



Community Investment Works is a comprehensive approach to address youth violence in Illinois' communities *this year*. The three-part plan will invest in economically distressed and high-crime communities throughout the state. This plan will:

1. **Employ** – Provide up to 20,000 summer jobs for youth.
2. **Engage** – Provide after-school and community programs for youth.
3. **Rebuild** – \$100 million in capital to invest in rebuilding communities, creating jobs and public safety.

THE PROBLEM

24 Chicago Public School students have been killed this school year by gun violence. 24 were killed during the 2006-2007 school year by gun violence.

A range of factors contribute to violence among young people, including: lack of employment opportunities, lack of safe social opportunities, and disengagement from their community.

EMPLOY: SUMMER JOBS OVERVIEW

We will provide up to 20,000 summer jobs for youth ages 13 to 22 around the state. The jobs will be community development and beautification jobs, such as working with the elderly, cleaning up a dirty lot, or planting a community garden.

15 to 22 year-old youth will be able to earn a decent wage while they improve their own communities and learn valuable job skills. 13 and 14 year olds would participate in a community development internship and receive a stipend at the end of the summer for school supplies.

ENGAGE: AFTER SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY PROGRAMS OVERVIEW

We will award grants to community providers that offer programs during non-school hours. Grants will be funded through an RFP process with a preference for:

1. Recreational Evening Activities (such as night basketball and “youth cafes”)
2. Mentoring and Leadership Programs (such as matching an Englewood youth with a local banker that grew up in the community)
3. Educational Enrichment Activities (such as academics, arts, life skills and/or vocational skills)
4. Expansion of existing youth programs that provide activities for youth (such as Teen REACH)

REBUILD: CAPITAL INVESTMENT OVERVIEW

Rebuild Communities Competitive Grant Program (\$50 million)

Funding for organizations engaging in direct redevelopment or renewal projects that put people to work, and restore neighborhood integrity. Projects could include purchasing a vacant building and turning it into housing, or restoring community centers, recreation centers and mixed-use developments.

Illinois Community Assets Fund (\$40 million)

A new economic development and community reinvestment tool to increase access to capital in underserved areas of the state. The goal is to create jobs by making money available in communities for micro-loans and other tools.

Safe Communities Capital Grant Program (\$10 million)

We will provide competitive grants to local police departments to buy equipment that can help officers be more effective in their jobs.

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