

**MEETING DATE:** November 18, 2021

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**TO:** BSCC Chair and Members

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**SUBJECT:** California Violence Intervention and Prevention (CalVIP) Grant Program, Request for Proposals: **Requesting Approval.**

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### Summary

This agenda item requests Board approval to release the California Violence Intervention and Prevention (CalVIP) Grant Program Request for Proposals (Attachment D-1) as recommended by the CalVIP Executive Steering Committee (ESC).

### Background

Formerly known as the California Gang Reduction, Intervention and Prevention (CalGRIP) grant, the Legislature established the California Violence Intervention and Prevention (CalVIP) grant in Fiscal Year (FY) 2017-18. The CalVIP grant encouraged jurisdictions to develop local approaches to violence prevention that would meet the diverse needs of each community.

Prior to FY 2017-18, only California cities were eligible to apply for the CalVIP grant (while requiring a minimum passthrough of 50 percent to community-based organizations (CBOs)). The FY 2017-18 State Budget extended eligibility to also allow CBOs to apply directly for CalVIP funds.

Prior to FY 2019-20, CalVIP was funded annually at \$9 million. With the enactment of the FY 2019-20 Budget, a one-time appropriation of \$21 million was included, for a total appropriation of \$30 million. This year, the state budget provided a \$200 million one-time augmentation for the next three fiscal years to enhance the CalVIP Grant Program. In addition to this one-time increase, the BSCC anticipates CalVIP will continue to receive its annual \$9 million allocation.<sup>1</sup> Of that amount, the FY 2021-22 State Budget Act (Attachment D-2) allows the BSCC to retain up to five percent for administrative operations and support. In addition, \$2 million is set aside for the City of Los Angeles as a non-competitive grant. The remaining \$209 million must be distributed through a competitive grant process, administered by the BSCC.

Assembly Bill (AB) 1603 (Chapter 735, Statutes of 2019), also known as the *Break the Cycle of Violence Act*, was signed by the Governor on October 11, 2019 (Attachment D-3). This bill codified the CalVIP grant program and the authority and duties of the BSCC in administering the program, including the establishment of a grant selection advisory committee<sup>2</sup> (the

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<sup>1</sup> Provided funding is appropriated in the FY 2022-23, and 2023-24 State Budget Acts

<sup>2</sup> The BSCC is required to form a grant selection advisory committee including, without limitation, persons who have been impacted by violence, formerly incarcerated persons, and persons with direct experience in

CalVIP ESC), selection criteria for grants, and reporting requirements to the Legislature. It narrows the focus of the CalVIP grant to include initiatives that “improve public health and safety line by supporting effective violence reduction initiatives in communities that are disproportionately impacted by violence, particularly group-member involved homicides, shootings, and aggravated assaults.”

On July 15, 2021, the Board approved a grant development process that included convening an Executive Steering Committee to develop an RFP for the CalVIP grant. The CalVIP ESC (Attachment D-4), chaired by Board Member Chief Andy Mills, met on October 7-8, 2021 to make recommendations on the key grant components described below.

### Key Grant Components

- Grant period. CalVIP grants will be awarded for a 42-month term, from July 1, 2022 to December 31, 2025. The first three years (July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2025) are for implementation and service delivery. The last six months (July 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025) are for completion of the financial audit and final evaluation report.
- Eligibility. Only cities that are disproportionately impacted by violence and the CBOs that serve the residents of those cities are eligible to apply for a CalVIP grant.
- Funding thresholds. Eligible cities (see Table 1) and the CBOs that serve the residents of those cities may apply for up to \$6 million with a specific set-aside for small-scope CBOs that are eligible to apply for up to \$400,000.
- Eligible grant activities. CalVIP grants must be used to support, expand, and replicate evidence-based violence reduction initiatives that seek to interrupt cycles of violence. Strategies eligible for funding could include but are not limited to: hospital-based violence intervention programs, evidence-based street outreach programs, and focused deterrence strategies. (Pen. Code, § 14131, subd. (c).)
- Target population. Initiatives funded by CalVIP must be primarily focused on providing violence intervention services to the small segment of the population that is identified as having the highest risk of perpetrating or being victimized by violence in the near future. (*Ibid.*)
- Match requirement. All applicants must provide a 100-percent match to state funds awarded (cash or in-kind). (Provision 1(b) of Item 5227-108-0001 of the Budget Act of 2021.)
- Pass-through requirement for cities. City applicants must agree to distribute at least 50 percent of the grant funds it receives to one or more of the following: a) CBOs or b) public agencies (other than the lead applicant agency) that are primarily dedicated to community safety or violence prevention. (Pen. Code, § 14131, subd. (j).)

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implementing evidence-based violence reduction initiatives, including initiatives that incorporate public health and community-based approaches. (Pen. Code, § 14131, subd. (k).)

- Reporting requirements. CalVIP grantees will be required to submit quarterly progress reports, a Local Evaluation Plan (six months post-award) and a Final Local Evaluation Report.

*Disproportionately impacted by violence*. A city is disproportionately impacted by violence if any of the following are true:

- (1) The city experienced 20 or more homicides per calendar year during two or more of the three calendar years immediately preceding the grant application.
- (2) The city experienced 10 or more homicides per calendar year during two or more of the three years prior to the grant application and had a homicide rate that was at least 50 percent higher than the statewide homicide rate during two or more of the three calendar years immediately preceding the grant application.
- (3) The applicant otherwise demonstrated a unique and compelling need for additional resources to address the impact of homicides, shootings, and aggravated assaults in the applicant's community.

(Pen. Code, § 14131, subd. (e).)

The CalVIP ESC further defined that a city has a "unique and compelling need" if the city experienced 5 or more homicides per calendar year during two or more of the three years immediately preceding the grant application.

The 53 cities listed in Table 1 meet one or more of the three criteria listed above. These cities and the CBOs that serve the residents of these cities are eligible to apply for CalVIP.

Table 1. Cities Eligible to Apply for CalVIP Funding*					
1	Anaheim	19	Inglewood	37	Redlands
2	Antioch	20	Jurupa Valley	38	Rialto
3	Bakersfield	21	Lancaster	39	Richmond
4	Carson	22	Long Beach	40	Riverside
5	Cathedral City	23	Los Angeles	41	Sacramento
6	Chula Vista	24	Merced	42	Salinas
7	Colton	25	Modesto	43	San Bernardino
8	Compton	26	Moreno Valley	44	San Diego
9	Delano	27	Norwalk	45	San Francisco
10	El Cajon	28	Oakland	46	San Jose
11	El Monte	29	Ontario	47	Santa Ana
12	Fairfield	30	Oxnard	48	Santa Maria
13	Fontana	31	Palm Springs	49	Stockton
14	Fresno	32	Palmdale	50	Tracy
15	Gardena	33	Pasadena	51	Turlock
16	Hayward	34	Perris	52	Vallejo
17	Hemet	35	Pomona	53	Victorville
18	Hesperia	36	Rancho Cordova		
*CBOs that serve the residence of these cities are also eligible to apply.					

### RFP Activities and Tentative Timeline

Below is a tentative timeline of activities necessary to administer a competitive RFP for the CalVIP grant.

Activity	Date
RFP Presented for Board Approval	November 18, 2021
Release Request for Proposals	November 19, 2021
Bidders' Conferences	December 17, 2021
Proposals Due to the BSCC (8 weeks)	February 11, 2022
Proposal Rating Process and Development of Funding Recommendations	February - May 2022
Present Funding Recommendations to Board	June 9, 2022
Grants Begin	July 1, 2022

### Recommendation/Action Needed

Staff recommends that the Board:

- Approve the release of the California Violence Intervention and Prevention (CalVIP) Grant Program Request for Proposals as recommended by the Executive Steering Committee

**Attachments**

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D-1: California Violence Intervention and Prevention (CalVIP) Grant Program RFP

D-2: 2021 State Budget Act

D-3: AB 1603 (Chapter 735, Statutes of 2019)

D-4: CalVIP ESC Membership Roster