



CITY OF SALINAS

COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

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DEPARTMENT: LIBRARY & COMMUNITY SERVICES

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TITLE: BOARD OF STATE AND COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS (BSCC)
CALIFORNIA VIOLENCE INTERVENTION PREVENTION
GRANT (CalVIP)

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

A motion to approve a resolution accepting the Board of State and Community Correction (BSCC) California Violence Intervention Prevention (CalVIP) grant in the amount of \$500,000.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council approve a resolution accepting grant funding from BSCC California Violence Intervention and Prevention (CalVIP) Program, in the amount of \$500,000, to fund programming facilitated by Partners for Peace, Rancho Cielo Youth Campus, and the City of Salinas Library and Community Services Department.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Salinas has successfully competed for funding opportunities from the State of California through the CalGRIP program on seven previous occasions since 2007. The first two grants received by the Salinas Police Department, with the primary focus on enforcement, totaled \$757,021. The subsequent five grant awards, totaling \$2,925,374, shifted from enforcement to a focus on prevention, intervention and re-entry services.

The California Violence Intervention and Prevention Program (CalVIP) Grant Program is a competitive grant application process that replaces the California Gang Reduction Intervention and Prevention (CalGRIP) Program. Both programs receive funding through the State Budget Act; however, BSCC revised the eligibility to allow community-based organizations (CBO's) to apply.

On November 13, 2017, BSCC released the Request for Proposal (RFP) with responses due on January 22, 2018 for project period May 1, 2018 through April 30, 2018. The State of California, by way of the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 State Budget Act, approved \$8,215,000 of funding. This

amount was a significant reduction from prior CalGRIP funding levels. Funds for the first round of awards are to be equally divided between City agencies and Community Based Organizations. The City of Salinas submitted an application with Partners for Peace and Rancho Cielo Youth Campus as sub recipients. On April 19, 2018, BSCC announced the awardees, of which the City of Salinas did not make the list.

When the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 State Budget Act passed, it allocated an additional \$9,000,000 for CalVIP funding. The City of Salinas made the list earning the maximum application amount of \$500,000. CalVIP requires a dollar for dollar match, which is shared between the City and its sub-recipients.

The City and its sub recipients, Partners for Peace and Rancho Cielo Youth Campus took into consideration the needs of underserved populations in Salinas. To meet the needs of participants from disadvantaged and low-income households, programs will be available in English and Spanish and bilingual and bicultural staff are part of each program.

The City of Salinas Library and Community Services (LCS) Department will receive funding that will support Saturday Night Teen Program at five Community Centers (Hebbron Family Center, the Breadbox Recreation Center, the Firehouse Recreation Center, the Salinas Recreation Center and El Dorado Park Recreation Center). Community center staff will provide positive and enriching opportunities for youth ages 11 to 19 between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. Programming will include structured recreation, sports tournaments, safety awareness sessions with law enforcement, block parties/special events, community service opportunities and special enrichment programs in art, illustration, technology and culture. The financial match will be provided by the LCS Department administrative staff for project oversight and grant management and by recreation programming staff as part of the Saturday Night Teen Program.

Partners for Peace will continue their agency focus on building strong families for a peaceful community by implementing evidenced based parent, and family centered programming. Programming goals include providing skills and confidence to increase parental control, decrease probation violations, improve school performance decrease antisocial and delinquent behavior.

Rancho Cielo Youth Campus will provide skilled employment and job training for youth ages 16 to 24. The youth will participate in a Tiny Home Construction Training program where they will learn carpentry, electricity, plumbing, etc. and will build one tiny home per academic year. In addition, the youth will participate in Solar Installation Basic Training Program, receive academic instruction tailored to their unique learning styles and they will be connected to health and human services as needed. The program emphasized achieving a WASC-accredited high school diploma, training for skilled employment, college preparation along with soft skills identified by industry partners and needed to secure and maintain employment.

The City and collaborating CBO's intentionally hire bilingual, bicultural staff with appropriate experience for their positions. Grant support and oversight will be provided by the Library Community Services Department, which has successfully managed over \$5.5 million in Federal and State grants.

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:

Acceptance of this grant is consistent with the City Council's goal to provide a safe and livable community by offering safe activities, accessible programs and facilities that provide for the physical, social, cultural and educational well-being of the community with a focus on the needs of youth and families.

DEPARTMENTAL COORDINATION:

This effort will require coordination within the Library and Community Services Department and the Accounting Division and Purchasing Division of the Finance Department. The Library Community Services Department will provide the primary grant management, including but not limited to program reporting and processing of invoices from sub-recipients and maintenance of grant file with Library and Community Services staff to support implementation. The Purchasing Division will provide support as needed for ordering of supplies and the Accounting Division will process quarterly reimbursements to BSCC.

FISCAL AND SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:

Staff from the Library Community Services Department will be charged against the match portion of the grant totaling \$227,400 over the two-year period. The fiscal impact is the \$227,400 worth of staff time spent on this project over other projects. This investment is worthwhile because it attracts new resources to help us expand and sustain free, quality programming for teenaged youth in Salinas. Ongoing activities like Teen Scene are a critical protective factor in keeping our youth safe and thriving.

ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution
State of California Standard Agreement