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While reducing community violence is a worthy goal, creating a new grant program through the Department of Justice risks inefficiency, bureaucratic waste, and may not effectively address the root causes of violence as well as disproportionately effect people of color, indigenous people and those in the LGBTQ+ community. Instead of funneling more federal money into new programs, existing resources should be optimized and community-led initiatives empowered without federal overreach.