



**The Community Safety Initiative (CSI)** builds long-term partnerships between police departments, community developers and residents in troubled neighborhoods that lead to reduced crime and improved quality of life. Since 1999, CSI's congressionally funded partnership with the Department of Justice has leveraged over \$6.2 million in private investment to support community safety, which in turn has paved the way for more than \$263 million in commercial and residential real estate development. CSI's highly successful public-private partnerships have earned national recognition from academic institutions, local governments and statewide law enforcement organizations.

### **CRIME REDUCTION**

CSI's target neighborhoods across the country are experiencing significant drops in crime that outperform changes happening in other similar neighborhoods. According to a study by Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government, the crime level in the Chinatown/International District of Seattle, Washington dropped nearly 40% compared with a 15% drop in the rest of Seattle in the years following CSI's inception. In Providence, RI, crime dropped by 70% over three years around nuisance properties targeted by CSI Partners.



### **HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AND COMMERCIAL CORRIDOR REVITALIZATION**

By targeting law enforcement and community development resources in the same places, CSI gives residents and police the ability to transform their neighborhoods into stronger, healthier places to live and do business. Projects that address graffiti, street lighting and drug houses help build a stable economic base and pave the way for new investment.



For example, CSI invested nearly \$415,000 in eastern Kansas City, Missouri, leveraging \$66 million in residential, commercial, and mixed use redevelopment. This attracted a new financial call-in center valued at \$20 million, which brought 300 full-time jobs and a \$14.5 million payroll to an underserved minority community.

### **LOCAL PARTNERSHIPS, LOCAL SOLUTIONS**

CSI understands that not all problems are universal; local needs-and the assets of local partners-must drive local strategies. In cities as diverse as Duluth, Minnesota; Los Angeles, California; Miami, Florida; and Boston, Massachusetts, police and community developers are crafting joint responses to youth violence, gang activity, drug markets and offender reentry. Their efforts are yielding notable local results and national recognition.

### **NATIONAL KNOWLEDGE-SHARING**

CSI promotes cross-site learning to help police and community developers replicate successful programs that worked in other jurisdictions. By adapting proven models to fit local circumstances, CSI partners are saving time and resources-and seeing greater results.

“In neighborhoods as diverse as Brooklyn’s East New York, Seattle’s Chinatown-International district, and Kansas City’s east side, the CSI has been the catalyst for a full range of physical improvements, new brick and mortar development, real reductions in crime, disorder and fear, and a host of new programs and partnerships.”

*Bill Bratton, Chief of Police, Los Angeles Police Department*

“Mention CSI and I picture formerly bleak, crime-ridden neighborhoods transformed into vibrant, safe places to raise families and conduct commerce.” *Norm Stamper, Chief of Police, Seattle (Retired)*



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