

Combating Targeted Violence

Targeted violence incidents, such as the tragedies in El Paso, Dallas, Midland, Dayton, Orlando, and numerous others, threaten the fabric of civil society. The Administration is taking bold action to confront targeted violence by ensuring that the Budget enhances the ability of Federal, State, and local law enforcement to respond to these incidents, and that Federal actions are coordinated with local communities to identify and mitigate risks.

The Budget invests a total of \$719 million at the Departments of Justice and Homeland Security to combat acts of targeted violence.

- **Invests in Federal Law Enforcement Capacity.** The Budget provides \$307 million in new resources to support Federal law enforcement efforts to combat targeted violence and violent crime. This includes funding for 525 additional law enforcement officers for the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI); the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives; and the United States Marshals Service to surge capabilities in the Nation's most violent cities. The Budget also supports efforts at the FBI to improve the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) to ensure that people who are statutorily prohibited from purchasing a gun are not able to do so. The Budget also makes key investments in the FBI's National Threat Operations Center to more efficiently address threats received on the FBI tip line and forward those tips to appropriate law enforcement personnel.
- **Improves Prosecutorial Capacity.** The Budget provides \$22 million in new resources to support 75 positions at United States Attorney's Offices across the country. This includes 50 prosecutors who will be on the front lines of the effort to investigate, prevent, disrupt, and prosecute threats related to targeted violence. The United States Attorneys will also support 25 Threat Mitigation Specialists, who will coordinate with law enforcement and other State and local stakeholders to deter violent acts.
- **Supports State and Local Law Enforcement Efforts.** The Budget provides \$310 million to support State and local efforts to protect our communities from targeted violence events. Investments include \$150 million for training and equipment to harden schools through the Student, Teachers, and Officers Preventing (STOP) School Violence program; \$85 million to improve and expand records submitted to background check programs; \$33 million to address individuals with a mental illness in the court system; \$28 million for law enforcement and active shooter trainings; \$6 million to support persons with a mental illness in the parole and probation system; \$5 million for Federally-funded research on targeted violence events and domestic radicalization; and \$3 million to improve police responses to persons with a mental illness.
- **Expands Federal outreach to combat acts of targeted violence.** The Budget provides \$70 million in new resources across Department of Homeland Security (DHS) components to enable a robust departmental response to targeted violence and enhance terrorism prevention efforts. This funding provides regional field staff resources to support the formation of prevention frameworks at the State, local, tribal, and territorial level. This funding also supports community awareness briefings and trainings to help foster community relationships and to enhance early warning of terrorism recruitment and radicalization to violence before violence occurs. The Budget also makes forward-leaning investments in research to inform future policy and techniques for improving the Nation's ability to prevent terrorism.
- **Supports community efforts to prevent violence and extremism.** The Budget provides \$10 million in

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new resources for \DHS grants for law enforcement, emergency management, academia, nonprofit organizations, and other professional associations focused on addressing targeted violence. Activities funded would be focused on preventing and identifying threats and supporting the development and implementation of mitigation plans for individuals who may pose a threat but have not committed a crime.