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**Lt. Gov. Austin Davis Announces Over \$11 Million in State Grants from the Shapiro-Davis Administration to Strengthen Afterschool Programs for Pennsylvania Youth**

*Yesterday, PCCD approved a total of \$56.5 million in funding for 113 projects to reduce community and gun violence and support afterschool programming*

**PHILADELPHIA** — **Lt. Gov. Austin Davis** joined state and local leaders at the Northeast Frankford Boys & Girls Club [to announce 46 grants](#) totaling \$11.6 million, under the **Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency’s (PCCD)** Building Opportunity through Out-of-School Time (BOOST) program. The Shapiro-Davis Administration is funding these projects to provide structured programming for at-risk school-age youth through local and statewide projects.

“The number one cause of death for young people in America isn’t cancer or car accidents — it’s guns,” said **Davis, who serves as chair of PCCD**. “When we invest in afterschool programs, we’re being smart about safety, and we’re saving lives. There’s no more important metric, when we talk about getting stuff done, for the good people of Pennsylvania.”

“This dedicated funding — the first of its kind — will make it possible to bring kids off waitlists and into afterschool programs, retain highly-trained professionals, and invest in our collective future,” said **Rep. Elizabeth Fiedler, co-chair of the House Afterschool Caucus**. “No matter what they may face at home or where they live, every student deserves the nurturing environment of an afterschool program. I’m thrilled about this investment in BOOST and can’t wait to advocate for additional funding in years to come.”

“As a community, we’ve seen firsthand how crucial it is to give kids a safe place to go after school — where they can grow, learn, and be surrounded by positive influences,” said **Sen. Christine Tartaglione**. “That’s why this BOOST funding is so important. It’s a comprehensive approach to addressing gun violence, building safer neighborhoods, and ensuring every child has the opportunity to thrive.”

**2024-25 BOOST grant awards**

Applicant name	County	Award amount
Pennsylvania Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs	Statewide	\$1,500,000.00

Pennsylvania State Alliance of YMCAs	Statewide	\$1,500,000.00
Allegheny Youth Development	Allegheny	\$139,520.00
Early Excellence Project	Allegheny	\$235,446.00
Hopebound Ministries, Inc. DBA MOONCREST NEIGHBORHOOD PROGRAMS	Allegheny	\$79,000.00
Learning Disabilities Association of Pennsylvania	Allegheny	\$60,000.00
Melting Pot Ministries	Allegheny	\$250,000.00
North Hills Affordable Housing dba HEARTH	Allegheny	\$250,000.00
SLB Radio Productions Inc	Allegheny	\$192,410.00
Steel City Squash, Inc.	Allegheny	\$250,000.00
Volunteers of America of Pennsylvania	Allegheny	\$208,184.00
Youth Opportunities Development	Allegheny	\$138,225.00
Pittsburgh Area Community Schools	Beaver	\$250,000.00
Governor Mifflin Education Foundation	Berks	\$97,060.00
School District of Borough of Morrisville	Bucks	\$250,000.00
Kid's Innovation Playground	Butler	\$13,360.00
Forest Hills School District	Cambria	\$250,000.00
Arts Holding Hands and Hearts Inc (AHHAH)	Chester	\$141,000.00
Chester County Economic Development Foundation	Chester	\$218,135.30
Downingtown Community Education Foundation	Chester	\$100,000.00
The Parkesburg Point Youth Center, Inc	Chester	\$250,000.00
Keystone SMILES Community Learning Center, Inc.	Clarion	\$214,873.00
Medard's House (dba The Link 4 Youth)	Cumberland	\$250,000.00
Harrisburg School District	Dauphin	\$250,000.00
Chester Education Foundation	Delaware	\$250,000.00
Erie Police Athletic League (PAL)	Erie	\$250,000.00
Paul W. Delauter Youth Center	Juniata	\$20,000.00
Boys & Girls Club of Lancaster	Lancaster	\$250,000.00
Casa Guadalupe Center	Lehigh	\$250,000.00
Fine Feather Foundation Inc	Lehigh	\$97,074.00
Firetree Place	Lycoming	\$175,474.00
Girls First	Montgomery	\$216,920.00
Neighbors Helping Neighbors on the Main Line	Montgomery	\$130,930.00
North Penn Valley Boys & Girls Club	Montgomery	\$250,000.00
St Anthony Youth Center of Easton, Pa Inc dba Easton Area Community Center	Northampton	\$182,206.00
ASAP/After School Activities Partnerships	Philadelphia	\$250,000.00

ESF Dream Camp Foundation	Philadelphia	\$250,000.00
Girls on the Run Philadelphia	Philadelphia	\$150,000.00
Highway Mission Tabernacle	Philadelphia	\$250,000.00
Philadelphia Education Fund	Philadelphia	\$250,000.00
The Niche Clinic	Philadelphia	\$248,000.00
Tree House Books	Philadelphia	\$125,000.00
University City Science Center	Philadelphia	\$249,884.00
Regional Engagement Center	Snyder	\$167,000.00
Tioga County Partnership for Community Health	Tioga	\$250,000.00

“The Pennsylvania Statewide Afterschool Youth Development Network (PSAYDN) is proud to support the Pennsylvania BOOST program, which plays a crucial role in expanding opportunities for youth across our state,” said **Contrell Armor, Director of PSAYDN**. “The BOOST program provides essential resources that strengthen out-of-school time programs, ensuring all young people have access to high-quality learning experiences that drive academic achievement, foster social-emotional growth, and build brighter futures. This program is a testament to Pennsylvania’s commitment to equity and excellence for every child.”

Yesterday, PCCD also [approved](#) the newest round of awards under PCCD’s Violence Intervention and Prevention (VIP) grants and Collaborative Community Violence Intervention (CCVI) Strategies grants. These grants aim to reduce community violence by supporting a wide range of effective, community-led strategies to prevent gun violence and address its impacts – including youth mentoring and intervention, street outreach and violence interruption programs, victim services, neighborhood revitalization efforts, and more.

PCCD’s 2024-25 BOOST, VIP, and CCVI grant solicitations received an overwhelming response with 478 applications submitted requesting more than \$174 million — more than three times the current allocation of \$56.5 million in funding.

Since the Shapiro-Davis Administration took office in January 2023, the Administration has been laser-focused on reducing the epidemic of gun violence across Pennsylvania. Some of PCCD’s additional initiatives to reduce gun violence include:

- Awarding \$85 million in violence intervention and prevention funding for 131 VIP and CCVI strategies grant projects.
- Reestablishing [Pennsylvania’s Office of Gun Violence Prevention](#), after Governor Shapiro signed Executive Order 24-02 last September. Since that time, the Office has conducted four listening sessions and gathered insights from more than 800 Pennsylvanians on the impact of gun violence in their communities.
- [Securing \\$4 million](#) in federal Community Violence Intervention and Prevention Initiative Grant funds to expand hospital-based violence intervention programs (HVIPs) statewide.

- Providing over 800 technical assistance sessions to 135 community-based gun violence organizations receiving PCCD grant funding through the [PA Peace Alliance](#).

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*Lt. Gov. Austin Davis at today's news conference; additional photos/video are available at [PACast.com](#)*

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