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AGENDA ITEM: I

TO: BSCC Chair and Members

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SUBJECT: California Violence Intervention and Prevention Program - Development of Service Contracts for Technical Assistance, Expanded Capacity, and Training for CalVIP Grants: **Requesting Approval**

Summary

This agenda item requests Board approval to allocate \$1.8 million in funding to develop service contracts and supplemental grants for technical assistance, expanded capacity, and training for the California Violence Intervention and Prevention (CalVIP) program. The contracts would fund experts to build and expand capacity in the field of community-based violence intervention and prevention by providing training and certifications to community-based violence intervention and prevention professionals, provide mental health services to frontline workers, and convene grantee meetings to share best practices in violence prevention strategies. Additional service contracts would fund experts that would provide technical assistance to grantees in fiscal structure and data collection.

Background

The Budget Act of 2021 (Senate Bill 129, Chapter 69, Statute 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 is 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 front line workers and technical assistance providers, and to contract with independent researchers to evaluate the impact of selected initiatives supported by CalVIP.

Proposed Activities

The CalVIP Executive Steering Committee (ESC) recommends funding five categories to assist in capacity building, technical assistance and training for the maximum \$1.8 million. The services and funding recommendation are 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.

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

Recommendation/Action Needed

Staff recommends that the Board:

1. Approve \$1.8 million to develop service contracts and supplemental grants for technical assistance, and to expand capacity and provide training for the CalVIP program.

Attachments

I-1: CalVIP Grant Budget Bill Language