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Black and Brown Gun Violence Prevention Leaders, Experts Welcome Biden-Harris Gun Violence Reduction Agenda, Call for Continued Investments

*Members of the Fund Peace campaign praise historic \$5B commitment to
community violence initiatives*

WASHINGTON—Historic investments in and support of community-based violence prevention initiatives will save lives in communities experiencing the brunt of the gun violence epidemic, according to a coalition of the nation's leading Black and Brown gun violence prevention organizations, experts, and community leaders.

Today's actions in response to this crisis by the Biden-Harris Administration follow a White House commitment, secured by the [Fund Peace Campaign](#), of \$5 billion toward community-led gun violence prevention initiatives as a part of the American Jobs Plan.

Praising the decades of advocacy and work by frontline workers, organizers, advocates, and champions that led to White House action, the Fund Peace Campaign called on the House and Senate to act with the same urgency as the administration by including the proposed \$5 billion investment for community violence initiatives in the American Jobs Plan as it moves through Congress.

Across the country, local leaders have implemented community-focused, evidence-based strategies including violence intervention outreach, hospital-based intervention programs, and therapeutic programs that support those most traumatized by gun violence. When adequately funded and supported, these strategies produce significant reductions in gun violence in the most vulnerable communities.

Quotes from Fund Peace Campaign Organizational Leaders Following Today's White House Announcement:

- **Fatimah Loren Dreier**, Executive Director, [The Health Alliance for Violence Intervention](#): "Gun violence is a public health crisis that has ravaged Black and Brown communities for generations. This funding will allow cities to finally bring to scale the comprehensive, evidence-informed strategies that disrupt cycles of violence by addressing its root causes. We are grateful to the Biden administration for taking historic action to invest in these comprehensive strategies, which have the power to heal communities that have been traumatized not only by daily gun violence but also by decades of economic divestment and structural racism."

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- **Greg Jackson Jr.**, National Advocacy Director, [*Community Justice Action Fund*](#): "Every year over 100,000 people are directly impacted by gun violence, and this crisis costs our country over \$280 billion a year. The comprehensive strategy starts with investing in the communities most hit and funding proven strategies that will save lives. America has paid for death too long, and we are proud to see the Biden administration commit to investing in life on this historic day."
- **Dr. Antonio Cediell**, Urban Strategies Campaign Manager, [*LIVE FREE*](#): "There are proven strategies for dramatically reducing gun violence in our cities. Deciding whether or not we will fund those strategies is a key moral question for our country. We are very encouraged by the White House's proposal to include \$5B for violence prevention in their infrastructure plan and hope that Congress will join this effort to fund peace during this time of so much human suffering."
- **Oresa Napper-Williams**, Founder, [*Not Another Child*](#): "Gun violence has continued to escalate in urban communities. Allocating \$5B directly to grassroots, organic organizations will help to expand the work of front-line workers and survivors. My son Andrell, who was innocently murdered, is smiling."

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