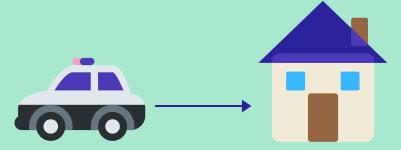
DEFUNDING THE POLICE

By Baltimore Action Legal Team, an organization that provides legal support to Baltimore communities as they exercise their civil liberties protesting against injustices rooted in structural racism and economic inequality.

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WHAT IS DEFUNDING THE POLICE?

Defunding the police is to take money from police departments and reallocate it into the community.



WHERE WOULD THE MONEY GO?

PUBLIC EDUCATION



Some schools may not have functioning air conditioning, water fountains, or could even be understaffed. Reallocating funds from policing to schools could help improve school conditions.

HEALTHCARE

Healthcare is also something people may struggle to afford. Reallocating funds could mean more accessible healthcare.



HOUSING



Affordable housing is also an issue in America. Reallocating funds from policing could also go towards providing housing assistance.

TRANSPORTATION

Many people struggle with paying for public transportation even though it should be free. People shouldn't have to pay to travel in a city they live in. Reallocating funds from the police to public transportation departments would prevent this.



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INCOME OPPORTUNITIES



There is also an issue surrounding income opportunities in some cities including Baltimore. Reallocating funds to communities would provide more stable financial situations.



In certain areas of cities, there can be food deserts. Only mini-marts such as corner stores and bodegas are around, and often sell junk foods which aren't healthy for the community. Reallocating funds from police into the community could help build more grocery stores that carry healthy foods.

SHELTER

The amount of homeless people increases day by day in some cities. Reallocating funds from policing to homeless shelter services could make more shelters and lower the amount of homeless people for good.



INFRASTRUCTURE



Infrastructure in cities could use funds as well: roads could be fixed, more railways for transportation, etc. Reallocating funds from policing could mean better infrastructure within America.



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