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City of Oakland and Three Nonprofits Awarded \$1.85 Million in State Grants for Violence Prevention

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Oakland City Hall.

The City of Oakland is being awarded a \$500,000 state grant for violence prevention programs. Three nonprofits based in the city, Youth Alive, Fresh Lifelines for Youth, and Catholic Charities of the East Bay, are also set to receive grants between \$362,000 and half a million each.

The awards were recently announced by the California Board of State and Community Corrections and are part of the statewide Violence Intervention Program (previously known as the Gang Reduction and

Intervention Program, or CalGRIP).

Oakland's proposal was the highest-ranked among the 30 cities that applied. Oakland also had the highest number of nonprofits to successfully obtain funding for this cycle. Proposals were judged partly on whether cities and nonprofits could show evidence that their strategies for reducing violence are working.

"Our city's work on violence prevention has been relentless," said Mayor Libby Schaaf in response to the award announcement. "Achieving the number one ranking of all applicants in the state shows Oakland is a model in this area of work. We still have much to do, but our dedicated staff, police department, and community partners are making great progress in reaching the young people of our city, embracing them, and stopping the violence before it happens."

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CalVIP Proposals Recommended for Funding

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2018 CalVIP Awards Recommended by the ESC				
City Applicant	Target Population	Funding Category	Funding Requested	Funding Recommendation
Oakland	Young Adults	City	\$500,000	\$500,000
Compton	Young Adults	City	\$500,000	\$500,000
Perris	Youth	City	\$500,000	\$500,000
Sacramento	Youth	City	\$496,700	\$496,700
Stockton	Youth	City	\$428,000	\$428,000
San Bernardino	Young Adults	City	\$500,000	\$500,000
Richmond	Young Adults	City	\$500,000	\$500,000
Vallejo	Youth	City	\$447,517	\$447,517
Pasadena*	Young Adults	City	\$497,462	\$235,283
Subtotal: Recommended Funding for Competitive Grants				\$4,107,500
City of Los Angeles (non-competitive)				\$1,000,000
Total Recommended Funding for Cities				\$5,107,500

2018 CalVIP Awards Recommended by the ESC				
CBO Applicant	Target Population	Funding Category	Funding Requested	Funding Recommendation
Centinela Youth Services (Compton)	Youth	CBO	\$500,000	\$500,000
Brotherhood Crusade (Compton, Inglewood, Lynwood, and Los Angeles)	Youth	CBO	\$500,000	\$500,000
Youth Alive! (Oakland)	Young Adults	CBO	\$495,546	\$495,546
Sierra Health Foundation, Center for Health Program Management (Sacramento)	Youth	CBO	\$500,000	\$500,000
Huckleberry Youth Programs (San Francisco)	Youth	CBO	\$466,258	\$466,258
Another Choice, Another Chance (Sacramento)	Young Adults	CBO	\$121,218	\$121,218
Fresh Lifestyles for Youth (Oakland)	Youth	CBO	\$362,362	\$362,362
Catholic Charities of the East Bay (Oakland)	Youth	CBO	\$500,000	\$500,000
South Bay Work Investment Board (Inglewood)	Youth	CBO	\$500,000	\$500,000
Youth Visionaries Youth Leadership Academy (San Bernardino)**	Young Adults	CBO	\$500,000	\$162,096
Total Recommended Funding for CBOs				\$4,107,500

*Pasadena is recommended to receive a partial award in the city category.
 **Youth Visionaries Youth Leadership Academy is recommended to receive a partial award in the CBO category.

Oakland's grant application scored the highest of all 30 cities that applied.

Among other things, the money will help pay for life coaching services that the city and its nonprofit partners offer to individuals who are most at risk of becoming victims or perpetrators of gun violence. The work is part of Oakland's larger Ceasefire strategy and Oakland Unite.

Over the past five years, Oakland has seen a year-to-year drop in violent crime, especially homicides and shootings. City leaders attribute the reduction, in part, to the police department's Ceasefire program and the related violence prevention efforts of Oakland Unite and similar programs that will benefit from the new grant money.

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