



Ford Foundation records, Urban Poverty Program, Neighborhood Security and Crime Unit, Office Files of Sharon Rowser and Craig Howard

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Summary Information

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Biographical / Historical

In 1981, the Ford Foundation began funding efforts to prevent crime and arson in urban communities. This Neighborhood Security and Crime Prevention initiative arose in response to the increase in the national crime rate in the 1960s and '70s. The program coincided with Ford Foundation president Franklin Thomas's efforts to reorganize Foundation priorities in 1981. Thomas championed the program by noting the Foundation's community development and neighborhood development efforts were being undermined by crime and arson in urban areas. Prior to 1980, the Foundation was not focused specifically on community crime prevention efforts, but grants were made in areas of law and justice (litigation, administration of justice, legal education and minority professional development, conflict resolution, and policing methods). During this time, the most significant law and justice Ford grants went to criminal justice study centers at the University of Chicago, Georgetown University, Harvard

University and the University of California at Berkeley and Davis. The Ford Foundation also established the Police Foundation in 1970 with a five-year, \$30 million grant.

The 1982 report "Neighborhood security and crime prevention (Reports 006623)" outlined the plans for the program. The Foundation would provide grants to existing, underfunded organizations focused on crime prevention, test effective models through demonstration projects and evaluations, and provide funds for public policy research. The Foundation's goals were to examine the impact of crimes and violence on community members and local businesses, provide grants to innovative crime prevention strategies in cities, focus on youth training initiatives, and work to strengthen the social fabric of low-income neighborhoods. The program was housed within the Ford Foundation's Urban Poverty program. Between 1983 and 1987, grantees included the National Fire Protection Association, the American Institutes for Research in the Behavioral Sciences, the COSMOS Corporation, the People's Firehouse and the Flatbush Development Corporation in Brooklyn, the Citizens Information Service of Illinois, Community Crime Prevention in Minneapolis, the Eisenhower Foundation for the Prevention of Violence in Washington, D.C., the Justice Resource Center in Boston, the Boston-Fenway Program, the Citizens Committee for New York City, the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE), the Chicago Alliance for Neighborhood Safety, the Vera Institute of Justice, The Police Foundation, and the Police Executive Research Forum. The Foundation continued funding crime and arson prevention work after 1987, but the grants were integrated into community development activities. There was no longer a standalone program.

The program officers who oversaw the disbursement of crime prevention grants within the Ford Foundation's Urban Poverty program were Sharon Rowser (1981-1985) and Craig Howard (1986-1987).

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Scope and Contents

The collection is primarily comprised of grant materials and reports related to the Ford Foundation's crime and arson prevention program to investigate the impact of street crime, arson, and violence across the country. The files in this collection are the office files of Sharon Rowser and Craig Howard, program officers in the Urban Poverty program at the Ford Foundation.

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Arrangement

This collection is arranged into one series: Series 1. Grants and Reports, 1973-1992

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- Crime prevention
- Community development
- Ford Foundation
- Neighborhood revitalization -- United States
- Violence -- Prevention

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Predicting and Preventing Arson: An Evaluation of Community-Based Strategies, Executive Summary, Royer Cook, Janice Roehl, and Adele Harrell, 1986 June	box 1	folder 2
Neighborhood Based Arson Control: A Guide to Citizen-Initiated Legal Remedies, Battelle Human Affairs Research Centers, Washington, D.C. with the Citizens Committee for Fire Protection Washington, D.C., 1983 September	box 1	folder 3
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Communities of Europe", papers submitted for the proposed
September conference 1985, Centre for Policy Studies in
Social Order

Neighborhood AIMS Project: Interim Report of
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People Who Have Struggled with Abortion: A Proposal for
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Battelle Memorial Institute (08550205)

Chicago Alliance for Neighborhood Safety (08500875)

Citizens Committee for New York City (08400674) (08750750) (08400647)

Children's Defense Fund (08400729)

COSMOS Corporation (08300579)

Cranfield Institute of Technology (08350167)

Eisenhower Foundation for the Prevention of Violence (08200703) (08550979)

The Flatbush Development Corporation (08200874)

Institute for Social Analysis (08550815)

John Jay of Criminal Justice (08550765)

Martha Stuart Communications (08300825)

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The Philadelphia Miniversity (08700349) (08400728)

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Police Executive Research Forum (08400084) (08550736)
(08450963)

Police Foundation (08750168) (08550448) (07100114)

Syracuse University (08251185)

United States Conference of Mayors (08550698)

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