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TO: BSCC Chair and Members

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SUBJECT: California Violence Intervention and Prevention (CalVIP) Grant Program Service Contracts: **Requesting Approval**

Summary

This agenda item requests Board approval to allocate an additional \$1.8 million in funding to the service contracts and supplemental grants for technical assistance, expanded capacity, and training for the California Violence Intervention and Prevention (CalVIP) program. The Board previously approved \$1.8 million in funding on February 10, 2022, which was allocated through the State Budget Act of 2021 (Senate Bill 129, Chapter 69, Statutes of 2021). Since that time, the State Budget Act of 2022 (Senate Bill 154, Chapter 43, Statutes of 2022) allocated an additional \$1.8 million that would increase the funding for service contracts and supplemental grants for technical assistance, expand capacity and training for the CalVIP program to \$3.6 million.

Background

The Budget Act of 2021 appropriated a total of \$1.8 million in funding to build capacity in the field of community-based violence intervention and prevention. The funding was designed to be used to hire technical assistance providers with experience in implementing community-based violence intervention and prevention programs, to contract with or provide grants to organizations that provide training and certifications to community-based violence intervention and prevention professionals to expand the field of frontline workers and technical assistance providers, and to contract with independent researchers to evaluate the impact of selected initiatives supported by CalVIP.

The CalVIP Executive Steering Committee (ESC) recommended funding five categories to assist in capacity building, technical assistance, and training for the maximum \$1.8 million. The services and funding recommendations were as followed:

1. Provide training and certifications to community-based violence intervention and prevention professionals to expand the field of frontline workers, including street outreach, hospital-based Interventions, community intervention workers and ambassadors.
2. Provide supplemental grants for CalVIP grantees to provide mental health services to frontline workers and their families to help deal with the stress and trauma of the job.

3. Provide regional technical assistance for grantees to build capacity in data collection, data entry, development of sharing agreements, financial and billing needs, accounting, communication support, and fiscal structure.
4. Convene specific strategy meetings (e.g., all Hospital-based Violence Intervention, street outreach, etc.), that would bring together the entire Cohort to identify and share best practices.
5. Institute a culturally Relevant Professional Development Pilot Program for frontline workers.

The Board approved the ESC's recommendation and staff released the Convening Capacity and Regional Technical Assistance Request for Proposals with the funding amounts approved by the Board and, unfortunately, the BSCC did not receive any applications.

Proposed Activities

The Budget Act of 2022 allocated an additional \$1.8 million in funding to promote CalVIP and building capacity in the field of community-based violence intervention and prevention. With the additional funding staff recommends the Board double the funding allocations (as shown in the table below) for each category previously recommended by the CalVIP ESC.

Service	FY 2021 Funding	FY 2022 Funding	Total
Training and Certifications for Frontline Workers	\$750,000	\$750,000	\$1,500,000
Mental Health Services for Frontline Workers	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$1,000,000
Regional Technical Assistance	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$500,000
Convening Capacity	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$300,000
Professional Development	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$300,000
Total	\$1,800,000	\$1,800,000	\$3,600,000

Recommendation/Action Needed

Staff recommends that the Board:

1. Approve \$1.8 million to increase the previously approved funding (for a total of \$3.6 million) to develop service contracts and supplemental grants for technical assistance, and to expand capacity and provide training for the CalVIP program.

Attachments

D-1: CalVIP Grant Budget Bill Language