

Healing & Compassion Fund Overview

Goal: The Healing and Compassion Fund (HCF) aims to reduce gaps in access to resources for individuals, families, and networks impacted by gun violence.

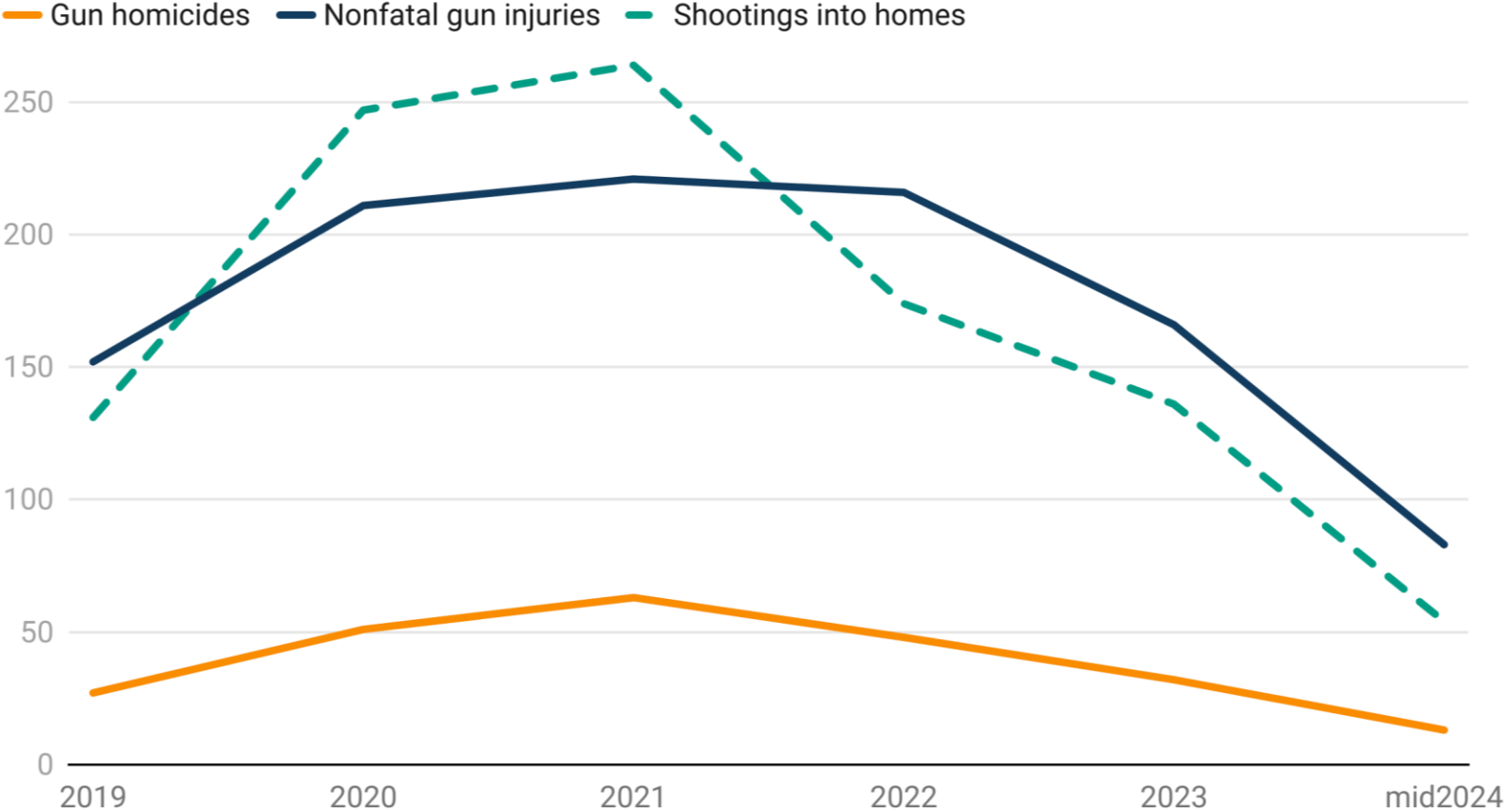
Description: Applicants will be eligible for up to \$2,000 in support for basic needs, temporary respite, relocation, minor home repairs and modifications, lost wages, burial, funeral, and memorial costs. HCF is not a replacement for Victims' Compensation, Trauma Recovery Centers, health insurance, disability insurance, life insurance, or otherwise; it is meant to provide support to victims of gun violence swiftly while reducing common barriers to accessing traditional victims' compensation:

- The number of people impacted by gun violence outstrips federal, state, and local resources
- Less than 40% of Ohio Crime Victim Compensation claims were awarded in 2023
- The application process can be difficult to navigate and is not timely
- People are not eligible to receive victim's compensation for several reasons
- Victim support is typically reimbursement-based

Eligibility

- Respite and rapid relocation support
- Biohazard cleanups
- Home repairs (flooring, doors, and windows)
- Memorial support
- Basic needs
- Home security cameras

Nonfatal, Fatal, & Shootings into Homes (2019 – mid 2024)



Source: [TPD Transparency Hub](#)

Eligibility

- If not directly impacted, approval must come directly from victim's family and/or guardian
- Documentation
 - Residence in Toledo, Ohio
 - Impacted by gun violence within the previous 24 months
 - Anticipated or actual costs

Outreach

- As a pilot with limited funding:
- Share with network of CBOs, grassroots providers, and systems responding to gun violence
- Share with network of gun violence victims and survivors
- Word of mouth
- Flyers in focus areas
- Align with Peace in Motion outreach
- Donor campaign

Application Process

1. Access and complete form (online, in-person, or by phone) within the first 14 days of the month
2. Provide documentation (proof of identity, address, and incident; estimated costs if available)
3. MONSE follows up with the applicant for additional details, to discuss next steps, and link with additional resources as needed
4. MONSE inputs or updates application in database (Apricot 360)
5. Application evaluated within the first 28 days of the month
6. Decisions shared with United Way by 1st week of the following month
7. Funding released to appropriate party (e.g., home repairs) by 1st week of the following month

*Applications deemed urgent (e.g., burial costs) will be expedited as needed

Evaluation of Applications

Applications will be evaluated by a 9 person working group that includes 2 survivors of gun violence, 2 victim services providers, 2 relevant community-based organizations, 1 member of the faith-based community, and 2 MONSE staff. 7 reviews will be needed to reach quorum on an application. Evaluation details:

- Demographic and identifiable information will be removed
- Applications can score up to 45 points (scoring is in background, not done by evaluators)
- 6 unscored responses (2 yes/no, 1 multiple select, 2 open response, & 1 numeric) for additional context
- Recommendation for funding includes: “Yes – fully fund,” “yes – partially fund,” and “no,” with open response to provide rationale for decision
- Evaluators will receive a packet with average per application, unscored responses, & funding recommendations
- **Majority “yes”** and limited additional resources = release funds
- **Majority “yes” and “yes – partially fund”** and limited additional resources = review as a group to determine amount and then release funds
- **Majority “no”** OR additional resources already utilized = hold review until others have been completed
- Any mix with more than 2 “no” results in review and discussion

Monitoring & Evaluation

Process

- Ordinance approved
- Evaluation process developed
- Outreach and application materials developed
- Evaluation committee formed w/mechanism for renewal of committee
- Evaluation committee trained in rubric
- Applications reviewed (in total and per committee member)
- Inter-reviewer reliability
- Time from application to funding decision
- Time from funding decision to distribution

Outputs

- Outreach metrics (e.g., flyers, impressions, click-throughs)
- Number of applications received
- Demographics of applicants
- Amount requested (average and total)
- Number of applications approved
- Demographics of approved applications
- Amount approved (total)
- Breakdown of how funds were utilized

Monitoring & Evaluation

Outcomes

- Recipient feedback*
- Closed loop referrals to additional services, opportunities, and supports*
- Funds raised, overall size, and source(s)

*Survey at 6 months and 1 year (via phone, text, email, or in-person) after utilizing Fund

Timeline

- Pass Healing & Compassion Fund (HCF) ordinance
- Develop tools for HCF (e.g., webpage, paper-forms, flyers)
- Victim, survivor, & crisis response competencies
- National Organization for Victim Advocacy Community-Crisis Response Team Training (NOVA CCRT)
- Advanced NOVA CCRT
- Healing Hub resource guide for service providers
- Victim & Survivor Services team in 2025 budget request

2024 Fourth Quarter

Timeline

- Victim & Survivor Services team*
- Finalize tools for HCF
- Launch HCF (outreach, application webpage, United Way 211 link & Resource Navigators)
- Healing Hub resource guide for general public
- United Way Employee Charitable Campaign
- Quarterly report

2025 First Quarter

*budget dependent

Timeline

2025 Second Quarter

- HCF live
- United Way Employee Charitable Campaign
- Quarterly report

Timeline

2025 Third Quarter

- HCF live
- United Way Employee Charitable Campaign
- Quarterly report

Timeline

- HCF live
- Healing Hub website*
- NOVA CCRT*
- Advanced NOVA*
- United Way Employee Charitable Campaign
- 2026 budget request annual HCF allocation
- End of year report

*funding dependent

2025 Fourth Quarter



Questions?

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Alignment with Peace in Motion

Goal Alignment:

- Increase Resiliency and Protective Factors

Recommendation Alignment:

- The Healing & Compassion Fund is a recommendation
- Supports competencies for victim & crisis response
- Supports 72-hour community response and continuum of care
- Supports Victim & Survivor Services team
- Include in Healing Hub Resource Guide & with 211 Navigators
- May support youth-led community projects, peer support, and hospital-street liaison recommendations