

**California Violence Intervention and Prevention
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

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Preface

The Vallejo Police Department sought this grant to help aid and fund programs aimed at re-connecting with our community to build trust with residents through institutionalizing of community based policing, problem oriented policing and community engagement philosophies. The main focus of this grant was geared towards reducing crime and violence in South Vallejo ideally through fostered partnerships which are mutually beneficial relationships between the community and the police by strengthening trust through genuine and informal interactions between the department and the community stakeholders. South Vallejo was specifically targeted after an internal analysis of this region of our community was determined to have higher rates of crimes both reported and unreported, coupled with the fewest number of organized neighborhood watch groups and very little crime prevention efforts. There are large neighborhoods of South Vallejo that are economically depressed and a growing number of an immigrant community consisting of non-English speaking Hispanic population.

Overview of project and community need

The City of Vallejo California is a community in Northern California, an area of roughly 53 square miles and a population of roughly 125,000 people. It's been well documented that the City of Vallejo has its share of crime. According to Neighborhood Scout, the national violent crime index median is 4 per 1000 residents with Vallejo standing at 7.74 per 1000. That means that there's a 1 in 129 of being a victim of violent crime. For property related crimes, the

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national median is 24 per 1000 and Vallejo maintaining a median of 34.7 per 1000. It's been discovered that almost 1/5th or 18.3% of residents live in poverty while 33% are unemployed with 10.3 % of that figure being of Latino descent.

In 2008, the City of Vallejo was the first city in the history of California to file for bankruptcy leading to mass reduction of the police force from 159 sworn to 78 officers in just a few short years. As a result of the drastic reduction of police services, the department collapsed specialized bureaus to redirect remaining resources to triage and staff critical 911 responses and calls for service. The Police Department cancelled all pertinent and relevant training resulting in the vast majority of the police department's sworn personnel to become out of compliance by POST standards. Operationally speaking and out of necessity, drastic service reductions became the norm where 911 calls were triaged prioritizing life threatening emergencies. Property crimes and other non-safety related calls for service went unanswered for the most part with significantly delayed response times and or referral to online reporting with certain criterias.

With the reduction in resources, coupled with a down national economy, crime rates rose and the police department struggled to hire and maintain staff to combat crime in the community while cultivating and maintaining meaningful relationships with the public. The Police Department for the most part halted any community outreach efforts and was toiling in an effort to stay afloat and keep up with critical calls for service. As a result, this prolonged inadequate service created a disconnect between the community and the police department

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where the residents felt that the police department was not responsive, responsible or reliable. Many residents felt that their pleas for assistance had largely gone ignored leading to further erosion of trust and confidence. The City of Vallejo was awarded a CalVip BSCC community engagement grant in 2015 which was tremendously helpful in funding various programs and activities helping the police department to reconnect with the community through various crime prevention and community outreach efforts.

Upon closer examination, it was apparent that this level of success did not translate to the south Vallejo neighborhoods. In 2018, The City of Vallejo was awarded a second CalVip BSCC grant to focus specifically on the south Vallejo which encompasses the area bordered by interstate 780 and Georgia Street on the north, the waterfront on the west, Carquinez Straits on the south and Benicia State Park on the east. This particular zip code encompasses some of the highest poverty rates, the lowest life expectancies and the highest rates of hospitalizations due to both substance abuse and criminal assaults. Even with various community engagement efforts, this area continued with a trend of disproportional violent crime.

Target and focus of grant

To that point and despite continuing efforts to connect with the community, Vallejo Police have found little success in engaging South Vallejo residents in community oriented activities, crime prevention and community engagement efforts. The focus of this grant was to

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specifically target the South Vallejo neighborhoods and make more of a concerted effort to reach the Hispanic, Filipino, youth and the homeless population in Vallejo.

The Vallejo Police Department seeks to build and bridge relationships and reduce crime in South Vallejo by way of deploying additional resources to combat criminal activities and to engage with the community members through non enforcement related activities where the police department, coordinated primarily by the Community Services Division and the Code Enforcement Division, would work cooperatively with the community stakeholders to clean up neighborhoods and attempt to further establish and strengthen crime prevention tactics. Building rapport and trust with members of the Hispanic community, Filipino community, the youth and the homeless populations was not only the focus but the top priority of this grant program.

During the life of this current grant, our Community Service Division conducted a total of six Neighborhood Watch Series training events where police staff members coordinated and hosted various crime prevention seminars to educate our public on various topics to include how to recognize criminal activities in their neighborhood, how to report such activities and how citizens can protect themselves and take an active role in reducing crime in their neighborhoods. The efforts resulted in establish a 10 new neighborhood watch groups in the South Vallejo neighborhoods.

Youth

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Evidence shows that the youth of our community are very much at risk of violence associated with gangs, substance abuse and poverty. The prior grant helped to fund late night summer basketball programs where the youth were exposed to opportunities to interact with police officers informally on the basketball courts. Many of Vallejo's youth have either been victimized or were involved in undesirable behavior, some of which may or may not be criminal in nature. This time around, we wanted to take it step further and reach out to even a younger age group; pre-teens and elementary school kids. We've learned that our younger age groups of children are especially at risk when looking at unfavorable trends to include school attendance, experimentation with alcohol and drugs and early exposure to gangs which are all dangerous gateways to the beginning paths of criminal activities and behavior.

Latino or Hispanic

Vallejo has been declared a sanctuary city by the elected official, yet rumors and inaccurate information led to an increase of distrust between the immigrant/non English speaking Hispanic population and with government authoritarian figures i.e. police officer. Since 2015, the Vallejo Police Department has made earnest attempts to establish relationships and rapport with the Latino community. Thus far, all of the community engagement programs such as late night basketball have done little to attract the Latino youths. This can be partially explained due to geographic isolation and cultural differences where they may not have interest in certain types of sports and in such cases, soccer seems to be the preferred or prevalent sports of interest to the Latino youth.

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To compound problems, some of the informal leaders of the Hispanic communities were outwardly suspicious of local government to include the police department. A lot of misinformation led to the common belief that the police department's goal to connect was really a disguised tactic to root out illegal immigrants and to turn them over to Immigrations and Customs Enforcement. There were several instances where scheduled socializing events were cancelled because false rumors were spread by some Hispanic leaders indicating that the event was actually a "round up" of illegal immigrants. It took a tremendous amount of effort to reach out to the leaders of the Hispanic communities to convince them to socially and informally engage with and participate in police department related activities, information sharing events, crime prevention seminars and goodwill events. The police department conducted several outreach events targeting the Hispanic community to demonstrate that our police department was genuinely concerned for their well being and that immigration enforcement was not a part of the plan or curriculum.

Filipino Community

Similarly with the Filipino community, established communicative relationships were sparse. In learning of the Filipino culture, especially for those who are first generation Filipino Americans or for those who have recently immigrated to the United States, there exists a real distrust between the citizenry and law enforcement officials. Filipinos in their native country have a much different and fearful relationship with the police where corruption is a common place. Filipinos are also culturally more introverted and tend to feel more secure when

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amongst people of their own race. An anonymous survey in 2017 of 254 Filipino youth revealed that 76% of the youth felt as if there was no place in the Filipino community where they could seek help with personal problems. Members from the Police Department's Community Services Division sought out help from various Filipino community leaders to build bridges and connect through invited community engagement events but in some instances, the efforts fell short in terms of attendance.

The police department attended several Filipino cultural events and attempted to solicit active participation with Filipino community leaders at the Filipino Cultural Center. Members from the Community Services Division offered to partner with Filipino community members to conduct crime prevention seminars and establish neighborhood watch groups but this effort for the most part was met with moderate level successes. The police department jumped at the opportunity to attend any and all Filipino cultural event hosted in our city, as one such example, the Community Services and Code Enforcement Division attended the annual "Pista Sa Nayan" which is a Filipino cultural fair held at the waterfront area in downtown Vallejo.

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Homeless

It is estimated that the City of Vallejo has roughly 700 homeless which is over half of county's homeless population of roughly 1200 people. Many of them suffer from substance abuse and addiction and or suffer from severe mental illness. Starting in 2016, the Vallejo Police Department's Community Services Division implemented a countywide task force directed at the homeless problem. The homeless are the source of many community complaints ranging from nuisance and health and safety related i.e. panhandling, loitering,

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trespassing, public urination and defecation to more serious incidents of thefts, burglaries and assaults.

The homeless regularly migrate from one area to another and establish temporary residence anywhere they can. When left to their own devices, the homeless often create makeshift fortresses complete with a living area. The problem is that the homeless encampments also creates a public safety hazard with human waste, illegal dumping, accumulation of garbage and illegal open flame sources for heat and cooking. There have been numerous instances where such conditions have ignited a fire which threatened nearby structures and had to be extinguished by the fire department.

Programs implemented

The Vallejo Police Department implemented many programs as part of this grant spending plan. The following listed (in no particular order) are some of the programs that were implemented. Homeless outreach, Picnic in the park, Belly flops with the cops, backpack giveaway, kids closet, laptop raffle, bike rodeo, school attendance campaign, neighborhood summit, Neighborhood cleanups, Soccer outreach, pizza party, Hot meals for homeless, late night basketball and an after school program (the Leaven).

Homeless Outreach

Members from the Vallejo Police Department's Community Services Division, aka (CSS) have been conducting bi-weekly outreach and cleanups to increase contact between the

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homeless community and members of the Vallejo Police Department. The purpose of the repeated/frequent contacts is to develop trust and rapport with the homeless community in the hopes that the police officers contact new or unknown homeless individuals and or encourage those who may have previously been resistant to any types of social services. The police officers are accompanied by social workers, mental health professionals and public works employees. The social workers continue to interact with the homeless to either initiate the process to get individuals started and registered for services and or follow up for those who have previously been registered and have expressed a desire to receive services.

Public works employees cleaned up abandoned homeless encampments or otherwise discarded garbage, hazardous waste i.e. human waste, which inevitably attract rodents, germs and diseases. Additionally, the police department paid to contract services with a private contractor/vendor to accompany the officers and to collect personal property for storage and safekeeping and to properly dispose of hazardous waste around the various homeless encampments.

Members from the Vallejo Police Department co-hosted an annual homeless event, the first of a kind at Children's Wonderland. At this event, the first 200 people were provided with food, basic supplies i.e. shoes, backpacks, school supplies, groceries, and services to include haircuts, a health clinic and a resource booth for those who may be in need of social services. This event was attended by local ministers, members from the police and fire departments.

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The age range was from infants to elderly and approximately 300 people showed up throughout the day.

The Vallejo Police Department partnered with other law enforcement agencies in the county to include the Solano Sheriffs, CA Highway Patrol, CA Dept. of Fish and Wildlife, Fairfield Police Department, Vacaville Police Department and non-profits agencies to include Caminar, Mission Solano (no longer in existence) Solano County Mental Health, Solano County Health and Social Services, Veterans Assistance, Solano County Animal Control and some others to accompany the Community Services Division to conduct homeless outreach in many of the more populated homeless community encampments within the city. The Vallejo Police Department conducted several of these events throughout the year. At the most recent event in Sept of 2019, the operation was conducted over a 3 day period where a total of 103 homeless persons were contacted. 74 of those contacted, voluntarily agreed to accept some form of social services i.e. enrollment for social programs, general assistance, temporary shelter requests etc., and 11 were transported for immediate temporary sheltering. Additionally, animal control services offered vaccinations for 9 dogs and 3 cats. Many of those that accepted assistance would've otherwise declined if they had to choose to become separated from their pets.

For the following years of 2018 and 2019 the CSS Division was largely responsible for contacting 1273 homeless and 846 homeless contacts respectively. Starting in March of 2020, the police department temporarily suspended outreach efforts mainly due to the Covid 19

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pandemic. Starting in May of 2020, the outreach efforts resumed in limited capacity and to date, the Unit has contacted 327 homeless people. Keep in mind that “contacts” refer to the number of times that homeless people have been contacted in our community and it does not necessarily mean a total number of different individuals.



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Picnic in the Park

This program was born when local residents complained that their local parks were overrun by the homeless, drug users and gang members frequenting local parks. Members from the Vallejo Police Department's Community Services and Code Enforcement Division wanted innovative ways to maintain high police visibility to deter criminal activities while inviting local residents to come visit the parks and get to know police officers. We figured that this would be a great way to engage with community members while offering a simple lunch

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snack and beverages as an icebreaker. At this event, we utilized our community engagement van which was retrofitted with funds from the previous grant to reach out to a large group audience with video and audio messages/presentations. Also with funds paid by through the previous grant, the police department offered snow cones, popcorn, coffee and light refreshments to anyone wishing to visit with the police and strike up a conversation.

We picked different park locations throughout our city and picked several that we've targeted as potentially high crime and problematic in the South Vallejo neighborhood. VPD purchased individually pre-wrapped hot dogs, a beverage and bags of chips and offered them to anyone wishing to come and engage with our police department staff. VPD conducted 4 events at 4 different locations, each time drawing impressive crowds to the events. Many citizens were happy to see the police and spent time with their children to engage with the police.

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Belly Flops with the Cops

Members from the Vallejo Police Department hosted the annual Belly Flops with the Cops event at Cunningham pool in Vallejo. At this event, the police department partnered with the Greater Vallejo Recreation District (GVRD). Participants signed up to compete against one another to perform belly flops at the swimming pool. Police employees were on hand to act as judges with score cards ranging from 1 through 10, with the latter being the highest score. Police officers also participated in the event, although never talented enough to beat out our

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local residents. This event served an additional purpose of engaging with community members where police employees were on hand to gift police memorabilia i.e. printed shopping bags, Frisbees, pens, mugs, beverage holders and many others. This allowed an opportunity for parents and youths to meet with police officers in a very informal, friendly and fun setting. We have received many comments from the community that they viewed police officers in different light seeing officers in casual clothing, swim wear and not wearing a police uniform. This visual image dispelled some preconceived images of police officers being an intimidating figure for our community's youth. Many children expressed that this was the first time that they've actually met a police officer face to face without feeling intimidated i.e. uniform, police

cars etc.



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Backpack Giveaway

This event was geared towards focusing on the youth of our community, particularly in the South Vallejo region. The Community Services Division planned a total of four events at the elementary schools. Each of the backpacks were filled with various school supplies and a total of 1200 backpacks were purchased and distributed. At every school event, police employees worked with school officials to coordinate this event. The backpacks were set up by color and style and school officials systematically brought in the school children by groups to the area where the backpacks were set up. The children were then allowed to choose a backpack of their liking and to interact with the police officers who were handing out the backpacks. This event was very popular and allowed children to obtain school supplies that otherwise may not

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have been affordable for some of the low income children.



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Children's closet

In speaking with school officials and teachers at the various schools, we asked them what a significant need may be for the local school children. Surprisingly, many school staff members indicated that children's undergarments were sorely needed. It seems that many of the South Vallejo youth live in poverty and school teachers were discovering the many children were attending school with soiled undergarments or no undergarments at all. Teachers collectively were donating to a school closet out of pocket, to purchase essentials like socks,

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underwear, leggings and training bras. After speaking with our BSCC representative, we submitted a proposal to purchase the above items at a discounted cost of almost \$47,000 which we then distributed and donated to the four South Vallejo elementary schools. The school district and teachers were extremely thankful, appreciative and happy to receive this donation. Such items were the responsibility of the individual teachers to distribute to those children in need.

School attendance campaign

We named this program “Every Minute Counts.” As part of 21 proposed outreach events at our South Vallejo schools, we partnered with the school officials to host this program with supporting associated programs, “Pizza with the Cops” and “Laptop for Attendance.” The idea here was to encourage children to increase school attendance and to discourage truancy and skipping of school classes. Increasing school attendance would in theory increase testing scores and reduce potential chances for the children to become involved in undesirable behaviors away from school. Children who achieved higher test scores and for those who attain near perfect school attendance would be treated to pizza with the cops during their lunch break. Those who achieve perfect attendance were entered in a raffle drawing for a laptop computer. The school district kept track of the children’s attendance and reported to us which children have shown improvement and were eligible for the rewards.

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We decided on a sliding scale that was realistic and attainable as a goal for the children. For the first quarter of the school year, 75% attendance made them eligible, for the second quarter 85% and for the third quarter 95%. The fourth quarter was then set at 100% attendance. For each level of achievement, the children would be eligible for pizza with the cops and a raffle drawing for the laptop computer. School officials indicated that although they didn't keep detailed statistics as we had hoped, their internal assessment was that school attendance, class participation, focus on studying and test scores increased in every category. We were told that many of the students had expressed an interest in improving their efforts, knowing that there was a reward for their concerted effort. Simple things like having pizza with the cops was appealing to the students and it served as motivation for them to have something to look forward to.



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Bike Rodeo

This event was held at the South Vallejo Community Center, also known as the Norman King Community Center. For this event, police officers set up a cone bike patterns to act as a rodeo for any child to come and ride through with instruction and supervision from bike police officers. A local mobile bike repair company attended and fixed or performed maintenance on any child's bicycle that was brought to this event, free of charge to kids. Vallejo Police also purchased lunch and offered meals to the children and at the end of the day, they were afforded an opportunity to enter their names in a drawing for a brand new bicycle. We purchased several bicycles for both boys and girls and for children of different ages and each group held a separate drawing. This event was well attended and it afforded the local children

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the opportunity to meet with police officers and spend the day having fun in a safe environment.



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Youth Soccer event

Vallejo Police partnered with Victory Outreach which is a non-profit community group focused on helping the low income Hispanic children. Many of the children were from South Vallejo and with soccer being the sport of choice for younger children of Latino decent, it was determined that the Vallejo Police Department would fund and help host this event. We purposely chose a field located in South Vallejo to make it more convenient for those children living in South Vallejo. A total of 6 soccer events were hosted and coordinated by Victory Outreach but funded and attended by members of the police department at each and every event. The youth were provided an opportunity to again see police officers in a non-enforcement role and to interact with officers in a more casual and fun setting. This event was also very popular with each event drawing roughly 50-75 children per event.

At this event, many attending children and their parents expressed their gratitude and this allowed for dialogues about various community issues to be brought up as a topic of discussion. The informal setting acted as a catalyst to spark conversations about crime prevention, child safety and community involvement. Several parents later indicated that they were initially hesitant to enroll their children for this event not knowing exactly what to expect, whether this was an event to secretly identify people to report to Immigrations and Customs. They indicated that because they trusted Victory Outreach organization, they decided to come out and experience the events. Most all participants agreed that this was a great event which fostered camaraderie and friendships.

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Neighborhood Summit Crime Prevention Seminars

In all, members from the Vallejo Police Department's Community Services Division hosted and attend 20 crime prevention seminars during the calendar year for 2019. The philosophy behind these events was to bring awareness to crime prevention strategies and to encourage neighborhood watch and community policing. Many various topics were taught at these events to include, identifying and reporting narcotics activity, identifying and reporting potential burglaries, identifying and reporting suspicious activities, how to set up and maintain neighborhood watch and several other topics. We utilized mobile apps and our police department's Facebook page to solicit ideas on what our community members wanted to learn about as a topic. These events were well attended ranging from 25-200 people per event.

The police department also held raffles to encourage participation and attendance and at these events. The police department handed out Ring doorbells, strikemaster door frame securing devices, exterior perimeter lighting and other products aimed at improving crime prevention through environmental designs. Many participants thanked the police department for the educational and informative seminars while indicating that the information was extremely helpful and valuable.

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Emmanuel Temple partnership

The original proposal included Emmanuel Temple Church as a significant Community Based Organization aka CBO. We experienced some challenges with time lines and the practicality of implementing the proposed ideas. Vallejo Police representatives met with and sought to explore in detail the feasibility of the church to take the lead and fulfill the efforts to

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achieve the goals of the original grant. Over the course of several meetings, it was mutually decided that we needed to scale down and simplify the programs while still maintaining Emmanuel Temple as a CBO. In the end, we mutually agreed to help fund a half basketball court construction on the church property and to implement a homeless feeding program which we named "Hot Meals for the Homeless." Vallejo Police partnered with and attended at every event where the church would open its doors to provide a hot meal for the homeless individuals in our community. Police employees used this opportunity to try and connect the homeless with essential police services and referrals for social services i.e. mental health, housing, financial assistance etc.

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The Leaven after school program partnership

The Leaven is an after school program led by Executive Director Mark Lillis. This program serves elementary school children, those who are from low income families often living below the national poverty line where crime, gang activity and negative influences tempt and influence young children toward undesirable behaviors which may or may not equate to

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criminal violations. With little or no access to after school and other diversionary programs and opportunities for engagement outside of the school environment, their chances of succeeding and or deviating away from undesirable behaviors are drastically reduced. Additionally, such environment is not conducive to a learning valuable skill sets and to promote literacy such as basic school academics.

Mark Lillis indicates that his program “responds with an innovative and comprehensive youth development and community revitalization program” and that they are not “a stand-alone after school program” instead, they are “fixtures in the neighborhoods to engage parents and include them in additional weekend activities.”

The program focused on two housing complexes located in south Vallejo in particular 969 Porter St and 201 Maine St. Both are large, densely populated low income housing complexes known to be high in crime and poverty rates. The Leaven’s daily program served a total of 60 children Monday through Thurs from 3:30 to 5:30 pm. The program consists of many different learning activities to include reading, tutoring, assistance with homework assignments and confidence boosting. The reading segments consist of individual group sessions; interactions between a tutor and student. Also during the day, students are taught healthy eating habits during a snack and recreation activity segment which the Leaven refers to as “HEAL.” On a weekly basis, the student engage in various types of community service and are taught fundamentals of leadership through character building activities.

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The program also introduced the children to modern technology as a demonstration of what's to come in the modern workplace. The Leaven added a new program that they've named "STEM/STEAM" which focuses on technology learning. This program allowed the Leaven to purchase 3D printers, new desk, chairs and school supplies while also upgrading some badly needed computers and IPADS to interface with new technology. The Leaven program collaborated with the Air Mobility Command at Travis Air Force Base and the Vallejo Symphony to develop the STEAM curriculum which all 60 children participated in.

Mark Lillis further states that "The Leaven's primary objective is to significantly improve at risk students' school performance by bridging the critical educational and safety gap that exists when youth are not in school or do not have property supervision at home." Further he states "we strive to empower our students to take full advantage of their education, as the basis for the further success as they grow into adulthood."

The program ran into some challenges with the COVID 19 pandemic but prior to shutting down temporarily, the assessment was encouraging and proof positive with 100% of the students showing improvements in reading skills, over 80% showing improvements in homework completion and over 70% of the students showing improvements in class participation, class behavior and increased self-esteem, self-awareness and connection to the community.

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Neighborhood cleanups

It's been established that blighted neighborhoods often invite undesirable and criminal behaviors not to mention that garbage detracts from the natural landscape of the neighborhood and degrades the quality of life. The Code Enforcement unit coordinated and

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spearheaded a total of 7 community cleanup events and at each of these cleanup events; approximately 10 plus, 25 cubic yard dumpsters were filled with unwanted refuse and garbage which would've otherwise remained in plain view in our community or otherwise dumped on our public streets. Code enforcement partnered with local churches and other community members to help spread the word about free dumpster space available to any local residents. Code enforcement then offered lunches and refreshments free of charge and conducted an educational seminar related to cleaning up communities and how the police department can assist in working with stakeholders to keep our community clean and blight free.



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Project results and accomplishments

As stated in other parts of this report, the initial proposed goals changed unexpectedly and out of necessity. Upon further review and further exploration, we determined that some of our CBO's were unable to fulfill the logistics of the proposals. As one example, Caminar indicated in their initial proposal that they would provide mental health services to the homeless during an intake screening process. During our proposal negotiations phase, Caminar indicated that they didn't have licensed mental health professionals who could provide this service because all mental health services is the responsibility of county mental health. After several meetings, it was mutually decided upon that this grant program could not be adjusted to meet the grant requirements.

In speaking with our CBO's at Emmanuel Temple, we ran into similar problems in comparing the original vision/goals of the grant versus the reality, logistics and feasibility of Emmanuel Temple being able to organize, facilitate and following through with provisions. As an example, the original proposal outlined that a grant manager would be hired to run this program for the church. Additionally, this grant manager would be responsible for implementing an after school program with tuition assistance and field trips. After several meetings and review of options, it was mutually agreed upon to revise the original proposal and limit the scope of what we were realistically going to be able to accomplish. In the end, the

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grant funded a basketball court and offered limited services to the homeless i.e. hot meals and limited support and referrals.

The Vallejo Police Department sought this grant to assist those who are less fortunate in our community, to bridge and maintain effective community partnerships and relationships between the citizens and police department and to take a proactive approach in diverting and reducing the likelihood of introducing children to the criminal justice system. Finally, a bigger picture of this grant was to reduce crime in the South Vallejo neighborhoods which we've determined to be less connected and active in our crime prevention efforts. Overall, we believe that the grant has had a significant impact towards fulfilling these goals. This grant provided valuable resources where we were able to conduct meaningful community engagement events and to proactively engage with the residents of South Vallejo, the youth and the Filipino community. This grant funding allowed the police department to specifically target the above mentioned factions of our community. Most if not all of these events have been posted on our department's Facebook page to memorialize the engagement outreach efforts and to encourage others to participate.

The police department received many accolades and high praise from the community in the form of social media responses and during personal contacts with community members at and away from the actual engagement events. Unfortunately, we've not be able to provide concrete evidence or quantifiable data to prove that this grant program was a success in accomplishing what we've set out to do. With that said, the community responses and positive

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feedback provided to our City's executive teams and elected officials from our community has been abundant. There have been countless mentions of appreciation for the police department's efforts and programs that allowed our police department members to engage with the public. I've also received feedback from patrol officers indicating that while patrolling our city, they have been approached by people of our community thanking the police department for the events while reminiscing and asking whether similar events will be held in the future.

As it relates to the homeless intervention efforts, the grant funding allowed our department to conduct 29 separate homeless outreach events. We've seen an approximate 50% increase in those individuals who voluntarily chose to accept assistance as part of our outreach efforts. This effort has led to many neighborhoods expressing their gratitude for the removal of homeless encampments and eradication of bio hazard and contaminations to surrounding areas of our community. This increased the overall quality of life and reduced social nuisance type and criminal complaints from community members. As part of the outreach efforts, we instituted a cleanup program to rid our community of abandoned homeless encampments and to restore the area to its natural habitat/state.

In addition, the Community Service Division extended an offer to the homeless activists and advocates to come join our team when conducting homeless outreaches. Many homeless advocates and activists have expressed their approval and support of our efforts and it was evident as both city hall administration and elected officials were receiving much fewer

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complaints from activists about police intervention with the homeless. Additionally, it was proof positive that many areas of Vallejo appeared to be cleaner free of garbage and debris; it was also noticeable that fewer homeless people seemed to be congregating in areas that impact businesses and quality of life.

Challenges faced and lessons learned

The Vallejo Police Department experienced some significant challenges in fulfilling some of the original grant proposal. There have been several factors that have contributed to some delays in fully implementing this program. The main challenge had to do with a change in upper executive administration within the police department due to retirements. Since the time of application for this grant, The Chief of Police, Andrew Bidou and the Captain of Police, John Whitney, are no longer employed with the City of Vallejo. For the time period between June of 2019 through November of 2019, the department was led by interim Chief of Police Joe Allio. Acting Capt/Lt. Kenny Park was tasked with taking over the duties as the grant coordinator effective July of 2019 and where the grant is scheduled to run from Jan 2018 through Jun of 2020.

Even though this grant was awarded to the City of Vallejo in 2018 it became apparent that none of the CBO contracts had been signed as of September of 2019. Only a small portion of the grant monies had been spent as of July 2019 with some monies having been spent on Late Night Basketball and some community outreach events which had been funded through

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the grant monies. In reviewing the grant goals, in particular the CBO's, Acting Captain/Lt. Park set up meetings with the originally proposed CBO's to better understand what types of services that these community partners could and would commit to in exchange for grant funded programs as part of the original proposal. The associated challenges are related to lack of available staffing within the police department and with the shortened timeline and an ambitious goal to complete a 2 year implementation plan and convert this into a span of less than 1 year remaining on the grant.

Where we did not do as well as we would've liked is to keep better track of our successes in terms of comparing our internally gathered data with how the community perceived our efforts and the effectiveness of our engagement efforts. In our opinion, probably the most effective method would've been surveys that were either handed out at the event for participants to fill out and submit or to conduct a separate survey i.e. "survey monkey." Every situation is unique to the community and perhaps the survey monkey may not have been as effective given that many of our community members don't have access to a computer for online surveys. The only feedback that we can rely on is the comments on our department's Facebook page, phone messages and in person praises, thanking of the police department's effort with engagement and outreach.

Revision with CBO's

After several meetings, it was mutually determined that Emmanuel Temple could only partially fulfill the original goals of the grant and that Caminar could not effectively provide services that

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were outlined below items 1-5. I felt that there were conflicts with terminology and understandings between what I believed were the intentions of the grant versus Caminar's version of services proposed. For example, the original proposal asked for mental health, group therapy and crisis intervention counseling. I discovered that they could only provide peer counseling and that they also rely on Solano County Mental Health services for mental health counseling.

CAMINAR- proposal scrapped

The original proposal was slated to partner with Caminar, a local nonprofit organization geared towards supporting individuals and families offering services to include many different types of services advertised as follows A through D. Items 1 through 5 represents the original goals of services that Caminar was thought to be able to deliver

- A. MIOCR Mentally ill Offender Crime Reduction Program. This program addresses the wellness needs of adults who have been incarcerated and have mental health issues with a goal to reduce recidivism.
- B. Resource Connect. This program aims to streamline access to housing and supportive resources for those who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.
- C. Homeless program- services offered to the homeless to provide supportive and stabilizing services related to housing, health care, and mental health.

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- D. Wellness Recovery Center- This program is a peer run drop in center for individuals with known or suspected mental illness and this center provides services to promote wellness and ongoing recovery from mental health disorders.

The original proposal outlined that Caminar would provide the following.

1. Individual Therapy eighteen 60 min session for 35 clients totaling 630 total sessions
2. Group Therapy- 18 months of weekly 60 minute group therapy classes (72 session total)
3. Crisis Intervention- twenty four 60 minute sessions
4. Event workshops- Monthly mental health workshops educations trainings, provides for 24 workshops
5. Facility space- total of 726 hours of use for wellness center

Emmanuel Temple Original Proposal

1. Homeless Outreach- Monthly outreach dinners for the homeless
2. Program manager- Part time program manager 2080 hours over the life of the grant
3. Half basketball court- basketball court construction, bench and other supplies for the program
4. Call Maritime- student volunteers for tutoring in after school program 624 hours, 5 students for 3 hours each week, includes travel time and prep

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5. Tutoring supplies- supplies include, stationary, art supplies, reference books, technology, printing and other materials for 30 kids over 2 years
6. Tutoring snacks- healthy snacks and light refreshments for tutoring program
7. Educational field Trip- Sacramento for Youth \$2000 per trip includes transportation to venue, admission and food
8. Facility space- fair market value for 208 hours of tutoring 144 hours for homeless outreach dinner
9. Computers for tutoring- estimated cost of computers

Emmanuel Temple New proposal/modified

- A. Half basketball court- basketball court construction, bench and other supplies for the program
- B. Homeless outreach- providing food for the homeless

Impact on crime in south Vallejo neighborhood

As one can see from the crime stats data noted in this report, in comparing the Calls for Service for the time periods of (2017-2019) have been reduced by almost 20%. Keep in mind that 2016 is when our police department was awarded and implemented our first BSCC grant to include late night basketball and many other outreach programs and where our Chief of Police at the time, made community engagement a priority for our organization. The data shows that

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aggravated assaulted also declined by approximately 6.5% but homicides remained at the same rate and inexplicably, the rapes during this period in 2019 increased after seeing a sharp decrease in 2018. We surmise that a possible and or logical explanation to the rise of this disturbing crime statistic is in part attributable to our increased effort to encourage victims to come forward and report such heinous crimes. Such encouragement was emphasized through our outreach events and crime prevention seminars, however, this is unverifiable and we have no way to prove or disprove this through data or other quantifiable factual statistics.

With this latest BSCC grant, the program parameters changed a bit to match the goals of the grant and as previously mentioned, some of the program goals had to be altered in a way we felt would best serve the goals of this grant and the community. Our organization has experienced many visible and verbal acknowledgements of the success related to this grant and we have been very pleased with the “fruits of our labor” so to speak. We were unable to get quantifiable data to show the effectiveness of the program efforts other than what we’ve already shared in this report. Another words, we had no way of demonstrating that the community experienced an “X” amount or an “X” percentage points of increased public support after the implementation of this grant.

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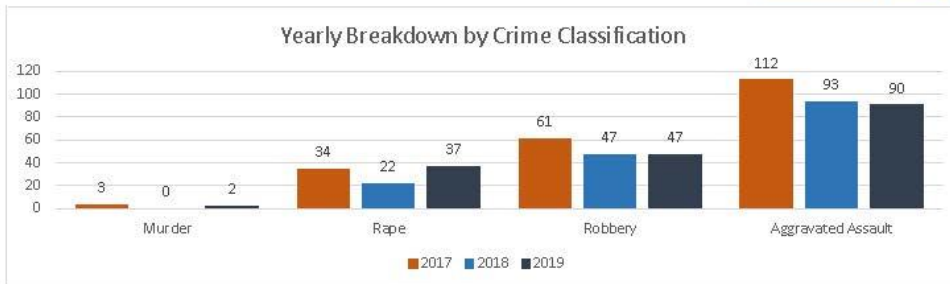
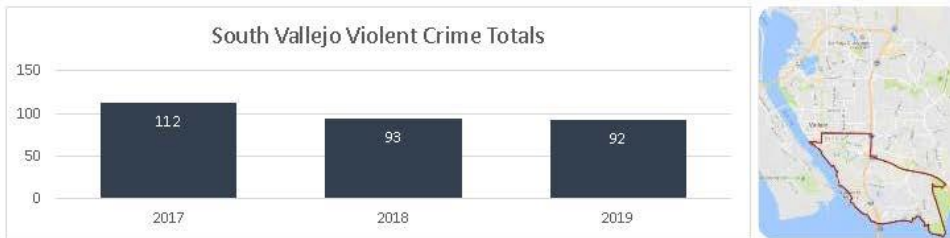
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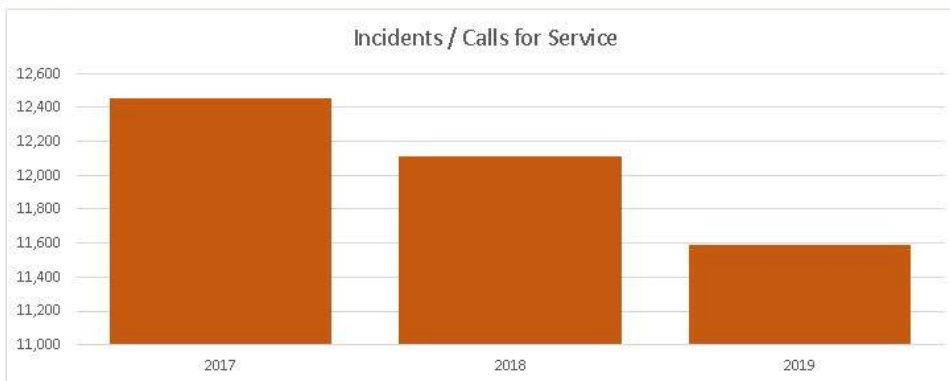
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Violent Crime



Incidents / Calls for Service



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Program conclusion and final thoughts

As previously noted above, our challenges stemming from executive leadership change within our organization, assignment changes, lack of personnel staffing and time constraints resulted in a daunting and sometimes seemingly insurmountable task but our organization is pleasantly surprised and quite proud of what we were able to accomplish given the disadvantaged start to this grant. At the onset, we set a goal to better connect with our youth, African American, Filipino, Hispanic and other minority members of our community particularly in south Vallejo neighborhood. Our intention was to initiate community engagement, start dialogues, build and maintain rapport between our police department and our community with an underlying objective to partner together as mutually beneficial stakeholders and ultimately to reduce crime. Our police department can confidently say that we've largely achieved the above goals.

Overall, we have been pleased with the interactions and feedback from our community, despite the fact that we did not have a formal and quantifiable measuring stick to more accurately verify the positive impacts of the grant and the community engagement programs that the police department has initiated and implemented. The ideas for certain programs were custom tailored after carefully reviewing the very specific needs of our community and while also considering what programs we felt were both feasible, practical and provided the biggest return on our investment. Our organization does feel that overall, this grant program was a huge success as both our community and police department have experienced valuable returns as the community

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members of Vallejo reaped the benefits of the generous funding. Without such funding, the community outreach efforts would've proved to be far more difficult and perhaps even unreachable in many aspects.