



Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation Program

Site Snapshot: Minneapolis, Minnesota

Lead Agency: City of Minneapolis

Target Neighborhood: North Four Neighborhoods or the “North Four”

Research Partner: Council on Crime and Justice (CCJ)

Created under President Obama and his Administration’s larger national [Neighborhood Revitalization Initiative](#) efforts, the Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation (BCJI) program launched in 2012 and was created to develop and implement place-based, community-oriented strategies to transform distressed communities into communities of opportunity.

Neighborhood Profile:

In 2014, the City of Minneapolis received a Planning Grant from the U.S. Department of Justice to carry out core BCJI initiatives in the North Four neighborhoods. Within the North Four target area, a majority of residents are African American (47%). North Minneapolis has experienced a great deal of domestic and child welfare challenges, with 40% of the city’s child neglect cases, 38% of the city’s child abuse cases, and 37% of the city’s domestic violence cases. The North Four target area also generates a disproportionate amount of the city’s crime comprising 17% of the city’s total violent crimes in 2013. From 2000 to 2013, North Minneapolis generated 32% of the city’s violent crime with 45% of the city’s homicides, 39% of the city’s aggravated assaults, and over a quarter of the city’s robberies. Over half of the guns seizures made by Minneapolis Police occurred in North Minneapolis. A large amount of the city’s identified problem properties are located within the target area (73%). Additionally, the North Four neighborhoods have experienced a 12% increase in police presence in 2013 as well as a 55% increase in violent crimes.

BCJI Project Goals:

The primary goal of the Minneapolis BCJI is to identify best practices to address the major crime drivers in partnership with law enforcement, government and non-government stakeholders to ultimately create comprehensive revitalization in the North Four neighborhoods. To achieve these goals, the Minneapolis BCJI site aim to:

- Develop a cross-sector partnership team
- Develop an implementation and research plan
- Inventory and evaluate of resources to improve public safety
- Expand on existing community resources and cross-sector initiatives and partnerships
- Development of a communication plan to promote ongoing information sharing among partners
- Development of a sustainable plan to systemic drivers of crime in hot spots identified in the target area

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