

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

### **US Department of Justice: NIJ FY 23 Community-Based Intervention and Prevention Initiative (CVIPI) Research, Evaluation, and Associated Training & Technical Assistance Support**

New Haven Department of Community Resilience

May 4, 2023

Funding request: up to \$2,000,000.00 for five years

The New Haven Department of Community Resilience, in partnership with the University of New Haven, seeks funding from the National Institute of Justice to evaluate the outcome and impact of the City's community violence intervention and prevention initiative projects with community partners.

Funds will be used to:

- Support the deployment of appropriate methodologies to capture and analyze data related to services provided to individuals targeted by violence prevention and intervention programs, including both individual and community level outcomes relevant to the goals set forth by the City's Office of Violence Prevention and its community partners.
- Execute data collection and analysis to best assess the efficacy of these effort and to identify and rectify gaps in services or other issues.

Community violence intervention (CVI) is an approach that uses evidence-informed strategies to reduce violence through tailored, community-centered initiatives. These multidisciplinary strategies engage individuals and groups to prevent and disrupt cycles of violence and retaliation and establish relationships between individuals and community assets to deliver services that save lives, address trauma, provide opportunity, and improve the physical, social, and economic conditions that drive violence. To evaluate the way in which we do this work and to identify if, how, and to what degree we we achieve these aims is critical to continuing our efforts to improve the health and well-being of our residents.