

UNBUNDLE POLICING: REIMAGINE PUBLIC SAFETY CHALLENGE

How can we decrease unnecessary and adverse law enforcement encounters in order to promote community health and well-being in the US? ~ Challenge Overview: Are you passionate about improving public safety and the role of policing in the United States? Apply for the three-month Stand Together Ventures Lab Unbundle Policing Incubator to develop and strengthen solutions, receive expert instruction and mentorship, and meet potential team members. You'll also have access to in-kind resources, including cloud services platforms (AWS Activate credits), project planning, product design (Adobe Creative Cloud licenses), collaboration software, and impact consulting services. Ultimately, the Incubator program will prepare teams to submit their solution to the six month Accelerator program in Fall 2021. The Unbundle Policing Accelerator program is a six-month wraparound support program that will provide an immediate \$50,000 per accepted team to deploy or scale much-needed solutions that reduce adverse law enforcement encounters across the United States. Select teams may receive additional funding or investment post-Accelerator from the over \$1 million available.

TIMELINE:

- Accepting Applications
- Incubator Applications Open April 28, 2021
- Incubator Application Submission Deadline July 19, 2021
- Refining Applications Incubator [September 7 - November 19] September 7, 2021
- Evaluating Applications
- Accelerator Applications Open October 1, 2021

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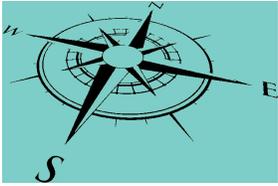
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MIT Solve (MITSLV)

Stakeholder(s):

Stand Together Ventures Lab :

In partnership with MIT Solve, Stand Together Ventures Lab is launching the Unbundle Policing: Reimagine Public Safety Challenge – an Incubator and Accelerator for social ventures focused on decreasing unnecessary law enforcement encounters and resulting adverse outcomes. By launching this Chal-

lenge, Stand Together Ventures Lab aims to accelerate a range of better alternatives for point of crisis situations otherwise likely to result in an unwarranted police encounter, emergency room visit, incarceration, injury, or death.

Vision

An effective criminal justice system

Mission

To accelerate better alternatives for point of crisis situations

Values

Effectiveness: Why Unbundle Policing? An effective criminal justice system protects people and preserves public safety, respects human dignity, provides restorative justice for victims and perpetrators, removes barriers to opportunity for people with criminal records, and ensures equal justice for all under the law.

Safety

Human Dignity

Restorative Justice

Equality

Input: Protecting public safety also requires input from and partnership with community members.

Partnership

Trust: However, the current approach to policing in the US often breaks down trust and imposes harm, especially for people of color.

Training: Communities and lives are harmed when police engage in situations they are not trained for or that could be better addressed by alternative solutions.

Collaboration: To unbundle the all-encompassing nature of policing, we need collaborative, community-based alternatives developed, strengthened, and adapted nationally for a more comprehensive approach to public safety and well-being.

Community

Comprehensiveness

Well-Being

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1. Incidents

Develop alternatives to deploying police response

Alternatives to deploying police response to 911 calls or traffic enforcement that don't require armed responses, whether a noise complaint, car accident, or other incident;

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2. Sanctions

Develop alternatives to police-enforced legal sanctions

Alternatives to police-enforced legal sanctions, particularly those related to mental illness or substance use disorders;

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3. Goals & Functions

Increase transparency, public input, and evaluation of police goals and functions

Increased transparency, public input, and evaluation of police goals and functions within a community;

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4. Recruitment, Training, Evaluation & Support

Improve recruitment, training, evaluation, and support of police officers

Stakeholder(s)

Police Officers

Improved approaches to recruiting, training, evaluating, and supporting police officers in their roles;

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5. Coordination

Improve coordination between police, healthcare, and community-based organizations

Stakeholder(s)

Police Organizations

Community-Based Organizations

Healthcare Organizations

Better coordination between police, healthcare, and community-based organizations;

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6. Focus & Risks

Identify alternatives to reduce the number and risk of adverse encounters and/or support the ability of police to focus on core threats to public safety

Other alternatives or approaches that help reduce the number and risk of adverse encounters and/or that support the ability of police to focus on core threats to public safety.

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7. Methodologies

Solutions should:

7.1. Data & Technology

Utilize data and technology to better understand and divert unnecessary law enforcement encounters

7.2. Engagement

Engage diverse stakeholders such as law enforcement, justice-involved individuals, and community-based organizations

Stakeholder(s):

Law Enforcement

Community-Based Organizations

Justice-Involved Individuals

7.3. Conflict Resolution

Incorporate conflict resolution, mediation, and trauma-informed approaches

Administrative Information

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