

## **SMART Analysis**

Proposed ARPA Program or Project:	Save Our Community - Cities United
Program or Project Description:	Develop and Implement Comprehensive Public Safety and Violence Reduction Plan
Proposed Amount:	\$ 180,000

SMART Analysis Element	Program or Project Analysis and Explanation
Sustainable	The Save Our Community program is focused on three pillars - interrupting violence, identifying high risk individuals, and changing norms. As part of this program in the Toledo Recovery Plan, the city will contract with the Cities United organization to help the city develop and implement a comprehensive public safety and violence reduction plan. The Cities United approach uses evidence-backed solutions to help cities develop sustainable plans for interrupting violence, dismantling systems of inequity and investing in communities.
Meets Guidelines	The US Treasury final rule includes the use of ARPA funds for preventing and responding to violence and recognizes the need for comprehensive approaches to address this challenge. Please see the attached excerpt from the final rule.
Accountable	The Director of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement will be responsible for working with Cities United on the plan, coordinating with city departments and community stakeholders, and will be responsible for reporting progress throughout the process.
Return on Investment	The Cities United organization has worked with many other communities and has developed specific solutions that Toledo can leverage to develop its own roadmap and action plan for comprehensive public safety. The implementation of a comprehensive and long-lasting public safety strategy will help to create a safer and more vibrant Toledo for all residents.
Transparent	Expenditures for the Cities United contract will be tracked in the city's financial system. Additionally, regarding the development of the plan itself, residents are encouraged to be involved in this process by participating in safety surveys and attending community meetings. Residents can stay informed of these opportunities by subscribing to email updates.