



Americans deserve a safe society that builds thriving communities while upholding people's constitutional and civil rights. Arnold Ventures (AV) supports research and policy to reduce crime and put those who interact with the [criminal justice](#) system on a better path. Our support for research helps identify effective strategies, while our policies and advocacy help achieve impact at scale.

Based on the highest-quality evidence available, we partner with leaders in and outside government to prevent and deter crime, provide accountability in an effective and fair manner, increase opportunities for rehabilitation to reduce recidivism and break the incarceration cycle, and facilitate more rigorous research on what works.

Crime Prevention

To prevent and deter crime, we focus on strategies such as hiring more police, improving retention, and deploying them where they are needed most; expanding access to cognitive behavioral therapy and summer youth employment; reducing exposure to lead and air pollution; expanding DNA databases and improving clearance rates; shifting police and court attention from revenue generation to public safety; and establishing and evaluating programs to reduce mortality among victims of intimate partner violence.

Accountability

To provide accountability in a fair and effective manner, we focus on finding effective ways to reduce pretrial detention safely while keeping high-risk defendants off the streets; reducing lengthy, expensive prison sentences that do not improve public safety; preventing unnecessary police use of force; minimizing the use of onerous and ineffective community supervision conditions; and establishing and evaluating ability-to-pay tools that calibrate financial sanctions to individual means.

Rehabilitation

To increase rehabilitation, reduce recidivism, and break the incarceration cycle, we focus on providing access to health care when people are leaving jail or prison; increasing incentives to engage in rehabilitation while incarcerated; and establishing and evaluating programs like electronic monitoring as an alternative to incarceration, restorative justice, jail-based education, and employer insurance to increase second chance hiring.

How We Work

AV focuses its strategies, grants, collaborations, and resources in four pillars to identify root causes of problems and implement sustainable, scalable solutions.



Research



Policy
Development



Advocacy



Implementation

About Us

[Arnold Ventures](#) is a philanthropy that supports research to understand the root causes of America's most persistent and pressing problems, as well as evidence-based solutions to address them. By focusing on systemic change, AV is working to improve the lives of American families, strengthen their communities, and promote their economic opportunity. Since Laura and John Arnold launched their foundation in 2008, the philanthropy has expanded, and Arnold Ventures' focus areas include education, criminal justice, health, infrastructure, and public finance, advocating for bipartisan policy reforms that will lead to lasting, scalable change. The Arnolds became signatories of the Giving Pledge in 2010.