



**CITY OF SALINAS  
COUNCIL STAFF REPORT**

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**DEPARTMENT:** LIBRARY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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**TITLE:** CALIFORNIA VIOLENCE INTERVENTION PREVENTION (CalVIP) COHORT 4 BUDGET MODIFICATION 1

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

A motion to approve a resolution amending funding allocations approved by City Council (Resolution No. 22458 (N.C.S.)) for CalVIP Cohort 4.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The City of Salinas Community Engagement and Partnerships Division in partnership with Salinas Police Department, have adjusted the original budget to meet the needs of the program creating a surplus of funding which has been re-allocated to sub-grantees. The reallocation increase services and allows the money to remain in our community.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Salinas Community Engagement and Partnerships Division applies for and manages California Violence Intervention and Prevention (Cal VIP) grants as part of our comprehensive violence prevention strategy. Half of this grant award is passed through to Community Alliance for Safety and Peace (CASP) partners to provide critical violence intervention and prevention strategies. Through CASP we coordinate a violence reduction strategy following the Department of Justice's Prevention, Intervention, Enforcement, and Re-Entry (PIER) approach. The strategy is shepherded by CASP, co-chaired by the Mayor of Salinas and District 1 County Supervisor. Service gaps for high-risk youth are evident based on community input at strategy forums.

On August 23, 2022, City Council approved acceptance of funding from Board of State and Community Corrections, a three-year Cal VIP grant, to implement evidence-based and promising

practice programs with our Salinas Police Department, Partners for Peace, the Natividad Foundation and Rancho Cielo Youth Campus with an evaluation component to be led by Monterey County Health Department. A change in staffing model for our Salinas Police Department funded programs has created a surplus in funding that we propose reallocating to sub-grantees Partners for Peace and Rancho Cielo.

Salinas Police Department (SPD) will develop new Community outreach and juvenile diversion programs with the funding from the CalVIP grant. The Community Outreach Team, originally planned to be filled by sworn positions, will shift to civilian positions. The Team will be two Community Outreach Assistants and one Administrative Analyst I with the support of one officer in a limited capacity. The Team's objective will remain the same, to reduce violence, prevent crime, improve community safety, support intervention activities/services, address quality of life issues, and build community trust. The Administrative Analyst I will work with staff to develop, implement, and maintain a juvenile diversion program like Advocating Responsible Choices (ARC) in Marina.

The civilian positions are less costly than the sworn positions resulting in a funding reduction from \$1,356,356 to \$1,106,356. We will reallocate the remaining \$250,000 between two of our sub-grantees using the budget modification process. We have already received pre-approval to submit the modification from the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC). Rancho Cielo will receive an additional \$100,000 increasing their allocation to \$623,383. Partners for Peace will receive an additional \$150,000 increasing their allocation to \$817,822. This reallocation does not increase or decrease the amount of our original award of \$3,130,453 from the BSCC.

With the additional funding Partners for Peace (P4P) will add expand the Familia Adelante program which delivers an evidence-based/informed and family skills and parenting training program for parents/caregivers of high promise youth. P4P will recruit at least 70 families and a minimum of 140 in-class participants, for the Strengthening Families program. All programs and services are provided in English and Spanish.

Rancho Cielo will use additional funding to broaden their Tiny Home construction training program to include a Next Gen Healthy Modular Home. These homes are 845-square-foot, one-bedroom, one-bathroom modular units designed to have a zero-carbon footprint and to operate off the grid using the latest sustainable technology and building materials, advanced water and energy efficiencies, and solar-powered roofing with backup Tesla battery capability. The home meets Hayward Score's standards for a healthy home environment, including continuous fresh air, non-toxic materials, and state-of-the-art cork insulation. 100% of Rancho Cielo students come from low-income families, 63% are on probation, 77% are Hispanic, 65% are male, and most are high school dropouts. The program will serve 30 youth each academic year. They will receive

academic instruction to obtain a WASC-accredited high school diploma, soft job skills (problem solving, customer service, etc.), and wrap-around connections to health and human services.

CEQA CONSIDERATION:

**Not a Project.** The City of Salinas has determined that the proposed action is not a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (CEQA Guidelines Section 15378).

STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVE:

Approving the resolution will support the City Council’s Strategic Plan Goals of Public Safety and Youth and Seniors by bolstering the services to youth and families in the community, strengthening local partnerships and allow a rigorous evaluation of violence prevention programs.

DEPARTMENTAL COORDINATION:

The Community Engagement and Partnerships Division of the Library and Community Services Department partnered with the Finance and Salinas Police Department to address the needed adjustments to the original budget. We worked with the Human Resource department to develop the new positions for the Police Department.

FISCAL AND SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:

The established CalVIP appropriations totaling \$3,130,453 remains the same and the funding has already been appropriated in the city budget with the 100% match requirement remaining at \$3,130,453. There will be no additional fiscal impacts.

ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution