

California Violence Intervention and Prevention (CalVIP)

Cohort 5 Project Summaries

(in alphabetical order)

Grant Period: April 1, 2026 to December 31, 2029

Alianza Translatinx - \$1,000,000

Alianza Translatinx will launch Corazones Valientes, a peer-led, healing-centered initiative to reduce gun violence victimization among transgender, gender diverse, or intersex (TGI) residents in Santa Ana. The program combines outreach to at-risk community members, linkages to support and services, mental health therapy, peer-led service navigation, empowerment and self-defense training, and emergency rapid response resources – all delivered by and for TGI community members. By meeting people where they are, removing barriers to care, and equipping participants with tools for safety and resilience, the program builds immediate protection while fostering long-term leadership and community power.

The AMAAD Institute (Arming Minorities Against Addiction and Disease) - \$1,000,000

The AMAAD Institute's "Saving Our Ballroom Lives" reduces gun violence in South LA's marginalized House & Ball Community (Black/Latinx LGBTQ+ youth). Our solution trains house leaders as certified violence mediators for ball events, pairs high-risk youth with mentors through the House Apprenticeship Program and provides ballroom-adapted trauma therapy. Over 42 months, we project 25% fewer violent incidents, 30 percent reduced PTSD symptoms, and 70 percent of mentees connected to employment/education. Leveraging AMAAD's proven models (Project R.O.A.R., NIH Haus of C.H.O.P.), we request CalVIP grant funds to build sustainable community safety through cultural preservation.

Asian Pacific Self-Development and Residential Association (APSARA) - \$999,996

This proposed project will work to reduce gun violence and serve victims of violence among the Southeast Asian immigrant population of Stockton, California, focusing on youth, young adults, and families who are at high risk of becoming perpetrators or victims of gun violence. Leveraging our cultural and language competencies and high level of trust in this community, APSARA's trained staff will engage 500 Southeast Asian families to provide resources and support; connect this community to mental health and other support services; and enhance communication and collaboration between law enforcement and Southeast Asian families to address community safety concerns.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of San Diego County - \$977,695

Big Brothers Big Sisters of San Diego County will deliver an empirically based mentoring model to reduce the prevalence of gun violence within with cities of San Diego and Lemon Grove. Through this project, we will enroll 347 youth with exposure to – or at high risk of – being a victim or perpetrator of gun violence, providing a high-touch intervention strategy proven to yield long-term results directly associated with violence and other indirect benefits that significantly increase protective factors for youth at risk. Our work will encompass case management, meeting the overarching needs for families, and advancing positive, generational change.

Centro CHA Inc. (Community Hispanic Association) - \$4,949,704

Centro CHA's One Long Beach Community Violence Intervention and Prevention Initiative will reduce youth gun violence through a three-tier strategy. Primary prevention: Safe Passage, Be S.A.F.E., and annual Gun Violence Prevention Summits. Secondary prevention: Credible messenger mentoring, Youth on a Mission, Joven Noble/Xinachtli, and parent workshops. Tertiary intervention: Restorative justice, reentry pathways, and MRT/IBTA training. Anchored by trained

intervention workers and trusted partners, CVIP will serve 600 youth annually plus 3,000 in Safe Passage, 3,000 in Be S.A.F.E., and 450 youth engaged in the Gun Violence Prevention Summits.

Child Abuse Prevention Council of San Joaquin - \$974,164

The Child Abuse Prevention Council (CAPC) of San Joaquin County proposes a trauma-informed, culturally responsive program to reduce firearm-related violence among high-risk youth ages 8 to 18 in Stockton, aiming to disrupt the school-to-prison pipeline and curb mass incarceration. Drawing on over 30 years of trusted community partnerships, CAPC delivers a comprehensive wraparound model integrating mentoring, case management, and family support. This initiative prioritizes healing, resilience, and prevention over punishment, fully aligning with CalVIP's mission to address root causes without expanding involvement in the juvenile justice system.

City of Adelanto, City Manager's Office - \$2,000,000

Adelanto's Youth and Community Empowerment RISE Initiative is a three-year, trauma-informed, equity-focused program designed to prevent and reduce gun and community violence among 850 system-impacted youth and foster youth in Adelanto, CA through a public-private partnership model. Using three core phases: Community Resilience, Conflict Prevention & Community Empowerment, and Digitally Directed Wellness. RISE delivers wraparound services, safe zones, credible messengers, and digital mental health tools to build protective factors, address trauma, and promote long-term stability for at-risk youth and their families

City of Antioch, Department of Public Safety and Community Resources - \$2,000,000

Antioch's Peace Fellowship Program will engage 15–20 individuals at the center of gun violence – those with direct involvement in shootings, as the perpetrator and/or victim – in a structured, 18-month healing and accountability process. Fellows will receive intensive mentorship, life planning, and care coordination from trusted, trained Violence Interrupters. In partnership with Contra Costa County and other service providers, the program will address Fellows' urgent needs and help them establish and achieve positive goals, while being guided through conflict mediation to achieve the goal of interrupting cycles of violence in real time.

City of Bakersfield, City Manager's Office of Violence Intervention & Prevention - \$4,899,000

Under Cohort 5, the City of Bakersfield will expand its Gun Violence Reduction Strategy (GVRS) by enrolling 75+ very high-risk individuals (VHRIs) annually and providing intensive, coordinated support through the Office of Violence Intervention & Prevention (OVIP). Grounded in public health and focused deterrence, the strategy includes data-driven outreach, life coaching, behavioral health services, and credible messenger engagement. Built on strong city-community partnerships, this effort strengthens Bakersfield's violence intervention infrastructure and aims to reduce gun violence, recidivism, and victimization.

City of Delano, Police Department - \$2,000,000

The City of Delano plans to expand its Violence Intervention and Prevention (DelVIP) program to reduce community gun violence. This project focuses on high-risk youth and adults, offering case management, mentoring, job training, and trauma recovery services in collaboration with Garden Pathways and The Open-Door Network. By enhancing data sharing, community engagement, and support for victims and frontline workers, the initiative aims to break cycles of violence, improve public safety, and build trust with local law enforcement. Ultimately, it seeks to create a safer, more vibrant community where residents can learn, work, and play in a peaceful environment.

City of Lancaster, Police Department - \$1,996,592

The Lancaster Police Department will use these funds to provide an integrated approach to safe passage services, outreach, credible messengers, case management, and focused deterrence. The proposed Community Violence Intervention (CVI) strategy will directly address the root causes and immediate threats of violence. With the CalVIP grant funding, Lancaster can enhance the CVI

ecosystem that reduces violence today while laying the foundation for long-term resilience and opportunity.

City of Los Angeles, Mayor's Office of Community Safety- \$5,000,000

The City of Los Angeles' Gang Reduction and Youth Development (GRYD) program reduced gang-related violent crime by 40 percent from 2023-2024, yet students in high-risk areas still face violence and recruitment on their way to school. The Safe Passage Initiative deploys community violence intervention workers to supervise routes, de-escalate conflicts, mentor youth, and connect them to services, while engaging parents, schools, and businesses in safety efforts. With CalVIP funding, the City will expand Safe Passage to four Los Angeles Unified School District schools to reduce violence, improve safety perceptions, and ensure equitable access to education.

City of Richmond, Office of Neighborhood Safety - \$2,000,000

The proposed project, Operation Peacemakers Fellowship (OPF), aims to reduce gun violence and break the cycle of trauma and barriers to stability and self-sufficiency caused by living in a community plagued by violence. The project targets West Contra Costa County, including Richmond, El Cerrito, San Pablo, and unincorporated North Richmond. The City of Richmond's Office of Neighborhood Safety (ONS) will lead this initiative, with support from the Richmond Police Activities League as a subcontractor. Using a 3-tiered approach, the project will offer evidence-based interventions and violence prevention programming for at-promise youth and young adults.

City of Sacramento, Police Department, Office of Violence Prevention - \$5,000,000

The City of Sacramento, through the Sacramento Police Department's Office of Violence Prevention, will implement the Community-Led Intervention and Incident Response (CLIIR) model to reduce gun violence in Del Paso Heights, Meadowview, Oak Park, and Valley Hi. CLIIR integrates Sacramento City Unified School District's Safe Schools framework with evidence-based community violence intervention, using credible messengers, rapid response teams, and wraparound services for high-risk youth and young adults with trauma-informed outreach, healing supports, workforce development, and family engagement.

City of San Diego, Mayor's Commission on Gang Prevention and Intervention - \$5,000,000

The City of San Diego will expand the Peacemaker Project, a violence prevention and intervention program that increases the capacity of community-based organizations to effectively address gang-related youth violence. The project provides funding to local service providers to offer trauma-informed wraparound services including mental health services, crisis stabilization, social rehabilitation, mentoring, education, job training, and other resources. The project also sponsors community events that foster community unity and address underlying issues contributing to crime. The project aims to expand its reach, serving over 600 at-risk youth and families annually.

City of Stockton, Office of Violence Prevention - \$2,000,000

The Stockton Office of Violence Prevention will launch the Stockton Safe Pathways Initiative: Prevent, Intervene, Transform, a public health driven strategy to reduce youth gang and gun violence in Stockton's highest-risk neighborhoods. Prevention embeds trained Peacekeepers in schools and community hubs to build trust, mentor youth, and strengthen protective factors. Intervention rapidly responds to violence, mediates conflicts, and provides intensive case management to those at greatest risk. Transformation addresses root causes through trauma-informed supports, family engagement, education and employment pathways, and community-based healing.

City of Vallejo, Police Department - \$1,995,873

The Vallejo Police Department's VISION program will provide evidence-based violence intervention services to 70 unduplicated individuals (age 18 to 64) annually who are at the highest risk of perpetrating or being victimized by gun violence. In partnership with Center for Urban Excellence's

Thrive Resource Hub, VISION integrates Hospital-Based Violence Intervention, focused deterrence, street outreach, intensive case management, workforce development, and behavioral health supports. Trauma-informed, culturally competent services will disrupt cycles of retaliation, reduce shootings and homicides, and strengthen long-term community trust.

City of Visalia - \$2,000,000

The City of Visalia will contract with Community Services & Employment Training Inc., or CSET, to provide gun violence prevention and intervention activities, including formation of a Visalia Violence Reduction Council. CSET will use wholesome experiences and compassionate case management to attract youth and young adults, providing for their needs and those of their families with wraparound services provided by CSET and its referral partners. Participants will be diverted away from negative activities that could lead to conflict, gang involvement and violence.

Community Now - \$999,984

Each partner organization of the Lemon Grove CalVIP Collaborative is a field specialist in one or more identified violence interruption services: Street Outreach, Credible Messengers/Mentoring, Survivor Centered Supports, Incident Response/Rumor Control, Employment/Job Training and Behavioral Health Services. These interwoven challenges will receive a holistic, coordinated response by The Collaborative, comprised of a trauma-informed, evidence-based, wraparound approach rooted in culturally competent mentorship, behavioral health supports, and individual development essential to disrupt the cycle of harm and offer real pathways to healing and success.

County of Alameda, Public Health Department Office of Violence Prevention - \$5,000,000

Funded by CalVIP, the Alameda County Violence Reduction and Recovery Initiative will employ evidence-based strategies to reduce gun violence throughout Alameda County. Three County Departments (Public Health, Probation and District Attorney) will work collaboratively to implement a multiprong strategy that expands existing violence intervention and prevention services directed toward people at high risk of perpetrating or being victimized by gun violence. The partnering departments are uniquely positioned to convene key stakeholders, enhance regional coordination, and build systems that support those who are most impacted by gun violence.

County of Contra Costa, Health Services, Community Wellness and Prevention - \$5,000,000

Contra Costa County's Violence Prevention Program (VPP) will reduce gun violence in Antioch, Pittsburg, and Richmond through prevention, intervention, healing, and coordination activities. The comprehensive project will: 1) deploy credible messengers with lived experience on street outreach teams; 2) proactively screen youths in school clinics to address risk factors before violence escalates; 3) train young adults from the target cities to lead peer-to-peer efforts to reduce violence; 4) promote collective efficacy through community building activities; and 5) ensure data-driven, cross jurisdictional coordination with countywide leadership.

County of Los Angeles, Department of Public Health, Office of Violence Prevention - \$5,000,000

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health's Office of Violence Prevention (OVP) currently leads Community Violence Intervention (CVI) efforts countywide. This project aims to expand and standardize its CVI infrastructure by strengthening case management, expanding Hospital Violence Intervention Program (HVIP) services, formalizing cross-agency and regional coordination, and investing in CVI certification for frontline workers. The proposal builds on OVP's successful Trauma Prevention Initiative which is implemented in nine communities and invests in CVI, HVIP, technical assistance, and community leadership and aligns county services for collective impact.

EI Sol Neighborhood Educational Center - \$4,996,858

Youth Peacebuilders utilizes the proven Community Health Worker (CHW) model to prevent and reduce gun violence by equipping trusted local CHWs to mentor and train youth in high-violence neighborhoods in San Bernardino, Colton, and Palm Springs in the Inland Empire (San Bernardino and Riverside counties). CHWs will build trust, address root causes, and connect youth to resources, fostering resilience and alternatives to violence. Through community-led action, youth leadership, mental health support, and strong CBO partnerships, the project will transform high-risk communities in the Inland Empire into networks of safety, hope, and opportunity.

Fresno Community Hospital and Medical Center - \$1,000,000

Community VISION is a hospital-based violence intervention program at Community Regional Medical Center (CRMC) in Fresno, the region's only Level I Trauma Center. The program delivers trauma-informed, immediate bedside intervention to patients ages 12 to 45 being treated for gunshot wounds at CRMC. Led by CRMC's trauma department and staffed by credible messengers with lived experience, the program aims to reduce community gun violence recidivism by connecting patients with wraparound support and long-term mentorship. Community VISION disrupts cycles of retaliation and supports participants in achieving safety, stability, and improved health and life outcomes.

Gang Awareness and Prevention (GAP) Victory Outreach South Sacramento - \$1,000,000

GAP will provide case management, life skills education using the ARISE curriculum, and mentoring for 240 gang-involved, high-risk youth at 4-8 schools within Sacramento City Unified School District. GAP will also provide out-of-school life skills workshops (using the PowerSource curriculum), mentoring, and vocational training in multimedia production and other areas of career opportunities. The project will improve school climate, reduce truancy and disciplinary actions against participating youth, and support youth in reducing gang attachment and equipping them with prosocial skills to move towards a healthy, safe life free from violence.

Garden Pathways, Inc. - \$3,401,093

Garden Pathways is a trusted Kern County hub, connecting residents to opportunities that break cycles of violence. With Kern County ranking 2nd in California for homicides in 2022, urgent action is needed. Through the CalVIP Cohort 5, we will expand evidence-based, wrap-around services, mentoring, workforce development, behavioral health, and community interventions into neighborhoods most impacted. By addressing root causes and fostering stability, healing, and hope, we will reduce violence and create safer, stronger communities.

Homeboy Industries - \$4,971,484

Homeboy Industries (HBI) will implement a comprehensive gun violence reduction strategy focused on the East and South Los Angeles communities disproportionately impacted by gun violence. HBI will provide intensive case management, violence interruption, peer navigation, trauma-informed mental health care, and employment pathways through our 18-month paid work therapy Trainee program. HBI will embrace individuals into a community of belonging to foster healing, advance safe community reintegration, and reduce their involvement in gang violence. Clients will receive education services, legal services, and tattoo removal, leading to measurable pathways of hope, stability.

Hunters Point Family Inc. - \$4,980,851

Pathway to Peace (PTP) is Hunters Point Family's targeted community violence intervention program serving San Francisco's District 10. Led by Credible Messengers with deep neighborhood roots, PTP provides evening and weekend street outreach, crisis response, and warm handoffs to housing, employment, mental health, and other vital supports. Grounded in cultural relevance, trauma-informed care, and data-driven accountability, PTP addresses the root causes of gun violence, builds trust, and fosters long-term safety and healing in Bayview-Hunters Point.

Inside-Outside Circle Foundation - \$999,476

Inside-Outside Circle Foundation's (Inside Circle) proposed Healing Home project will combat community gun violence in Sacramento by delivering comprehensive reentry support for 42 formerly incarcerated adults. Focusing on high-risk individuals returning from state prisons, the program will use evidence-based models to provide transitional housing, healing circles, case management, credible messenger guidance and supportive services. By addressing housing instability, trauma and critical service gaps during the pivotal reentry period, our Healing Home will target the risk factors that drive gun violence among this vulnerable population.

Loma Linda University Health - \$4,731,384

Loma Linda University Health's (LLUH) Hospital-Based Violence Intervention Program (HB-VIP) targets high-risk individuals in San Bernardino, addressing root causes of violence through trauma-informed care, mental health services, job readiness, and community partnerships. By expanding inpatient and outpatient support, integrating mentorship, and enhancing service coordination, LLUH aims to reduce recidivism, promote healing, and foster long-term resilience in a region disproportionately impacted by violence.

Los Angeles Brotherhood Crusade Black United Fund, Inc. - \$1,500,000

Brotherhood Crusade is a pioneering gun violence prevention innovator, thought leader and practitioner. Leveraging four CalVIP grants, we reduced Probation recidivism rates from 83 percent to 1.6 percent (n=813), reduced aggressive and externalizing behaviors 150 percent, reduced violent offense referrals 81 percent (n=396) and healed law enforcement (n=392) and High-Risk Youth (n=684) relations. This project expands programming across four school districts and builds our replicable proof of concept model to inform statewide psychosocial, trauma-informed gun violence prevention efforts, while we continue to dramatically reduce gun violence in Los Angeles, Inglewood, Lynwood and Compton.

Los Angeles Center for Law and Justice DBA Survivor Justice Center - \$1,000,000

The Survivor Justice Center will provide integrated legal and case management services to survivors to reduce the risk of homicide, shooting, and aggravated assaults in target areas. Participants will receive free restraining order and other legal assistance which will protect their individual and community safety by disarming the restrained parties. The Center will also pilot a Legal Care Line to connect patients at trauma-centers with legal services, reducing barriers and increasing access. Community Advocates will work with clients to navigate complex legal and social service systems to support their physical safety, social-emotional wellbeing, and stability.

Monarch School Project - \$322,009

Monarch School Project serves nearly 650 K-12 students, families, and alumni experiencing homelessness each year. We reduce gun violence risk through three tiers of free, bilingual, year-round support: (1) Core – clinical mental health care and strengths-based case management; (2) Targeted – academic support, extended supervised day, emergency aid; (3) Long-Term – alumni services, career/college transitions, extended aid. Over one-third of therapy clients have survived gun violence, domestic violence, or acute mental health crisis. With 38 years' expertise, we coordinate support and track impact via Social Emotional Growth Surveys and HMIS data.

Pala Band of Mission Indians - \$1,000,000

The Pala Band of Mission Indians, a Federally Recognized Tribe, will implement a program through the Pala Youth Empowerment Initiative to address the ongoing youth violence crisis within our tribal community by implementing comprehensive, culturally rooted, trauma-informed strategies. This initiative will serve at-risk tribal youth ages 12-24 who are disproportionately impacted, disadvantaged, underfunded and underrepresented. The program design aims to prevent and

reduce gun violence by fostering cultural pride, improving mental health access, providing early intervention and diversion services, and creating pathways for education and employment.

Paving Great Futures - \$999,996

Paving Great Futures (PGF) will implement a comprehensive gun violence reduction initiative in San Diego's most impacted neighborhoods. Using credible messenger outreach, gun diversion strategies, trauma-informed counseling, and PGF's Core 6 workforce and life skills program, the project will engage high-risk individuals, prevent retaliation, and connect participants to employment, education, and healing supports – reducing firearm-related harm while building safer, more resilient communities.

Project Avary - \$1,000,000

Project Avary fills a critical gap in California's violence prevention ecosystem by reaching children of incarcerated parents – youth at extreme risk for gun violence yet rarely reached by prevention systems – years before harm occurs. Data-driven and led by youth and adults with lived experience, this decade-plus model combines early intervention, trauma-informed mentorship, leadership development, and CBT-based violence prevention. With over 90 percent of youth showing growth in violence-prevention protective factors and 94 percent remaining uninvolved with the justice system, Project Avary grows leaders who choose nonviolence and strengthen safety in their communities.

Rancho Research Institute - \$1,000,000

The Rancho Violence Recovery and Prevention Program (RVRPP) supports survivors of violence living with permanent physical disabilities. Embedded at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center, RVRPP uses a peer-led model – staff are themselves survivors of community and interpersonal violence – to build trust and deliver trauma-informed, culturally responsive care. Participants receive individualized risk/needs assessments, service plans, and sustained support from hospital to community, reducing re-injury, retaliatory violence, justice involvement, and social isolation while improving quality of life and long-term stability.

The Regents of the University of California, U.C. San Diego (UCSD) - \$4,997,531

To reduce gun violence harms in San Diego, the UCSD Prosocial Skills Program [UCSD PROS] will offer integrated hospital-based, school, and community-based personalized services including one-on-one service navigation, case management, our cognitive behavioral therapy soft skills program, career services, tattoo removal, and youth-focused resilience classes. We prioritize gunshot patients, youth from areas affected by gun violence, and justice-impacted adults; immediate family members can participate. Our multi-disciplinary team has lived experience and uses evidence-based practices to foster healing, economic prosperity and resilience among clients and families.

The Reverence Project - \$1,000,000

The Reverence Project (TRP) will expand its trauma-informed violence intervention in Watts, Los Angeles, serving youth ages 13-24 at highest risk of gun violence. Watts, home to major public housing sites, experiences some of the city's highest shooting rates, driven by structural inequities and cycles of retaliation. TRP's model combines intensive case management, credible messenger mentorship, healing circles, and violence interruption to reach those underserved by traditional systems, reducing harm through culturally rooted, community-based care.

Richmond Youth Services Empowerment (RYSE), Inc. - \$1,000,000

Over 36 months, the RYSE Restorative Pathways Program (R2P2) will serve 300 young people ages 13-26 in West and East Contra Costa who are at highest risk of gun violence, trauma, and system involvement. R2P2 integrates hospital-based intervention, case management, behavioral and mental health, restorative justice, life skills, media and arts, education and employment

supports, and cross-system linkages. Building on proven strategies and strong partnerships, R2P2 addresses root causes of violence, heals trauma, and strengthens community safety through coordinated, culturally attuned youth-led services.

Urban Community Actions Network (UCAN), Inc. - \$1,000,000

UCAN's Core 4 LTM Community Gun Violence Ambassador Program is grounded in proven strategies from Cure Violence Global and Advance Peace, to recruits, trains, and equips credible messengers to do street outreach, conflict de-escalation, gun violence reduction education, and connect residents to essential services. UCAN's service model includes outreach in high-risk locations, holding survivor-led panels, healing circles, and public awareness campaigns. It is culturally grounded, trauma-informed, removes barriers to participation, builds sustained engagement, and strengthens community trust and resilience to reduce gun violence while addressing its root causes.

Youth ALIVE! - \$5,000,000

Youth ALIVE will implement a comprehensive, citywide strategy to reduce gun violence in Oakland through three integrated programs: Violence Interrupters, Caught in the Crossfire (hospital-based violence intervention), and the Khadafy Washington Project (homicide response). Supported by in-house trauma-informed counseling, these services interrupt retaliation, support survivors, and promote healing. Trained credible messengers deliver culturally responsive, community-rooted care that reduces re-injury, prevents further violence, and builds safer pathways for those most impacted.