



Violence Intervention and Prevention Program (VIPP): Explained

VIPP is established in [statute](#) and requires specific language related to program models and evidence in the [NOFA](#). This document is intended to explain the legislatively-mandated expectations in more approachable terms to encourage more organizations to apply statewide.

“Evidence-Based” and “Evidence-Informed”

VIPP funds are designed to support those implementing programs for gun violence reduction with a clear, researched rationale behind the work being done.

- **Evidence-based programs** have prior research or evaluations showing measurable, positive outcomes.
- **Evidence-informed programs** are grounded in public health principles and follow clear logic demonstrating how program activities are *expected* to reduce gun violence.

Program Model

Applicants are required to identify the model/approach used in their proposed program, such as:

- A **nationally recognized model**, including, but not limited to:
 - Hospital-based Violence Intervention Programs ([HVIPs](#))
 - Street Outreach (e.g. [Cure Violence Global](#))
 - Cognitive Behavioral Theory ([CBT](#))
 - Group Violence Intervention ([GVI](#))
 - Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design ([CPTED](#))
- An **adapted version** of an existing model
- A **locally developed approach** informed by research, best practices, or community experience

If a model is adapted, applicants should explain why the adaptation is necessary to strengthen the program’s fit for the target community.

In Summary

We are looking for nonprofit organizations, local or state government agencies, etc., that are working to reduce community gun violence through logic-backed prevention and intervention. If this aligns with your agency, please consider applying for the Maryland VIPP Grant, and reach out to Melissa Bitting, at Melissa.Bitting@Maryland.gov with any questions.