

# Research Key to Stopping Rising Gun Violence and Crime

Gun violence – including homicides and violent injuries from shootings, suicides, and accidental shootings involving children – victimizes more than 45,000 individuals and their families each year. Emergency physicians, surgeons, pediatricians, psychologists, and other clinicians agree: gun violence is a public health crisis.



In the FY22 Omnibus, Republicans and Democrats continued to appropriate \$12.5 million each for the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to study the causes of gun violence and evidence-based, “politically unbiased” methods of injury and mortality prevention, including crime prevention. The first studies funded include:

 <p>Firearm Practices and Suicide Risk in U.S. Army Soldiers &amp; Veterans</p> <p>-Jackson Foundation for the Advancement of Military Medicine</p>	 <p>ShootSafe: Teaching Kids Hunting, Shooting, and Firearms Safety</p> <p>-University of Alabama</p>	 <p>Preventing Violent Firearm Use Among Urban Youth Seeking Emergency Department Care</p> <p>-University of Michigan</p>
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Even with this funding, CDC and NIH receive many more proposals than they can fund. Increasing investment in gun violence research funding could support multi-year studies on:

- Preventing gun suicides amongst veterans
- Stopping gun violence in urban areas
- Safe storage of firearms

**Nearly 300 medical, public health, and research organizations have called on Congress to match the FY 2023 budget request by appropriating \$35 million to the CDC and \$25 million to NIH for gun violence prevention research. Expanded resources would allow for further study of this critical public health issue.**