



Public Safety Redefined

**HELPING JURISDICTIONS CREATE
SAFE, HEALTHY, AND HOPEFUL COMMUNITIES**





OUR MISSION

Supporting a national network of mayors and other local leaders who are committed to building comprehensive public safety ecosystems designed to reduce community violence and its impact on young Black men and boys, while also creating new pathways for them to thrive.



Cities United believes it takes a systems-wide approach to achieve true public safety. We support jurisdictions in developing and implementing a *comprehensive public safety strategy* that involves leveraging the political will of elected and appointed officials, and the public will of community-based organizations and leaders, and young leaders. Together, we're interrupting the cycle of violence, dismantling systems of inequity, and supporting cities and counties as they invest in new infrastructures that creates real opportunities that allow young Black men and boys and the communities they live in to be safe, healthy, and hopeful.

COMPREHENSIVE ECOSYSTEM

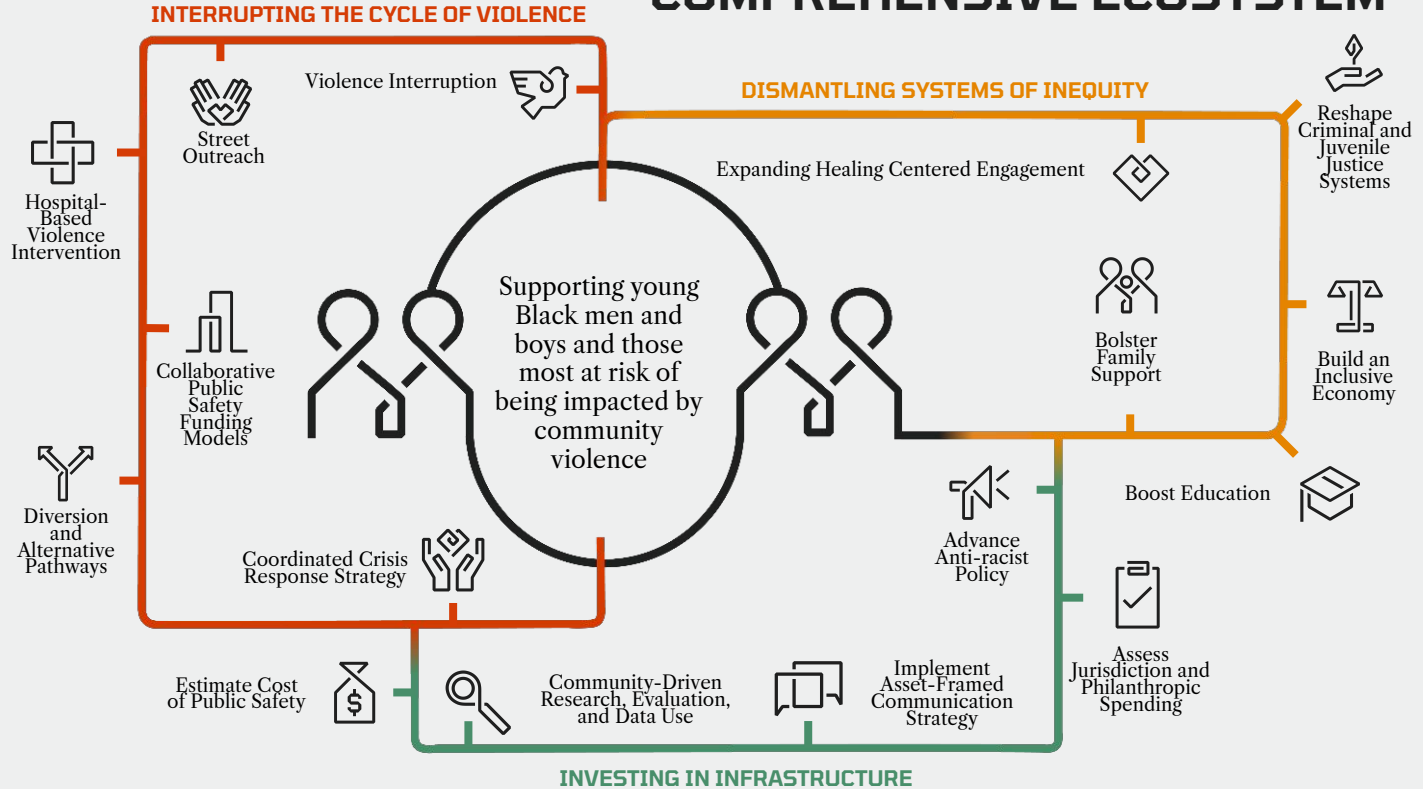
FULLY IMPLEMENTED STRATEGY



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PUBLIC SAFETY REDEFINED

Interrupting the cycle of violence
Dismantling systems of inequity
Investing in infrastructure



TRADITIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY FIRST RESPONDERS



Law Enforcement, Firefighters, Emergency Medical Service Personnel, Public Safety Telecommunicators, and more



THE CHALLENGE WE FACE

WHAT IS A COMPREHENSIVE PUBLIC SAFETY PLAN?

A comprehensive public safety plan is a **written document**, that includes the long-term vision for those most impacted by community violence, along with **goals** and **action steps** to achieve that vision.

It has **publicly identified goal owners**, timelines to achieve each goal and an **accountability structure**.

It is the **developed in partnership with** key partners from community, government, philanthropy, business, and most importantly **those who have been most impacted**.

At Cities United, we work with communities to **build this plan into a strategy**, a strategy that informs the ecosystem.



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WHAT IS A COMPREHENSIVE PUBLIC SAFETY PLAN?

It is...

- A living document that **adapts** to what is happening in community.
- **Informed** by data
- The guide to collective work that is **accessible** to the whole community
- A blueprint that creates structures for how we hold ourselves **accountable**.
- Used to help inform our budget conversations
- How we **define public safety**
- **Focused** on those most at risk of being impacted by community violence





Roadmap to safe, healthy, hopeful communities

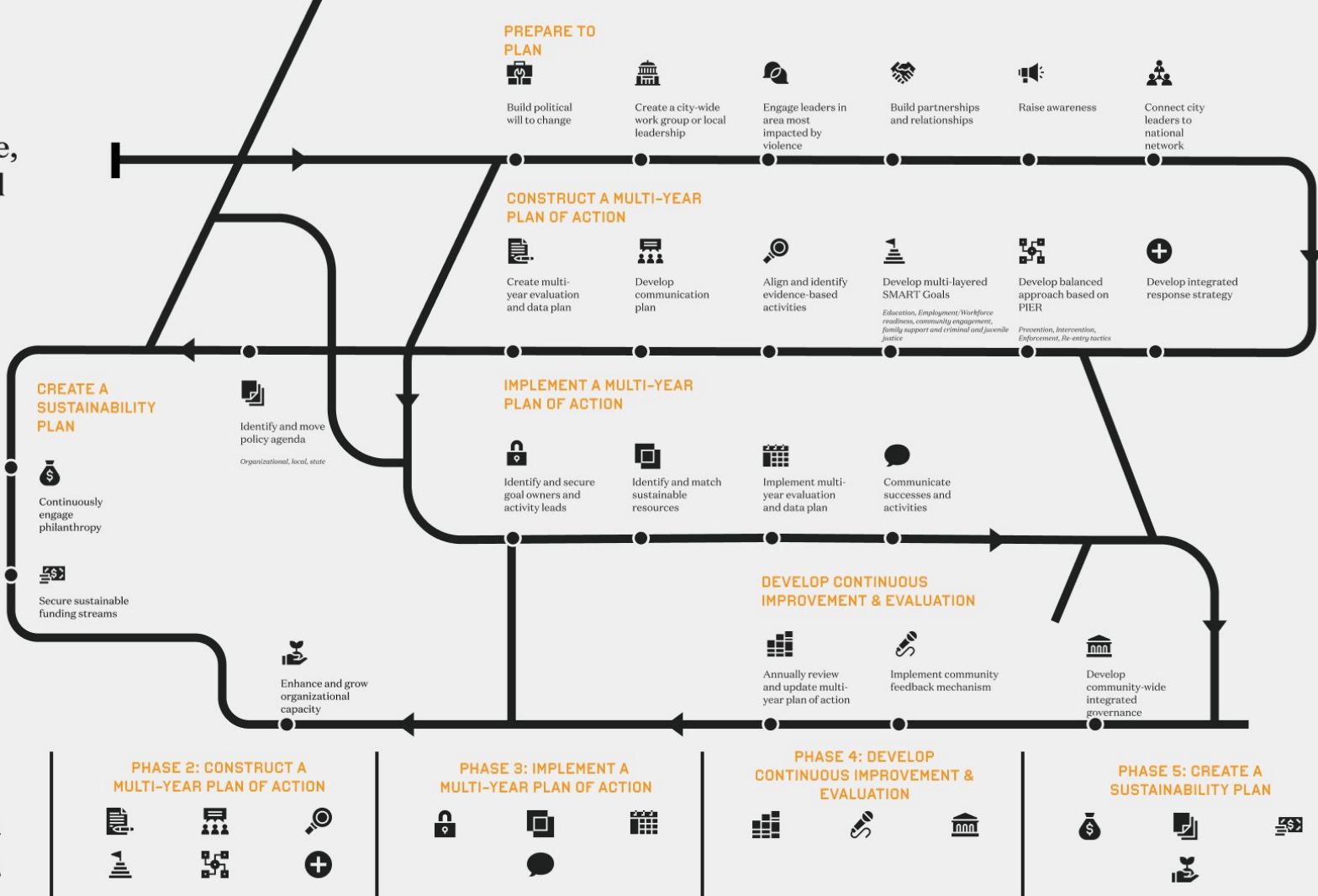
CITY ASSESSING

PEER NETWORK BUILDING

ACTION PLANNING PROCESS

NATIONAL MOVEMENT BUILDING

ONGOING SUPPORT



WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE TO HAVE A FULLY IMPLEMENTED STRATEGY

Cities that are currently implementing and evaluating a Comprehensive Public Safety Strategy. These cities have a defined strategy, a multi-year action plan, diversified or sustained budget and performance accountability.



Political will from
Mayors, elected,
and appointed
officials



Fully
integrated
Young leaders



An office of
neighborhood
focused on
community safety



Clear
messaging and
communications
strategy



Enhanced CVI
ecosystem



Cross Sector
Collaboration



Working together
to build *safe, healthy,
hopeful* communities

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