established under section 4(a), for
5 youth in the community through partnerships with local
6 government agencies, churches and faith-based organiza-
7 tions, schools, local colleges and universities, museums,
8 galleries, and community-based organizations, as applica-
9 ble. Such educational and recreational services shall in-
10 clude as many of the following, as practicable, for mem-
11 bers of the community:

- 12 (1) Parenting education classes.
- 13 (2) Mentoring and tutoring programs.
- 14 (3) General Education Development (GED)
15 testing tutoring programs.
- 16 (4) Computer rooms to provide access to com-
17 puters for members of the community.
- 18 (5) College counseling and tours.
- 19 (6) Organized youth sports leagues.
- 20 (7) Martial arts and self defense classes.
- 21 (8) Nutrition programs.
- 22 (9) Music and dance classes.
- 23 (10) Art and theater programs.

1 (11) Field trips to local businesses and corpora-
2 tions, museums, galleries, and other recreational lo-
3 cations.

4 **SEC. 9. EVALUATION AND REPORT.**

5 Not later than 60 days after the last day of the 5-
6 year grant program established under section 3(a), the At-
7 torney General shall submit to Congress a report on the
8 grant program that includes an evaluation of the effective-
9 ness of each of the pilot programs conducted under such
10 grant program in reducing gun violence in the community
11 and recommendations for improving the program and
12 whether or not to continue or expand the program. Such
13 report shall include, for each community that received a
14 grant under the grant program, a comparison of the aver-
15 age rate of occurrence of gun homicides for such commu-
16 nity during the 5-year period immediately before the re-
17 ceipt of such grant and the average rate of such occur-
18 rence for such community during the 5-year period of the
19 grant program.

20 **SEC. 10. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

21 There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out
22 this Act \$10,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2009
23 through 2013.

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