

California Violence Intervention & Prevention (CalVIP) Grant

(listed in alphabetical order)

Cohort 1 Grant Cycle: May 2018 to April 2020

Cohort 2 Grant Cycle: September 2018 to August 2020

Another Choice, Another Chance (Sacramento)

- Cohort 1
- \$121,218 award

Services provided:

- Cognitive behavioral therapy
- Trauma-informed care

Target population: Youth, ages 7-21

Project Summary: Another Choice, Another Chance (ACAC) will provide trauma-informed, cognitive behavioral therapy to African American youth in Sacramento who have been identified as suffering from a violent traumatic experience. Specifically, ACAC will provide individual and group mental health, trauma and addiction counseling to youth ages 7 to 21 who have been identified as being involved in gangs or violent behaviors or who may be suffering from trauma as a result of crime and violence. ACAC will also focus on building the capacity of other treatment providers to provide trauma-informed and culturally appropriate services by offering the “Think Trauma” curriculum.

Project Director: Kerri Herndon (kherndon@acacsac.org)

Brotherhood Crusade of Los Angeles

- Cohort 1
- \$500,000 award

Services provided:

- Trauma-responsive care
- Education/Job training

Target population: High-risk youth

Project Summary: This proposal introduces “Proud to be Me,” a collective impact, trauma-responsive youth/gang violence prevention project aimed to significantly reduce the disproportionately high level of violence in Los Angeles County Service Planning Area 6 (SPA 6), with an emphasis on Compton, Inglewood, Lynwood and South Los Angeles. Brotherhood Crusade, the Los Angeles County Probation Department, the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) and other partners will work collaboratively to: (1) reduce recidivism and gang violence among SPA 6 high-risk youth by reframing their attitudes, behaviors and beliefs, thereby deterring their desire to join gangs or engage in violence; and (2) increase the number and percentage of SPA 6 high-risk youth earning a diploma or equivalency certificate who are well prepared for college/career by replicating “Proud to be Me” across LAUSD and Probation.

Project Director: Charisse Bremond (cbremond@brotherhoodcrusade.org)

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: Vanessa Petti (vpetti@cacej.org)

Catholic Charities of the East Bay (Oakland)

- Cohort 1
- \$500,000 award

Services provided:

- School-based intervention
- Alternative disciplines
- Restorative practices

Target population: Middle school youth

Project Summary: "Experience Hope" is a multi-faceted school-based intervention that reduces and prevents violence by addressing trauma-related social, emotional, and behavioral problems in low-income students of color, while training school staff in restorative practices that provide effective alternatives to traditional discipline. Currently, Catholic Charities provides individual elements of "Experience Hope" at seven schools in the Oakland Unified School District, with one full-service site currently in operation at Montera Middle School. CalVIP funding will enable the agency to create an additional full-service site at another high-need school, serving approximately 50 youth at risk of perpetration of and/or victimization by violence and training 24 school staff.

Project Director: Jordan Thompson (jthompson@cceb.org)

Centinela Youth Services (Los Angeles)

- Cohort 1
- \$500,000 award

Services provided:

- Pre-booking diversion
- Restorative case conferencing

Target population: Middle, high and continuation school students

Project Summary: CYS will fund the Everychild Restorative Justice Center (ERJC), a pre-booking diversion and intervention model that opens life-changing opportunities for youth to: 1) receive support to manage root cause needs that influence their behaviors, 2) make amends for any harm they have caused, and 3) avoid the destructive impacts of a criminal record while regaining their potentials to learn and contribute to their communities. With its partners, Compton Unified School District (CUSD) and Compton School Police, CYS will provide ERJC services for at least 200 middle, high and continuation school students whose violence-linked offenses or risk factors place them at highest risk of arrest, expulsion or school removal in the CUSD. Additionally, those students at risk of imminent suspension, expulsion, or removal for violence-linked behaviors, truancy, or academic failure, will receive assessment-driven interventions through Restorative Case Conferences that bring together school, family, and community stakeholders to coordinate immediate interventions and long-term supports.

Project Director: Jessica Ellis (jellis@cys-la.org)

Community & Youth Outreach (Oakland)

- Cohort 2
- \$500,000 award

Services provided:

- In-custody programs
- Reentry planning
- Case management

Target population: Transitional age youth

Project Summary: CYO and its partner, Positive Communications Partners (PCP), are committed to implementing a high-functioning community-based continuum of care model that will offer culturally competent, trauma-informed and Cognitive Behavioral Treatment-based supports to high-risk youth and young adults, 16 to 23 years old, impacted by the justice system. Funding will be used to expand PCP's Rites of Passage program, hire additional CYO and PCP staff to provide intensive case management and life coaching support, expand CYO's Healthy, Wealthy & Wise program to provide culturally relevant, trauma-informed CBT groups for participants, and offer participants with incentive stipends to remain engaged with services. The continuum of care model will strengthen each organization's capacity to impact youth violence, increase shared knowledge about resources available in communities, improve program and service coordination in local detention facilities and the community, enhance referral networks, and promote community-based innovations in violence prevention.

Project Director: David Muhammad (dmuhammad@cyoinc.org)

Compton, City of

- Cohort 1
- \$500,000 award
- 80% pass-through to CBOs

Services provided:

- Job development
- Case management
- Life skills

Target population: Transitional age youth

Project Summary: Compton has partnered with Volunteers of America of Los Angeles to provide direct participant services to at-risk transitional age youth (ages 18-25). These youths are at high risk of gang involvement which contributes to significant criminal activity in Compton. Each participant will be assigned a Job Developer that will coordinate the array of services to positively impact the lives of the at-risk transitional age youth. This program will provide an intake and assessment component along with case management, comprehensive employment and life skills training and the “Thinking for A Change” evidence-based integrated behavior program.

Project Director: Kimberly McKenzie (kmckenzie@comptoncity.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)

Fresh Lifelines for Youth (Oakland)

- Cohort 1
- \$362,382 award

Services provided:

- Law-related education
- Mentoring & advocacy

Target population: Alternative and continuation students

Project Summary: Fresh Lifelines for Youth's (FLY) project aims to create a coordinated prevention and intervention effort across Oakland's youth serving systems. FLY's prevention strategy is to partner with the Oakland Unified School District and the Alameda County Office of Education to provide our law-related education curriculum at alternative education and continuation schools to serve the City's most marginalized students, who are also the most susceptible to violence. Through formal partnerships with Alameda County Probation Department and Juvenile Court, FLY will pilot its Court Appointed Friend and Advocate (CAFA) Mentor Program as an intervention strategy to support high risk probation youth with strategies proven to be successful at reducing violence, such as volunteer-based mentoring and court advocacy. With a range of options, at-risk youth will be able access collaborative programs tailored to their needs to reduce violence in Oakland.

Project Director: Cassidy Higgins (cassidy@flyprogram.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.

Project Director: Captain Joseph Deras (joseph.deras@cityofgilroy.org)

Huckleberry Youth Programs (San Francisco)

- Cohort 1
- \$466,258 award

Services provided:

- Academic support
- Mental health counseling
- Case management

Target population: 7th & 8th graders

Project Summary: Because a major risk factor for violence and criminal activity is school failure; and the risk of school failure is higher in the transition from middle school to high school; and more students fail 9th grade than any other grade of school, with poor and minority students twice as likely as others to fail – this project will focus its efforts on those transition years. The overarching principle behind *Huckleberry Project READY* is that academic support and social emotional learning/development delivered through intensive one-on-one case management and groups, combined with parental support and education delivered in a school setting can reduce rates of school failure and arrest amongst youth with multiple risk factors. To achieve the goal of matriculating youth to the 9th and 10th grades while avoiding contact with the juvenile justice system, the program works with youth from second semester of 7th grade through first semester of 9th grade, with the most intensive services offered in 8th grade.

Project Director: Molly Brown (mbrown@huckleberryyouth.org)

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 Director: Chief Pat Walsh (pwalsh@ci.lompoc.ca.us)

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)

Oakland, City of

- Cohort 1
- \$500,000 award
- 50% pass-through to CBOs

Services provided:

- Life coaching
- Intensive case management
- Cognitive behavioral programming

Target population: High-risk adults

Project Summary: Oakland will build out its Life Coaching (intensive case management) strategy focused on individuals at highest risk of gun violence. Life coaching helps these young adults avoid violent situations and contact with the justice system through relationship-building and connection to needed resources. CalVIP funding will support the build-out of the City's gun violence reduction system by expanding life coaching services through a culturally-relevant and trauma-informed cognitive behavioral program. Oakland CalVIP aims to: 1) Improve participation and engagement of life coaching participants at highest risk of gun violence; 2) Improve cognitive and social-emotional skills of participants; and 3) Reduce criminal justice involvement and victimization.

Project Director: Peter Kim (pkim@oaklandnet.com)

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.

Authorized Officer: Alexander Nguyen (alexander.nguyen@oxnard.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@fcl.org)

Pasadena, City of

- Cohort 1
- \$497,462 award
- 50% pass-through to CBOs

Services provided:

- “Cure Violence” public health model (street outreach, case management, community outreach and support)

Target population: Youth, ages 11-24

Project Summary: The Pasadena Public Health Department and its partners will implement the new “Project Safe Pasadena” which will focus on reducing violent crime among youth aged 11-24 in Northwest Pasadena and Altadena. The project is based on the “Cure Violence” public health model, and includes three components: 1) Interrupt the cycle of violence using a peer-based street outreach approach to mediate ongoing disputes and de-escalate tensions; 2) Change thinking and behavior among the highest-risk youth by providing intensive case management services to them and their families; and 3) Change community norms and improve community-police relations through a violence prevention messaging campaign, youth-focused enrichment events and community-based events that bring community and stakeholders (including police) together, and specialized training for police.

Project Director: Angelica Palmeros (apalmeros@cityofpasadena.net)

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: Eric Miller (emiller@pvjobs.org)

Perris, City of

- Cohort 1
- \$500,000 award
- 61% pass-through to CBOs

Services provided:

- Case management
- Summer programs for youth
- Individual and family counseling

Target population: Youth and families

Project Summary: The PEACE (Protective factors Enacted to Advance Capable and Empowered families and youth) Project is designed to eradicate violence through a comprehensive, multi-faceted prevention strategy and multi-agency approach directed at risk factors from the following levels of influence: Individual, Relationship, Community and Societal. The City of Perris and project partners are committed to preventing violence in Perris and surrounding communities at three levels, ensuring youth thrive in a safe and healthy environment free from physical violence, bullying, gang violence, electronic aggression, and violence fueled by sexual exploitation.

Project Director: Sara Cortes de Pavon (scortes@cityofperris.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)

Richmond, City of

- Cohort 1
- \$500,000 award
- 50% pass-through to CBOs

Services provided:

- Street outreach
- Mentoring & case management
- Cognitive behavioral therapy
- Excursions and internships

Target population: Youth, ages 14-26

Project Summary: The *Beloved Community: Next Level* project will serve a total of 110 youth and young adults, ages 14 to 26, in Richmond and West Contra Costa County who are currently involved or at risk of involvement in violent crime. Youth will enter the program through street outreach by the Office of Neighborhood Safety and law enforcement, health system and community referrals through the RYSE Youth Center. Project partners the Office of Neighborhood Safety, RYSE Youth Center and Richmond Police Activities League will provide a menu of evidence-based interventions that include street outreach, mentoring, case management, cognitive behavioral therapy, life skills training, stipends, structured activities and employment training.

Project Director: Devone Boggan (devon_boggan@ci.richmond.ca.us)

Sacramento, City of

- Cohort 1
- \$496,700 award
- 76% pass-through to CBOs

Services provided:

- Peacemaker Fellowship
- Case management
- Excursions and internships

Target population: Youth, ages 12-17

Project Summary: In collaboration with Advance Peace (a non-profit community-based organization), Sacramento will implement the Peacemaker Fellowship to strengthen and expand gang intervention supports and reduce youth-related gang violence within the city. The Peacemaker Fellowship program works to interrupt gun violence by providing transformational opportunities to those identified as most likely to be perpetrators and/or victims of gun violence. The key components of the program include: (1) intensive engagement, (2) Life MAP (management action plans), (3) culturally responsive counseling and healing, (4) excursions, (5) internships, and (6) intergenerational mentoring. Advance Peace will offer 18 months of personalized intensive engagement to a cohort of 25 youth between the ages of 12–17 who are gang involved and are identified as being at the highest risk of being perpetrators or victims of gun violence.

Project Director: Khaalid Muttaqi (kmuttaqi@cityofsacramento.org)

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)

San Bernardino, City of

- Cohort 1
- \$500,000 award
- 95% pass-through to CBOs

Services provided:

- Ceasefire partnership
- Family case management
- Community capacity-building

Target population: Youth & young adults

Project Summary: San Bernardino’s Violence Intervention Program (VIP), an updated version of the Boston “Ceasefire” strategy, is designed to respond to community violence as an effort to reduce gun violence citywide, to improve outcomes for young people at highest risk of violence, and to strengthen trust-based working partnerships between the community and police. The city aims to achieve its goals and objectives through real-time analysis and coordination of trauma-informed, culturally relevant intervention and prevention strategies, individual and family case management services, crime suppression rooted in principles of procedural justice and long-term transitional service plans for individuals.

Project Director: David Miranda (Miranda_da@sbcity.org)

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)

Sierra Health Foundation, Center for Health Program Management (Sacramento)

- Cohort 1
- \$500,000 award

Services provided:

- Case management
- Mentoring
- Education

Target population: At-risk youth

Project Summary: A multi-sector collaborative known as the Steering Committee on Reduction of African American Child Death (now the Black Child Legacy Campaign, or BCLC) was created in Sacramento to develop and implement a response to this public health crisis. The four leading causes of death are 1) infant sleep-related deaths, 2) child abuse and neglect deaths, 3) perinatal deaths and 4) third-party homicides. This project will focus on third-party homicides in African American youth. The BCLC Steering Committee selected seven Community Incubator Leaders (CILs), which are trusted CBOs operating in each of seven targeted geographic areas. These CILs have approximately 189 years of combined experience and expertise in providing social services to the focus population. These CILs will have the expertise and networks in place to implement the proposed violence prevention, intervention, and family services program to reduce third-party homicides.

Project Director: Kaying Hang (khang@sierrahealth.org)

Stockton, City of

- Cohort 1
- \$428,000 award
- 83% pass-through to CBOs

Services provided:

- Ceasefire partnership
- Case management
- Leadership development

Target population: At-risk youth

Project Summary: The Operation Ceasefire partnership in Stockton has achieved successful outcomes and created a Leadership Council with funds from BSCC's Strengthening Police/Community Relations grant. The Leadership Council consists of clients at high risk of gun violence who have made progress and become advisors and advocates. The Office of Violence Prevention (OVP) proposes to build on these successes to mobilize the community behind violence reduction as well as make the Leadership Council a community asset. The CalVIP grant will allow our partner, Friends Outside, to expand Ceasefire to Ceasefire Reentry and Ceasefire Family Support. A consortium of faith-based partners led by Faith in the Valley will conduct community engagement to spread a message of violence reduction and build community support for Ceasefire.

Project Director: La Tosha Walden (latosha@walden@stocktonca.gov)

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.

Project Director: Mauricio Torre (mtorre@csbcs.org)

South Bay Work Investment Board (Los Angeles)

- Cohort 1
- \$500,000 award

Services provided:

- Diversion
- Employment
- Trauma-informed case management

Target population: Youth ages 14-18

Project Summary: Inglewood youth are disproportionately affected by violence and will receive evidence-based services for diversion, restorative justice, and employment opportunities through the Inglewood Community and Regional Engagement Violence Intervention and Prevention (I-CARE VIP). The project will provide diversion and employment opportunities for youth ages 14-18 in partnership with the Inglewood Unified School District, School Police and Inglewood Police Department. SBWIB and Centinela Youth Services (CYS) will partner to provide trauma-informed case management along with paid pre-employment training, paid work experience, and job search assistance. CIS will provide their highly effective diversion services that includes mental health diversion, Families Able to Resolve Situations mediation, Victim Offender Restitution Services mediation, and Everychild Restorative Justice Center case management.

Project Director: La Tosha Walden (latosha@walden@stocktonca.gov)

Vallejo, City of

- Cohort 1
- \$447,517 award
- 50% pass-through to CBOs

Services provided:

- Police/community engagement
- Trauma-informed services

Target population: Community members

Project Summary: The Vallejo Police Department (VPD) seeks to expand its “We’re In This Together” (WITT) Program to communities in South Vallejo and to special populations that include the homeless, Latino, Filipino and youth. Police will partner with the community to learn what residents want and together determine acceptable practices. Along with increased interactions, VPD seeks to provide non-enforcement connections to intervene with trauma-informed services to reduce justice involvement and help residents experience success, receive treatment and become productive members of society. WITT2 will expand programming proven effective in Vallejo and similar communities, to include the addition of youth activities in South Vallejo and with Latino youth, outreach to Filipino communities, and procedural justice and social supports to the homeless.

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Young Visionaries Youth Leadership Academy (San Bernardino)

- Cohort 1
- \$500,000 award

Services provided:

- Case management
- Mental health therapy
- Job training and employment

Target population: Youth & young adults

Project Summary: Young Visionaries Youth Leadership Academy (YVYLA) is a non-profit organization serving the youth of San Bernardino County. The target population of YVYLA is youth and young adults residing in the city of San Bernardino. Through a comprehensive four-part strategy this project is designed to reduce violent crime by: 1) increasing employment readiness and supporting job search for the target population, 2) increasing the number of the target population who receive mentors, case management, therapeutic mental health and addiction counseling services; 3) increasing high school graduation rates; and 4) increasing the number of individuals who receive prevention services and curricula in the community.

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Youth Alive! (Oakland)

- Cohort 1
- \$495,546 award

Services provided:

- Incident response
- Case management
- Conflict mediation
- Mental health services

Target population: Victims and families

Project Summary: To prevent retaliation, reduce the number of re-injuries, increase safety and promote healing from trauma in Oakland, Youth Alive! will directly respond to shootings and killings through an integrated system of citywide violence interruption, hospital-based violence intervention (called Caught in the Crossfire or CiC), homicide crisis response and support, and mental health counseling. There are four components: (1) CiC Intervention Specialists will respond to shootings and provide ongoing mentoring and intensive case management to victims; (2) Violence Interrupters will conduct safety assessments for victims of violence and mediate conflicts in the community in response to, or anticipation of, shootings or killings; (3) Crisis Responders will connect with the loved ones (“victim groups”) of homicide victims within 48 hours; and (4) Highly trained, licensed counselors will provide trauma-informed mental health services.

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