

CITY OF SANTA ROSA  
CITY COUNCIL

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
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SUBJECT: 2018-2020 CALIFORNIA VIOLENCE INTERVENTION &  
PREVENTION GRANT AWARDS AND GRANT FUNDING  
AGREEMENTS AUTHORIZATION

AGENDA ACTION: RESOLUTION

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RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Office of Community Engagement that the Council, by Resolution: 1) award California Violence Intervention and Prevention (CalVIP) Program grants to Individuals Now (doing business as Social Advocates for Youth) in the amount of \$170,000, and Lifeworks of Sonoma County in the amount of \$130,000; and 2) authorize the City Manager to approve and execute grant funding agreements with these grantees, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Santa Rosa Violence Prevention Partnership (the Partnership), previously the Mayor's Gang Prevention Task Force, has received grant awards to enhance the City's gang prevention efforts from the State of California's Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) since 2012. During that time, the grant program's nomenclature has evolved from the California Gang Reduction, Intervention and Prevention (CalGRIP) Program, to the California Violence Intervention and Prevention (CalVIP) Program but the focus has remained largely unchanged. The Partnership submitted a grant application in January 2018 for CalVIP's 2018-2012 program year but was not initially selected due to a more competitive application environment. With additional funding availability, the Partnership was notified in August 2018 of the award of \$500,000 over a two-year term.

The CalGRIP/CalVIP grant model requires a portion of the award to be sub-granted to Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) to provide direct services in the community. The approved grant identified partnerships with Individuals Now (doing business as Social

Advocates for Youth) and LifeWorks of Sonoma County for service delivery based on their submissions to a Request for Qualifications (RFQs) issued for the program.

The program term runs from September 1, 2018 through August 31, 2020. City Council authorization is required to award the subgrants and for the City Manager to enter into the funding agreements with the two CBOs identified in the grant proposal.

The Partnership now wishes to enter into grant funding agreements per the approved grant proposals submitted in January 2018, with Social Advocates for Youth in the amount of \$170,000, and LifeWorks of Sonoma County in the amount of \$130,000 to fulfill the CBO sub-grantee requirement of the CalVIP grant award.

## BACKGROUND

In 2004 the Santa Rosa voters passed Measure O Public Safety quarter cent sales tax initiative, with a funding allocation of 40% for Police, 40% for Fire, and 20% for Gang Prevention and Intervention Services. At the core of the gang prevention and intervention services is the CHOICE grant program which provides grant awards to CBOs to provide direct services targeting at-risk youth and families in Santa Rosa.

On May 25, 2007, Governor Schwarzenegger approved a comprehensive and innovative anti-gang initiative to fight gang violence in California. The California Gang Reduction, Intervention, and Prevention Program (CalGRIP) initiative allocated State and Federal funding for anti-gang efforts at a local level. Efforts included prevention, intervention, job training, education, and enforcement. CalGRIP was funded through the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) and provided funding specifically for cities to implement gang prevention, intervention and suppression activities.

The Partnership has received grant awards since 2012, first under the CalGRIP Program, and now under the new CalVIP Program that has replaced CalGRIP. The goals and intended outcomes of the CalVIP Program remain closely aligned with those of the CHOICE grant program, are combined under the umbrella of the Guiding People Successfully Program, and include:

- A Positive Youth Justice framework to enhance protective factors and resiliency of at risk and/or underserved youth in Santa Rosa
- Enhanced protective factors and youth resiliency
- Reduced recidivism by building youth resiliency
- Improved educational and/or work experience conditions

Upon direction from the City Council on January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018, staff submitted the 2018-2020 CalVIP grant proposal to the BSCC to provide wraparound case management, trauma-informed care, and youth development opportunities for youth and families participating in the program.

The City of Santa Rosa's grant proposal was selected for the maximum amount of funding, up to \$500,000 for a two-year term, in the second CalVIP funding cycle, which has an adjusted program term of September 1, 2018 through August 31, 2020. Requirements of the grant include a minimum of 50% of the grant award distributed to Community Based Organizations (CBO's), and clearly defined, measurable objectives for the grant. CalVIP grantees must report to the BSCC regarding their progress in achieving those objectives.

The CalVIP grant award directly fulfills Council Goals: Provide for community safety, valued City services and open government; and foster neighborhood partnerships and strengthen cultural assets. The grant award provides funding to enhance the ability of the Santa Rosa Violence Prevention Partnership to identify the needs of our youth, provide critical life skill programs to address these needs, and case management through a Multi-Disciplinary Assessment and Referral Team (MDART) to reduce youth recidivism and encourage youth and families to make positive changes in their lives.

#### PRIOR CITY COUNCIL REVIEW

On January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018, the City Council, by motion, approved submission of the 2018-2019 California Violence Intervention and Prevention (CalVIP) grant proposal to the Board of State and Community Corrections for \$500,000 for the period of May 1, 2018 – April 30, 2020.

#### ANALYSIS

With previous CalGRIP funding, the Partnership introduced an integrated Positive Youth Justice (PYJ) developmental framework and three additional evidence-based programs (e.g. *Tackling Tough Skills*<sup>™</sup> provided by SAY, *Motivational Interviewing* provided by the City of Santa Rosa and *El Puente* provided by Lifeworks). The Partnership also instituted wraparound service delivery, case management, work readiness, jobs, and a Multi-Disciplinary Assessment & Referral Team (MDART) as part of the Guiding People Successfully program.

The Office of Community Engagement was successfully selected for CalVIP funding for the period of September 1, 2018 through August 30, 2020 from the grant proposal submitted on January 22, 2018 to continue providing funding for the Guiding People Successfully (GPS) Program. As identified in the grant proposal, the Partnership now wishes to enter into funding agreements with Social Advocates for Youth in the amount of \$170,000, and LifeWorks of Sonoma County in the amount of \$130,000 to fulfill the CBO sub-grantee requirement of the CalVIP grant award.

FISCAL IMPACT

Council approval does not have a fiscal impact on the General Fund or Measure O. The proposed funding agreements with Social Advocates for Youth and LifeWorks of Sonoma County are fully funded by CalVIP funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

This action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it is not a project which has a potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment, pursuant to CEQA Guideline section 15378.

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Not applicable

NOTIFICATION

Not applicable

ATTACHMENTS

Resolution

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