

California Violence Intervention & Prevention (CalVIP) Grant

(listed in alphabetical order)

Cohort 2 Grant Cycle

September 2018 to August 2020

California Conference for Equality & Justice (Los Angeles)

- Cohort 2
- \$499,974 award

Services provided:

- Restorative diversion
- Case management
- Resiliency skills

Target population: Youth & their parents

Project Summary: The California Conference for Equality and Justice (CCEJ) will provide restorative justice youth diversion services to youth, their families and community members in the cities of Long Beach, Compton and Inglewood. Services will include case management, a restorative case conferencing process, and resiliency skills education for youth and their parents/caregivers. As a result of the program, youth who have committed a crime will identify steps to repair the harm they have caused and build skills for empathy, accountability and self-advocacy. Parents/caregivers will increase their confidence to support their youth to remain out of the juvenile justice system. Victims of crime will be able to ask for and receive meaningful restitution. CCEJ's restorative justice process will strengthen connections between community members and help youth to avoid recidivism.

Project Director: Daniel Solís (dsolis@cacej.org)

Duarte, City of

- Cohort 2
- \$498,448 award
- 50% pass-through to CBOs

Services provided:

- Trauma-informed care
- Wraparound case management
- Mental health services

Target population: School-age youth

Project Summary: The City of Duarte will provide trauma-informed care to over 600 underserved youth in the neighboring cities of Duarte and Monrovia as well as in adjacent unincorporated communities in eastern Los Angeles County. Through a multi-agency task force disadvantaged youth will receive wraparound care utilizing a case management approach. Duarte will offer afterschool programming, group mentoring and mental health services as well as recreational, educational and social activities, all while strengthening youth and police relationships. Over the course of the program those participating will experience fewer unexcused absences, attend college at higher rates, be less likely to commit misdemeanors or felonies, be less likely to abuse drugs, and exhibit improved parental relationships.

Project Director: Brian Villalobos (bcvillal@lasd.org)

Garden Pathways (Bakersfield)

- Cohort 2
- \$500,000 award

Services provided:

- Mentoring and case management
- Education, vocational training and employment
- Hospital-based trauma intervention

Target population: Gang-impacted youth and adults

Project Summary: Violence is on the rise in the cities of Arvin, Bakersfield and Lamont. Garden Pathways proposes to expand existing intervention and prevention services by: (1) increasing mentoring, case management and other support services to 80 youth and adults who are impacted by gangs and violence; (2) pilot an intervention program in two rival neighborhoods and create safe spaces to develop friendships; (3) provide education, vocational training, and employment opportunities to participants; and (4) implement a hospital-based intervention program with the local trauma center. Garden Pathways' program design aligns with evidence- and research-based standards and the nationally-recognized benchmarks of effective mentoring program operations.

Project Director: Juan Avila (JuanA@gardenpathways.org)

Gilroy, City of

- Cohort 2
- \$500,000 award
- 52% pass-through to CBOs

Services provided:

- Street outreach & intervention
- Afterschool programs
- Building police / community relations

Target population: 7th & 8th graders

Project Summary: The City of Gilroy and the Gilroy Police Department will have a South County Youth Task Force, made of city, county, community-based and youth and adult community leaders working together to carry out Project Transformation and Hope, Resiliency, Integrity, Voice & Engage (THRIVE). THRIVE encompasses five violence prevention strategies that will address underlying causes of violence in the Gilroy community, including improving and expanding community building and violence prevention efforts, increasing assessable safe places and afterschool programs for children, moving community and police relations toward a restorative justice model and increasing street outreach and intervention. THRIVE will achieve a connected and civically engaged community by creating accesible, safe spaces that addres persistent inequities in identified areas of need. The target popluations are youth, young-adults, re-entering adults and families in hot-spot neighborhoods.

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Lompoc, City of

- Cohort 2
- \$14,373 award
- 100% pass-through to CBOs

Services provided:

- Violence prevention programs for women

Target population: Women, ages 14-19

Project Summary: The City of Lompoc, Lompoc Police Department, the Community Action Commission of Santa Barbara County, Family Service Agency, North County Rape Crisis and UC Santa Barbara will collaborate to implement violence prevention programs for young women ages 14-19. Program partners will provide trauma-informed, culturally-proficient youth education groups, targeted mentoring, personal safety training and parent education.

Project Contact: Ann McCarthy (ann@ncrccpc.org)

Los Angeles, City of

- Cohort 1 & Cohort 2
- \$2,000,000 total award
- 65% pass-through to CBOs

Services provided:

- Street outreach & intervention
- Family-centered case management
- Intensive staff training

Target population: Youth, ages 10-25

Project Summary: The Mayor's Office of Gang Reduction and Youth Development (GRYD) will continue to deliver gang intervention and prevention services in designated areas within the city. Services include family-centered case management services for youth ages 10-15 at the risk of joining a gang and young people ages 14-25 who are gang-affiliated, along with violence interruption activities through street intervention. GRYD's strategy is backed by an extensive data collection system and research and evaluation conducted by a group led by California State University, Los Angeles, which includes representatives from the University of Southern California and the University of California at Los Angeles. Evaluation has highlighted this strategy as effective in the reduction of: risk of joining a gang, participation in crime, and reduction of retaliatory violence.

With CalVIP funding from Cohort 2, GRYD will use Cohort 2 CalVIP funds to implement extensive training in trauma-informed care and indigenous healing practices for staff and partners, reaching up to 175 intervention contractor staff and 15-18 GRYD staff.

Project Director: Anne Tremblay (anne.tremblay@lacity.org)

Option Recovery Services (Berkeley)

- Cohort 2
- \$437,122 award

Services provided:

- Peer-led recovery services
- Reentry services

Target population: Former inmates

Project Summary: Options Recovery Services reduces violence in low-income, high-crime areas of Oakland and Berkeley by providing recovery services for former inmates and others with histories of violence. Recovery services include transitional housing linked to addiction counseling, anger management, life skills and employability counseling, and peer counseling by former inmates. Options Recovery Services hires formerly incarcerated individuals who are certified or working toward certification to serve as addiction counselors. The CalVIP grant will embellish these services and add a formal data-based analysis, evaluation, and reporting system.

Project Director: Porter Sexton (psexton@optionsrecover.org)

Oxnard, City of

- Cohort 2
- \$500,000 award
- 50% pass-through to CBOs

Services provided:

- Case management
- Mentoring
- Paid youth employment

Target population: Youth, ages 12-24

Project Summary: The City of Oxnard Recreation and Community Services Department has created Operation Peace Works (OPW). OPW is a trauma-informed violence intervention strategy focusing on 12 to 24-year-old at-risk youth and their families seeking transformation. OPW engages the collective resources of community partners to deliver coordinated services to facilitate restoration of hope through a process of healing, development, and transformation. OPW includes: outreach and referrals for the target population, case management with relevant wraparound services, community-building and community service opportunities, mentoring, job-readiness and skills-building, career exploration and paid youth employment. OPW will address community needs including traumatization, isolation, hopelessness and lack of opportunity by building on the successes and lessons learned from past work on gang violence. In addition to community-building and emotional support, case managers will offer practical support by facilitating access to services across the partner network through referrals and by including representatives of local partners in learning circles to build understanding and trust.

Project Director: Teresa Telles (teresa.telles@oxnardpd.org)

Parlier, City of

- Cohort 2
- \$500,000 award
- 50% pass-through to CBOs

Services provided:

- “Communities that Cure Violence” project
- Services for domestic violence and rape victims

Target population: Youth, ages 11-24

Project Summary: The City of Parlier will implement the Communities That Cure Violence (CTCV) project, which takes a data-driven comprehensive public health approach to collaboratively and holistically reduce rising violence and criminal activity. The project addresses all violence with a focus on domestic violence and rape. The CTCV is being modeled after the former project Communities That Care, in which the community plays a role beyond the traditional role played by police and courts. CalVIP funding will give Parlier the opportunity to implement evidence-based primary prevention strategies to change communities, families and youth. These strategies include focusing on safe dating, life skills curriculum, positive behavioral interventions and support, a sexual assault response team and Time in Destiny, which will provide 24-hour domestic violence and rape support/care.

Project Director: Chief Jose Garza (jose.garza@fcle.org)

Playa Vista Job Opportunities & Business Services (Los Angeles)

- Cohort 2
- \$500,000 award

Services provided:

- Employment readiness
- Job placement

Target population: Adults, ages 21-50

Project Summary: Playa Vista Job Opportunities & Business Services’ (PVJOBS) project ReVIVE (Reach Violence Intervention Via Employment) will – through personal assessment, legal counseling, trauma-informed care, employment readiness services and job placement for individuals ages 21-50 – lower the incidence of recidivism and its correlated violence in the reentry population. The ReVIVE team members include members of the California State University, Dominguez Hills Sociology Department, the Criminal Justice Courage Campaign Legal Clinic, the PVJOBS Case Manager, Job Developer, Jobs Coordinators and Mentors.

Project Director: Mary Taylor (mtaylor@pvjobs.org)

Reverence Project, The (Los Angeles)

- Cohort 2
- \$500,000 award

Services provided:

- Crisis response
- Education
- Mentoring

Target population: Victims & survivors, 16-30 years old

Project Summary: The proposed *Ambassadors Peace Initiative* will particularly focus on 100, 16-30-year-olds, self-identified victims/survivors and LGBTQQI identifiers of gang violence and their families of all ages, and will aim to support the integration of free, supportive, intensive trauma-informed direct services. The *Ambassadors Peace Initiative's* purpose is to build on the years of grassroots organizing and continue the trust established for an atmosphere that can support the emergence of lasting peace. Services will include long-term emergency crisis responses, education, mentoring, and alternative healing modalities (i.e. healing support group, art/music therapy, customized language access, leadership coaching, and intervention/prevention training and mentorship). The Reverence Project strives to improve the health of all groups.

Project Director: Oya Sherills (oyallansa@gmail.com)

Salinas, City of

- Cohort 2
- \$500,000 award
- 54% pass-through to CBOs

Services provided:

- Saturday Teen Nights
- "Parent Project" classes
- Youth vocational training

Target population: Youth & young adults

Project Summary: The City of Salinas Recreation and Community Services Department is collaborating with two community-based organizations, Partners for Peace and Rancho Cielo. These organizations are critical partners in working toward the prevention, intervention, enforcement and reentry goals of the Salinas Comprehensive Strategy for Community-Wide Violence Reduction. The projects include an expansion of the City's Saturday Teen Nights under the Recreation and Parks Department, *Parent Project Loving Solutions* by Partners for Peace and a youth vocational training called the Tiny Home Project by Rancho Cielo Youth Campus. These projects focus on proven violence prevention and intervention strategies by enhancing protective factors like skill development, mentorship, parent support and teen recreation. The three service providers have built the principles of cultural competence and trauma-informed care into their staffing and services will have an adherence to these principles through in-service training and external workshops.

Project Director: Jose Arreola (jose.arreola@ci.salinas.ca.us)

Santa Rosa, City of

- Cohort 2
- \$500,000 award
- 60% pass-through to CBOs

Services provided:

- Job readiness classes
- Paid internships
- Crisis intervention
- Case management

Target population: Youth & young adults

Project Summary: The City of Santa Rosa Violence Prevention Partnership's *Guiding People Successfully (GPS)* program is a multi-disciplinary effort of local government, law enforcement, faith community, schools and business and community-based organizations working together to provide trauma-informed, wraparound services to help address the root causes of violence in the community. GPS implements the Positive Youth Justice model which focuses on building life skills and improving behavior and school attendance for at-risk youth ages 12-24 in Sonoma County. GPS provides positive alternatives for youth and families by offering collaborative and integrated services including: job readiness workshops, paid internships, in-home counseling, mediation and crisis intervention, support for substance abuse and pro-social activities. The GPS case management strategy incorporates an Individual Development Plan for participating youth, focused on setting goals and identifying targeted services to help ensure youth make positive choices to encourage a better future free of violence and recidivism.

Project Director: Jason Carter (jcarter@srcity.org)

Seaside, City of

- Cohort 2
- \$500,000 award
- 59% pass-through to CBOs

Services provided:

- Mentoring
- Restorative Justice
- Parent education
- Employment

Target population: Youth & young adults

Project Summary: The City of Seaside's Youth Resource Center (SYRC) along with regional partners and community-based organizations will provide inclusive, innovative and inspirational programs dedicated to violence prevention and intervention services for at-risk youth and young adults and their families. These programs include domestic violence classes and supervised visitation services, innovative parent education classes, mentoring to adolescent girls, teaching restorative justice principles to assist youth with constructive problem-solving skills, and education to prepare youth for jobs of the future. The SYRC will assist with the development of a local employment program for youth 15 years or older. The SYRC is a collaboration of community-based organizations and agencies that provide prevention and intervention services for at-risk, on probation and gang-involved youth as well as their families. Youth will be referred to the SYRC by multiple sources, including police and probation officers, parents, social service departments and non-profit organizations.

Project Director: Daniel Meewis (dmeewis@ci.seaside.ca.us)

South Bay Community Services (San Diego)

- Cohort 2
- \$500,000 award

Services provided:

- Mentoring
- Cognitive behavioral therapy
- Restorative practices

Target population: At-risk youth and young adults

Project Summary: South Bay Community Services will implement a Credible Messenger Mentoring Program (CCMP) for 160 at-risk and high-risk youth and young adults in National City (a high crime jurisdiction). For the Mentors, CMMP trains neighborhood leaders who were formerly incarcerated or involved in the justice system and who have turned their lives around. The Mentors will be trained in Positive Youth Development, cognitive behavioral therapy, restorative practices, and trauma-informed approaches, as well as the art of facilitation. CMMP provides youth with mentoring from believable sources, opportunities to form healthy relationships with pro-social peer groups in safe, supportive environments, and tools to replace negative attitudes and behaviors with productive practices and relationships.

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