

California Violence Intervention and Prevention Grant Program Executive Steering Committee Seeking Membership

Are you interested in helping develop policies around the largest gun violence reduction grant in CA?

The Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) is seeking members to serve on a new Executive Steering Committee (ESC) for a fifth round of funding for the California Violence Intervention and Prevention (CalVIP) Grant Program. Statements of Interest for this ESC will be taken through August 30, 2024, or until a full membership has been reached.

About the CalVIP Grant

To date, BSCC has administered four rounds of CalVIP grant funding that have provided more than \$250 million to cities and community-based organizations for local violence intervention and prevention efforts

Enacted in 2023, Assembly Bill (AB) 762 brings a targeted focus to reducing gun violence in those communities most heavily impacted by violence. In addition to cities and community-based organizations, AB 762 expands eligibility to counties and tribes that are disproportionately impacted by gun violence. The statute also sets the maximum grant award at \$2.5 million per year and requires BSCC to advance a minimum of 20 percent of a grantee's total award to get them started. Additionally, the CalVIP grant will now be funded by a new tax on gun and ammunition sales. AB 28, effective July 1, 2024, imposes an 11 percent excise tax on retail sales of guns and ammunition which will be deposited into the School Safety Fund for Violence Intervention and Prevention. The first \$75 million of this established School Safety Fund will be continuously appropriated annually to BSCC for the CalVIP Grant.

We are looking for a diverse group of subject matter experts

The BSCC is forming an ESC that reflects California's diverse population in terms of perspectives, backgrounds, professional expertise, life experiences, and geographical representation. We are seeking members who have professional expertise and/or personal life experiences related to community-based violence intervention, program evaluation, policy development, and/or advocacy. Specifically:

- Persons with direct experience (with either a governmental agency or a community-based organization) in developing, implementing or evaluating violence reduction initiatives, including initiatives that incorporate public health and community-based approaches.
- Persons who have been impacted by gun violence.
- Formerly incarcerated persons.

Responsibilities of the CalVIP ESC

There are important responsibilities and considerations you should review before determining whether you can serve on this ESC, such as:

- Time commitment.
- Conflict of Interest laws,
- Financial reporting requirements, and
- Ethics training.

Please review full *ESC Roles and Responsibilities* information on the [About Executive Steering Committees and Scoring Panels](#) page

Individuals interested in serving on the CalVIP ESC should be prepared to attend approximately three 2-day meetings (in-person and/or virtual), tentatively scheduled for September, October and February and then spend approximately 20-25 hours reading and scoring grant proposals on your time. As a member of the ESC, you will help:

- Develop a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the fifth round of CalVIP funding,
- Participate in a virtual Rater Training to learn how to use BSCC's scoring process,
- Individually read and score the grant proposals in order to develop award recommendations for BSCC Board approval.

Submit a Statement of Interest

If you are interested in serving on the CalVIP ESC, please submit an email with the subject line "CalVIP ESC Statement of Interest" to calvip5@bscc.ca.gov. Please include the following information in the body of the email:

- Name
- Title (if applicable)
- Name of the agency or organization you represent (if applicable)
- Telephone number
- Email address
- Geographical part of California you represent

Attach to the email a Word document (no more than one page) that contains your Statement of Interest. In the Statement of Interest, please address how your professional expertise and/or life experiences will help us meet our diversity and subject matter expertise goals (as listed above).

Once you have sent the email, you will receive an automatic reply acknowledging receipt of your submission. If you do not receive a reply, please email Michael Martinez, CalVIP Field Representative, at michael.martinez@bscc.ca.gov for further assistance.

Public Comment

If you are not interested in seeking membership on the CalVIP ESC but you would like to provide public comment, you may email your public comments to calvip5@bscc.ca.gov. Public comments received at this email address will be provided to the ESC for consideration. You can also provide public comment at the CalVIP ESC meetings.