

California Violence Intervention & Prevention(CalVIP) Grant

Issue Paper and Subcommittee Recommendation

Introduction

The State Budget Act of 2021 included \$1.8M in funding to promote CalVIP and build capacity in the field of community-based violence intervention and prevention. Promotions can include activities such as contracting with or hiring technical assistance providers with experience in implementing community-based violence intervention and prevention programs, contracting with or providing grants to organizations that provide training and certification to community-based violence intervention and prevention professionals to expand the field of frontline workers and technical assistance providers, and contracting with independent researchers to evaluate the impact of selected initiatives supported by CalVIP.

1. Capacity Building

How can CalVIP build capacity in the field of community-based violence intervention and prevention.

1. ESC Subcommittee Decision Point. Discuss, consider and make decisions on the following:

Activities could include but not limited to:

- Contracting with technical assistance providers with experience in implementing community-based violence intervention and prevention programs.
- Contracting with organizations that provide training and certification to community-based violence intervention and prevention professionals to expand the field of frontline workers.
- Contracting with independent researchers to evaluate the impact of selected initiatives (e.g., Focus Deterrence, Street Outreach, Hospital-based Intervention, gun buyback) supported by CalVIP. This would include a deeper dive into individual level data compared to the statewide data.
- Contracting with independent researchers to build data collection capabilities of grantees including the establishment of any necessary data sharing agreements.
- Fiscal workshop by a third-party vendor that would provide fiscal technical assistance.
- Other ideas?

2. Evaluation

Successful applicants will be required to submit Quarterly Progress Reports (QPRs), a Local Evaluation Plan (LEP) and a Final Local Evaluation Report (LER).

Quarterly Progress Reports

Grant award recipients are required to submit quarterly progress reports (QPRs) to the BSCC. QPRs are a critical element in the BSCC's monitoring and oversight process. Grantees that are unable to demonstrate that they are making sufficient progress toward project goals and objectives and show that funds are being spent in accordance with the Grant Agreement could be subject to the withholding of funds. Once grants are awarded, the BSCC will work with appropriate entities to create the QPRs.

Local Evaluation Plan

The purpose of the Local Evaluation Plan (LEP) is to ensure projects funded by the BSCC can be evaluated. Applicants will be expected to include a detailed description of how they plan to assess the effectiveness of the proposed program in relationship to each of its goals and objectives identified in the proposal. The LEP should describe the evaluation design or model that will be used to evaluate the effectiveness of the project component(s), with the project goals and the objectives clearly stated. Applicants should include criteria for both process and outcome evaluations. Once submitted, any modifications to the LEP must be approved in advance by the BSCC. (More detailed instructions on the LEP will be made available to successful applicants.)

Final Local Evaluation Report

Following project service completion, grantees are required to complete a Local Evaluation Report (LER). The LER must be in a format prescribed by the BSCC. Within the LER, an Executive Summary must be included that adheres to the format prescribed by the BSCC specifically for the Executive Summary.

The purpose of the LER is to determine whether the overall project (including each individual component) was effective in meeting the goals laid out in the Local Evaluation Plan. To do this, the grantee must assess and document the effectiveness of the activities that were implemented within each individual project component. These activities should have been identified in the previously submitted LEP. More detailed instructions on the LER will be made available to successful applicants.

The BSCC may make public the LER from each grantee. Reports may be posted to the BSCC website and developed into a Summary Final Report submitted to the Legislature. If the grantee plans to publish the LER, it must be submitted to the BSCC for review prior to publication.

BSCC Research Unit Supports Evaluations

The BSCC is currently working to establish a Research Data Specialist II position. This position would be responsible for;

- Statewide outcome evaluation
- Develop Quarterly Progress Report Template

- Develop Local Evaluation Plan and Final Local Evaluation Report Guidelines
- Develop and maintain a Data Dashboard
- Provide grantees with technical assistance throughout the grant

2. ESC Decision Point. Discuss, consider and make decisions on the following:

If the ESC decides to contract with an outside evaluator, what services would the ESC like the evaluator to provide?

- Technical Assistance to help grantees collect data, build data systems, and coordinate data sharing agreements necessary for grantees local evaluation and the BSCC's statewide evaluation. This would build grantee capacity and support reliable, quality data.
- Intensive evaluation of a select subset of initiatives.
- Other services?

3. Funding Considerations

The ESC will decide how much of the \$1.8M will be allocated.

3. ESC Decision Point. Discuss, consider and make decisions on the following:

How should the \$1.8M be distributed between the sections?

- Capacity Building
- Technical Assistance for project implementation
- Technical Assistance for data collection and evaluation
- Other?

Subcommittee's Recommendation

1. Provide training and certifications to community-based violence intervention and prevention professionals to expand the field of frontline workers (\$750,000)
 - a. Street Outreach
 - b. Hospital-based Intervention
 - c. Community Intervention Workers
 - d. Ambassadors
2. Provide mental health services to frontline workers and their families to help deal with the stress and trauma of the job (\$500,000)
3. Regional TA (\$250,000)
 - a. Capacity building for grantees to include data collection, data entry, developing and utilizing data sharing agreements (\$125,000)
 - b. Capacity building for grantees to include financial and billing, accounting, communication support, fiscal structure (\$125,000)
4. Convening Capacity (\$150,000)
 - a. Specific strategy meeting (e.g., all HBI, street outreach, etc.)
 - b. Bring whole group together and have breakout groups
 - c. Identifying and sharing best practices
5. Culturally Relevant Professional Development Pilot Program (\$150,000)
 - a. for frontline workers

State Budget Act 2021-22
Senate Bill No. 129
Chapter 69

5227-108-0001—For local assistance, Board of State and Community Corrections

Schedule:

(1) 4945-Corrections Planning and Grant Programs	76,000,000
(a) Grants to the City of Los Angeles	(2,000,000)
(b) Competitive grants to all other cities or community-based organizations	(74,000,000)

Provisions:

1. The Board of State and Community Corrections program awarding state grant funds from subdivisions (a) and (b) of Schedule (1) shall be named the California Violence Intervention and Prevention Grant Program (CalVIP). The board shall administer CalVIP in accordance with the Breaking the Cycle of Violence Act (Title 10.2 (commencing with Section 14130) of Part 4 of the Penal Code), subject to the following:
 - (a) The amount appropriated in subdivision (b) of Schedule (1) shall be for competitive grants in a three-year grant cycle to cities or community-based organizations. Notwithstanding paragraph (1) of subdivision (h) of Section 14131 of the Penal Code, a grant shall not exceed \$2,000,000 per year, and at least two grants shall be awarded to cities with populations of 200,000 or less.
 - (b) All CalVIP grantees shall be required to provide a cash or in-kind contribution equal to 100 percent of the state grant funds awarded for this item.
2. Funds appropriated in this item are available for encumbrance and expenditures until June 30, 2026.
3. Upon order of the Director of Finance, up to 5 percent of the amount appropriated in Schedule (1) shall be transferred to Scheduled (1) of Item 5227-001-0001 for costs to administer and support CalVIP. The board may use up to \$2,000,000 of those funds for costs of administering CalVIP and may, with the advice and assistance of the CalVIP grant selection advisory committee pursuant to subdivision (k) of Section 14131 of the Penal Code, use remaining funds under this provision to promote CalVIP and build capacity in the field of community-based violence intervention and prevention. Promotion includes activities such as contracting with or hiring technical assistance providers with experience in implementing community-based violence intervention and prevention programs, contracting with or providing grants to organizations that provide training and certification to community-based violence intervention and prevention

professionals to expand the field of frontline workers and technical assistance providers, and contracting with independent researchers to evaluate the impact of selected initiatives supported by CalVIP. Funds transferred pursuant to this provision are available for encumbrance and expenditure until June 30, 2026.

