# **BAYBROOK VIOLENCE REDUCTION PLAN** (BVRP) **12-MONTH PERFORMANCE REPORT**



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# **Baybrook Violence Reduction Plan** (BVRP)

12-month Implementation Report October, 2022 - October, 2023

The Baybrook Violence Reduction Plan (BVRP) is a community-led public safety strategy to reduce violence and increase the quality of life in the Brooklyn, Brooklyn Park, and Curtis Bay neighborhoods. The BVRP consists of three primary components: (1) Youth Violence Prevention; (2) Youth Engagement; and (3) Community Projects/Crime Prevention Through **Environmental Design.** 

The following is a report on the progress of the BVRP after 12 months of implementation. The report highlights 8 key performance measures. A more detailed breakdown of our quarterly performance reports with 35 distinct performance measures are included in the appendix of this report.

## Funding **Summary**

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### **\$1 Million BCJI Grant Funding Summary**



### **Research & Evaluation** \$200,000

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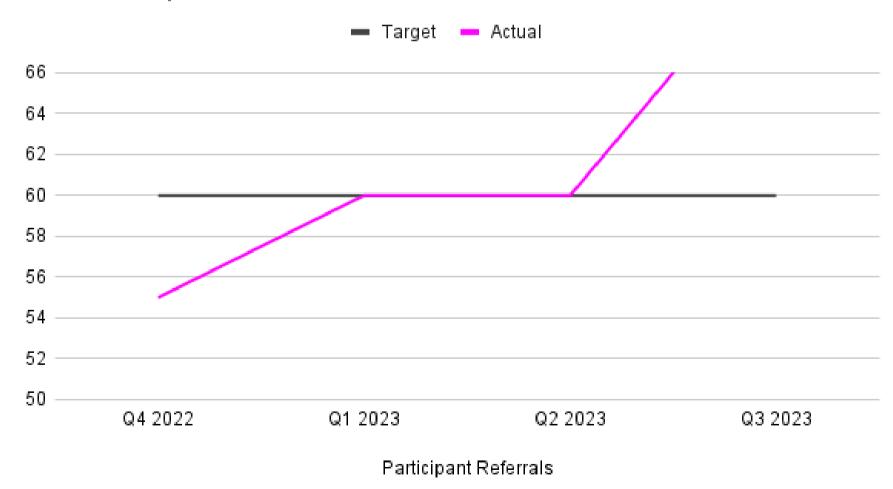
Youth Engagement \$67,500 \$942,000 in Leveraged Investments

**Resident-Led Projects & Capacity Building** \$470,500

Capital Improvements \$404,000

## Chosen Leaders of Baybrook

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**CLB** Participant Referrals



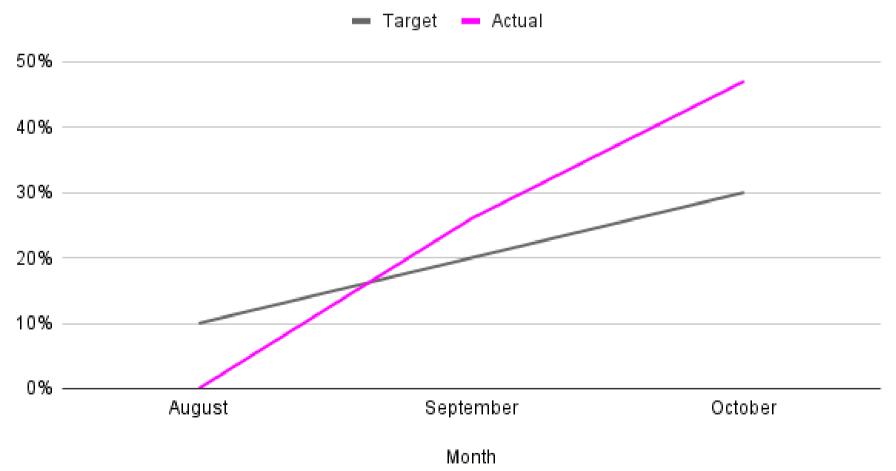
#### Life Plan Development

During the third quarter of 2023, 15 youths were selected to participate in CLB. While recruitment for additional participants continues, 12 of these youths have completed a life plan and are currently in the process of taking steps to achieve the goals outlined in those plans.

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CLB Average Percent of Life Plan Milestones Achieved



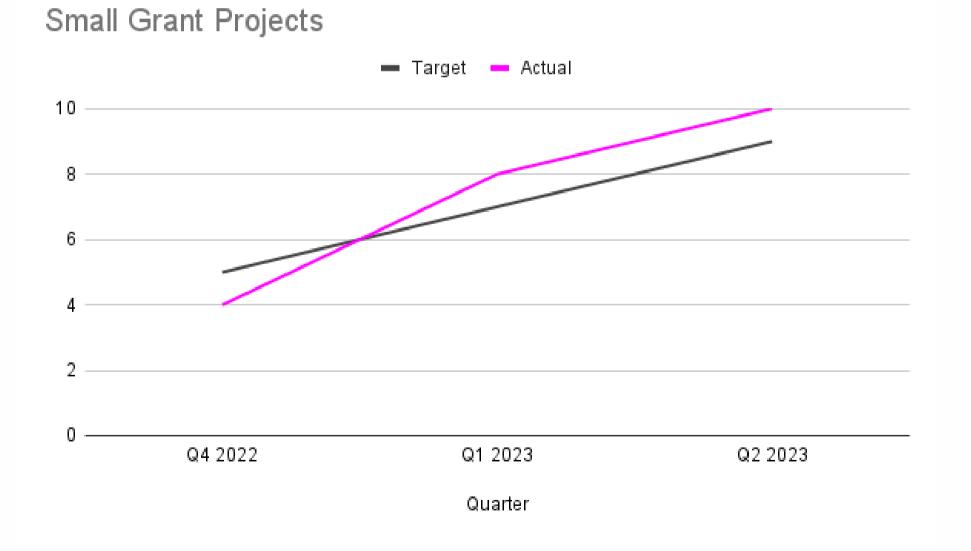
#### Next Steps



The Life Coach will continue to work with program participants to help them achieve their life goal milestones. GBA will also support the City of Refuge to secure funding to sustain and expand the CLB program.

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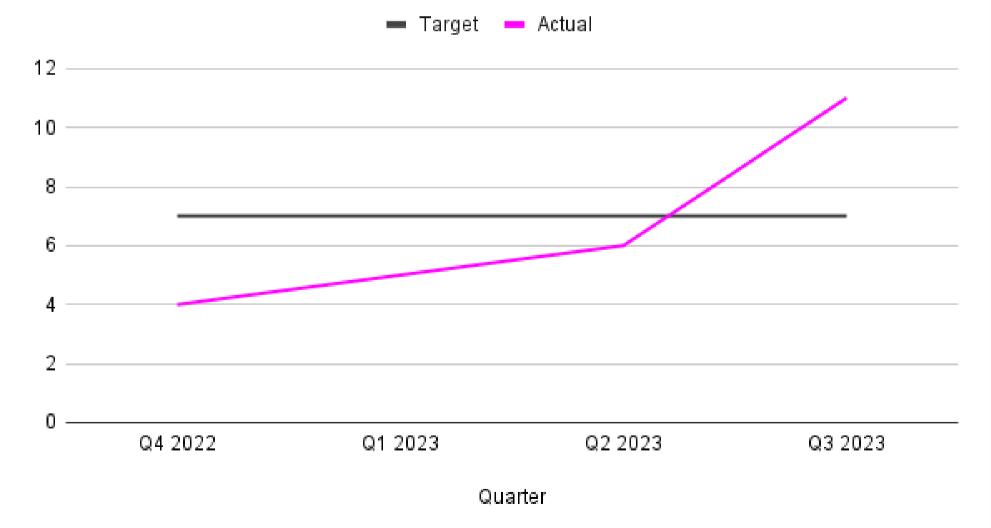
#### **Big Impact**

To date, our Small Grants for Youth! program has served more than 152 youth, with at least 146 of these participants reporting a positive impact on their lives.

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Youth Leaders Identified and Recruited





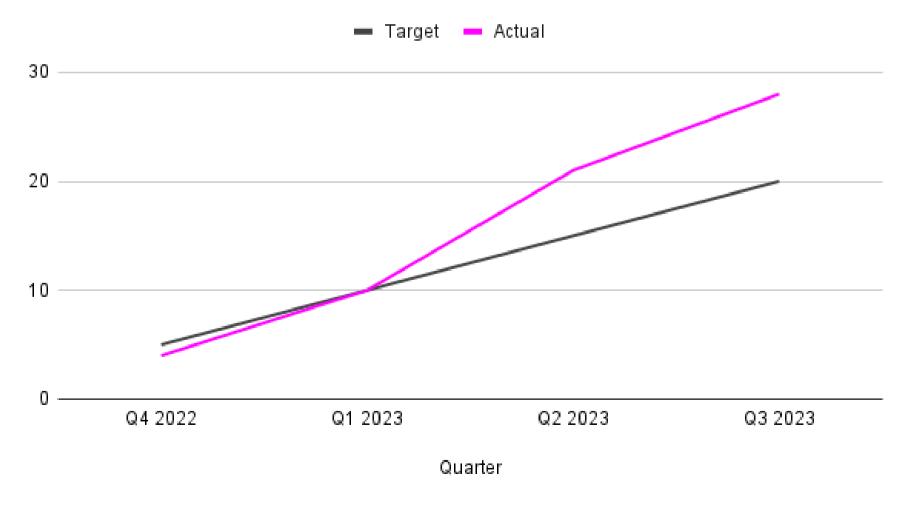
Youth and Education Council

GBA's Youth Engagement Manager is currently working to support the formation of a youth-led council that will recruit youth leaders to form their own mission and goals for youth engagement in the neighborhood

## Resident-Led Community Projects

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**Resident Volunteers Identified & Recruited** 





### BVRP Leadership

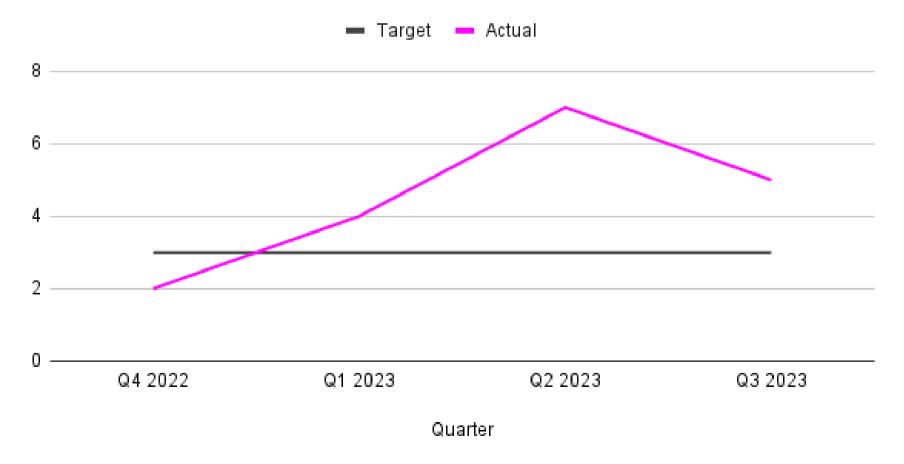
#### Team

The BVRP was developed and is guided by a team of residents and neighborhood non-profit providers who have lived experience with violence and are passionate about the communities they live and work in. The team is comprised of residents from Brooklyn, Brooklyn Park and Curtis Bay.

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Neighborhood Activities (e.g. community clean-ups, community workshops/trainings, average per month)



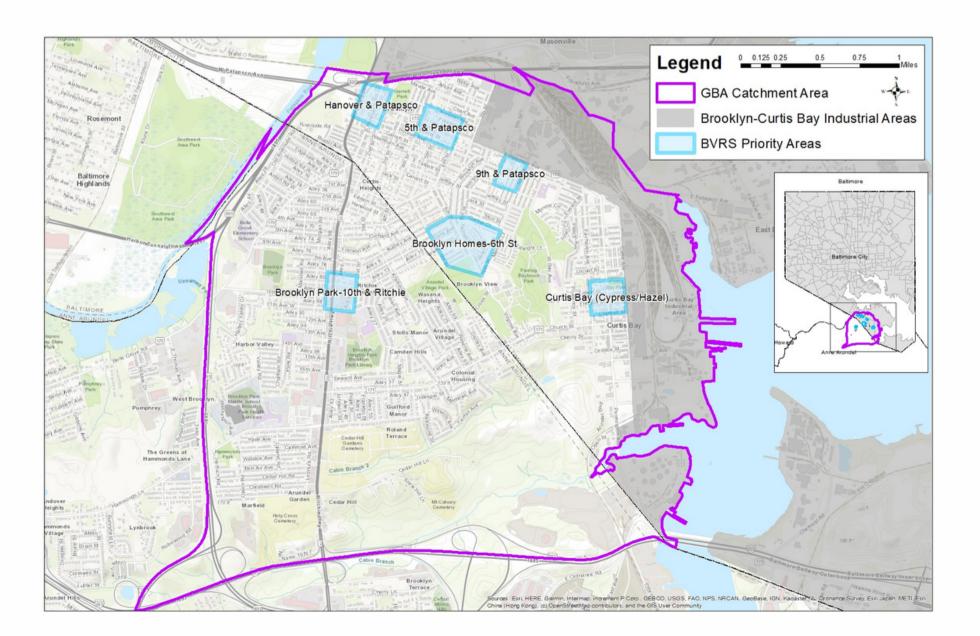
### Neighborhood Needs

#### Assessment

The Leadership Team deployed a survey to better understand the immediate and long-term needs of community members following the tragic and traumatic mass shooting that took place at Brooklyn Homes on July 2nd. The team is currently working with Baltimore City to move forward on some of the 12 recommendations for neighborhood investment based on the results of the survey. The needs assessment results and recommendations can be found in the appendix of this report.

### Violence Reduction Priority Areas

By nature, firearm violence tends to cluster within small areas and among very small groups of people in communities. During BVRP planning, GBA worked with our research partners at the University of Maryland at College Park to identify these small cluster areas. GBA is currently directing its capital CPTED investments into three of these cluster areas.





#### Firearm Violence

#### **Cluster Analysis**

The Maryland Crime Research and Innovation Center is a multidisciplinary team that works to inform crime reduction and prevention practices. GBA worked with MCRIC to analyze crime data and qualitative interviews with neighbors to identify the seven priority areas.

### Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design

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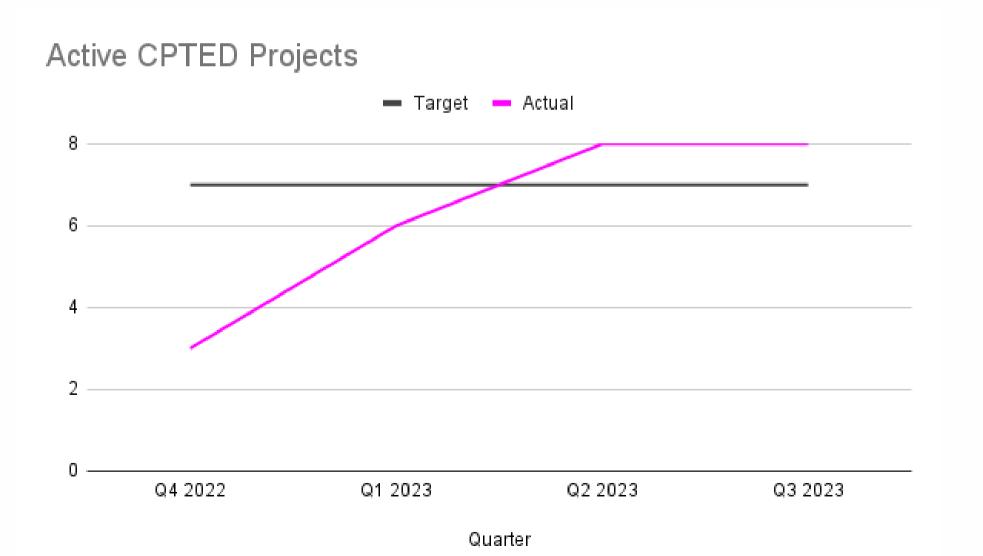


### \$404,000 of investment

GBA has raised \$404,000 dollars to be invested in capital projects that are aimed at reducing crime, such as vacant property improvements and renovations, vacant lot improvements, and beautification projects.

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#### **Business Safety**



#### Strategy

Since the majority of priority areas are located along Baybrook's commercial corridors, GBA launched a new and innovative Business Safety Strategy in May 2023. The Strategy aims to bring small business owners, the Baltimore Police Department, and Community Associations together with the goal of improving quality of life and reducing crime in our commercial corridors.

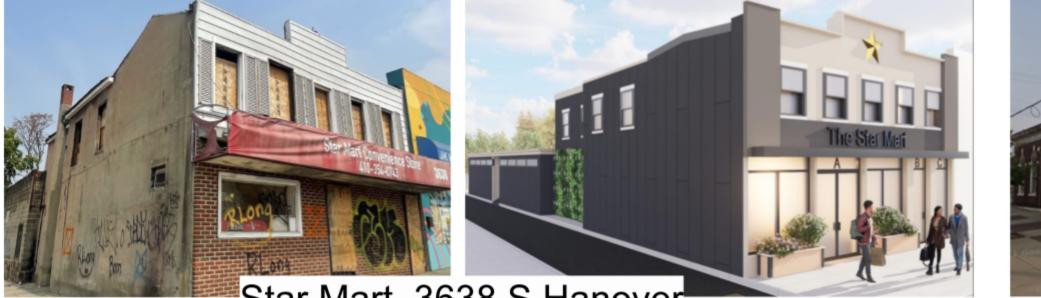


### **Current Projects**

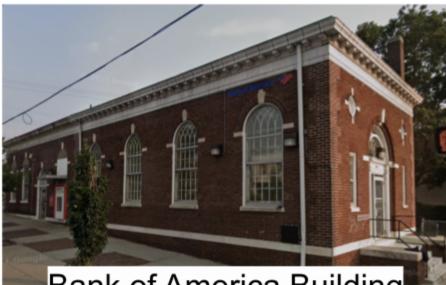




#### Brooklyn Grocery, 3570 S Hanover



Star Mart, 3638 S Hanover

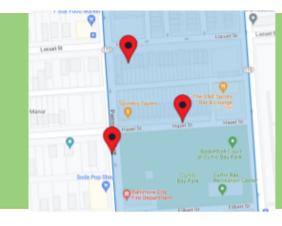


Mi Bandera, 3713 S Hanover St

Bank of America Building 103 E Patapsco Ave



Vacant Shells alongside Mi Bandera



### Current Projects: Hazel St



#### SBCLT Properties: 1622-1630 Hazel St



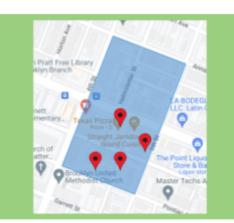


Mural on 1523 Hazel St



SBCLT Property: 1603 Locust St





### **Current Projects**







4th/Cambria Alley



Inspiration Picture for Alley Gate



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### **Detailed BVRP Performance Measures** Updated Quarterly

**O2** Neighborhood Needs Assessment & Recommendations