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Senator Rachel May and Senator John W. Mannion Announce \$100K to Combat Gun Violence in the City of Syracuse

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SYRACUSE, NY – Senator Rachel May (D-Syracuse) and Senator John W. Mannion (D-Geddes) today announced \$100,000 in grants to combat gun violence in the City of Syracuse.

Gun violence is now a declared public health emergency in New York State and a matter of public safety and quality of life. The two Syracuse-area Senators teamed up to coordinate and ensure maximum impact for this funding, which is designated for organizations who focus on the intervention of violence on our streets.

Senator John W. Mannion said, “The proliferation of gun violence in Syracuse and in cities across New York demands action. To help keep our streets safe, I am directing funds to bolster community-based intervention programs. Issues surrounding firearms are among the most challenging, complicated, and polarizing of our times. As a former teacher, I believe many solutions to these problems begin with keeping kids in school and on a pathway to college or a career.”

Senator Rachel May is awarding SNUG \$20,000 and is directing \$30,000 to the Street Court Team, a program run under the umbrella of Street Addiction Institute. Senator John W. Mannion is awarding \$30,000 to the Center for Court Alternative's Peace Making Project Community Development Team, \$10,000 to OG's Against Gun Violence, and \$10,000 to the SNUG Outreach Team. These organizations will utilize the grants to strengthen existing youth impact teams, connect high-risk individuals with economic and educational opportunities, and expand access to mental health programs.

The funding comes from the Community Violence Intervention Act (CVIA,) a gun violence intervention grant program included in the 2021-2022 enacted state budget.

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