

City of Fresno Grant Solicitation
Office of Neighborhood Safety and Community Engagement (ONSCE)
Violence Intervention and Prevention Initiative

Background

The City of Fresno's (City) Violence Intervention and Prevention Initiative provides programming, training and grant funding to support evidence-based violence intervention and prevention strategies to reduce violence. To support this work, the City has received \$1.8 Million from the California Violence Prevention and Intervention Program (CalVIP); **\$300,000 of which is appropriated to provide Street Outreach Coalition Training Modules to Community Based Organizations (CBO's)**. The remainder of the award is allocated to prevention programming including Fresno Summer Nights events and Camp Fresno.

The City has also appropriated \$1,500,000 to implement violence prevention and intervention strategies which will be allocated through a competitive grant process. Grant funding will be awarded on a reimbursable basis for a one-year period with an option of a one-year extension. Up to 25% of funding may be provided upfront. The remaining funding will be issued quarterly upon submission of reports. The goal of the grant making process is to invest in innovative programming to prevent violent crime and intervene in the cycle of violence. Prioritization will be given to programming that serves populations most disproportionately impacted by violent crime, including youth and communities of color.

Goals

The goals of the Violence Intervention and Prevention Initiative are to reduce gang violence through prevention and intervention, to include the following:

1. Expand the capacity of Violence Interventionists, especially those serving communities of color.
2. Interrupt cycles of violence and retaliation to reduce the incidence of homicide, shootings and aggravated assaults.
3. Invest in prevention efforts for youth and young adults that mitigate the impact of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES) and trauma.

These goals are informed by lessons from community listening sessions including the Fresno Youth Summit which communicated the need for mentoring, mental health resources, trauma-informed care and safe spaces to build community. The goals of the initiative are also informed by feedback received from the ONSCE Street Outreach Coalition.

Grant funding will be awarded to projects which include **one or more** of these activities:

1. Increase the number of violence intervention workers to respond to gang related violent incidents.
2. Provide workforce development opportunities for formerly incarcerated and justice impacted individuals through mentorship by credible messengers.
3. Engage at-risk youth in structured, trauma-informed recreational programming, sports leagues and mentorship.
4. Provide stabilization services and case management to reduce barriers to housing, employment, banking and other essential resources that enable an exit from the cycle of violence.
5. Respond to traumatic events to provide conflict resolution and alternatives to retaliation. This may occur in a hospital-based setting, at funerals, repasses, etc.
6. Deliver individual or group therapeutic interventions by licensed clinicians.
7. Provide safe passage for youth to disrupt the influence of gang culture.
8. Provide safe spaces for violence impacted individuals to seek support.
9. Provide innovative services that meet the goals of the initiative.

Eligibility

CBO's will be eligible to apply for grants to provide Violence Prevention and Intervention Services. To reduce barriers to participation CBO's may act as fiscal agents. Entities awarded funding will be subject to insurance requirements.

Street Outreach, Training & Standard of Practice Requirements

Street Outreach Coalition Training is a requirement for all organizations receiving grant funding and will be provided at no-cost to CBO's. Street Outreach will be focused on individuals with the highest propensity for violence as identified by the Fresno Police Department. All individuals serving as Street Outreach Workers must be interviewed and approved by an oversight committee prior to beginning work.

Evaluation Requirements

Performance measures will be finalized during the contract phase. Reporting will be required for all awardees.

Timeline

July 5, 2022	Release Grant Solicitation
July 19, 2022	Proposals due at 5pm
August 11, 2022	Award recommendations to City Council
August 12, 2022	Funding term begins
September 2022	Street Outreach Coalition training begins
June 30, 2023	One-year funding term ends, with option of one-year extension

How to Apply

Proposals should include the following:

1. Project name and applicant contact information
2. Scope of work which lists tasks to be accomplished
3. Timeline
4. Line-item budget for staff and supplies. Administrative costs are limited to 5%
5. A plan to evaluate the reach and impact of your project
6. Key personnel and their experience
7. Proposal must be signed by an official authorized to enter into contractual agreements on behalf of the CBO

Submit proposals to PARCSContracts@Fresno.gov by **July 19, 2022, at 5pm.**

Electronic proposals are preferred. A hard copy will be accepted but is not required, and can be delivered to:

PARCS Administration
Dickey Youth Center
1515 E. Divisadero
Fresno, CA 93721

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For questions, please contact:

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