



# AGENDA REPORT

**TO:** Edward D. Reiskin  
City Administrator

**FROM:** Guillermo Cespedes  
Chief, Violence Prevention

**SUBJECT:** Violence Prevention Services  
Spending Plan- SUPPLEMENTAL

**DATE:** July 2, 2021

City Administrator Approval

Date: Jul 7, 2021

## **RECOMMENDATION**

**Staff Recommends That The City Council Adopt A Resolution Funding Priorities For Programs Funded By The 2014 Oakland Public Safety and Services Violence Prevention Act (Safety And Services Act) For The Funding Cycle From July 2022 Through The End of Safety And Services Act Funding Period (December 2024).**

## **REASON FOR SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT**

At the Public Safety Committee meeting on June 8, 2021, the Department of Violence Prevention (DVP), Strategic Spending Plan proposal for Fiscal Years (FY) 2022-2024 was continued to the July 13, 2021, Public Safety Committee meeting. Staff was asked to return with more information about proposed spending following the adoption of the FY 2021-2023 two-year budget. This supplemental report includes the plan for investments made possible by the appropriation of \$17 million in the two-year budget to strengthen violence intervention and prevention strategies in Oakland with \$7 million in FY 2021-2022 and \$10 million available in FY-2022-2023, which will be the first year of the proposed FY's 2022-2024 spending plan.

A separate report, scheduled for City Council consideration on July 26, 2021, includes plans for designating a portion of the seven million allocated in FY 2021-22 for grant agreements with community-based providers to expand violence interruption efforts, establish a series of Town Nights events, and expand gender-based violence services. DVP anticipates additional reports following City Council's summer recess detailing more efforts to address the immediate violence interventions to impact the ongoing rise in violence due to the pandemic.

DVP staff recommends approximately \$19.1 million be awarded annually to community-based providers through a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) process – an estimated \$7.5 million in Safety and Service Act funds and \$10.3 million in General Purpose Funds adopted in the FY 2021-23 Proposed Budget. To sustain this level of investment, the FY 2023-2025 budget should include a similar investment of general purpose funds for violence prevention. The expanded

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budget will allow DVP to fund interventions in both Tier One and Tier Two detailed in the DVP Strategic Spending Plan for 2022-2024. (See **Attachment A**)

For the initial Safety and Services Act investment (Tier One) and any additional funds (Tiers 2 and 3), DVP recommends proportionate investment as indicated below.

50 percent: Gun/Group/Gang Violence Response  
25 percent: Gender-based Violence Response  
25 percent: Community Healing and Restoration

Highlights of the proposed Tier One and Tier Two investments include:

- Historically under-funded gender-based violence services will be able to scale up to serve unmet needs and expand to include tailored therapeutic services, hospital bedside advocacy, and culturally and linguistically appropriate services for immigrant communities.
- Ongoing investment in Community Ambassadors, initiated with American Rescue Plan Act funding, for neighborhoods most impacted by violence; six teams are anticipated.
- Primary prevention activities including a series of Town Nights, summer park events that will expand to include multiple nights of activities at six to seven sites in neighborhoods most impacted by violence led by Community and Youth Ambassadors.
- Approximately eighty percent increase in Violence Interruption and Crisis Response including support for homicide families and Hospital-based and Crime-scene response
- Approximately sixteen percent increase for Intensive Life Coaches, serving both youth and adults at the center of violence, are anticipated.
- Approximately twenty percent increase in funding for employment and education support services for both youth and adults.

***Gun/Group/Gang Violence Response- \$9.4 million***

- Intensive Life Coaching approximately \$3 million
  - Youth and Young Adult
- Violent Incident & Crisis Response approximately \$2.2 million
  - Community Violence Interrupters
  - Hospital-based Work
  - Homicide Family Support
  - Temporary Emergency Relocation
- Education, Employment & Systems Support approximately \$2.2 million
  - Youth & Adult Employment
  - Youth & Adult Education Support Services
  - Youth Diversion and Systems Partnerships
- School-based Restorative Centers/Teams approximately \$2 million
  - Four to five OUSD sites anticipated

***Gender-based Violence (GBV) Response- \$4.7 million***

- Crisis Management Services approximately \$2 million
  - 24-hour Crisis Hotline
  - Mental Health/Counseling Support
  - Bedside Advocacy
  - Legal Advocacy
- Life Coaching & Leadership Development approximately \$1 million
  - GBV-Centered Leadership Development/Survivor Leadership
  - GBV-Centered Employment Support & Placement
  - Intensive Life Coaching
- Emergency Shelter/Safe Space approximately \$800,000
  - For both Commercially Sexually Exploited individuals and those experiencing Intimate Partner Violence
- Increased Cultural Language/Competency approximately \$500,000
  - For both Commercially Sexually Exploited individuals and those experiencing Intimate Partner Violence
- Outreach & Education approximately \$350,000
  - School-based Education & Outreach
  - Community Education Campaign

***Community Healing and Restoration- \$5 million***

- Community Ambassadors approximately \$2 million
  - Six neighborhood-based teams
- Community Capacity Building & Support approximately \$1.2 million
  - Grassroots Mini-Grants
  - Family Strengthening
  - Community Dialogue/Town Halls
  - Community Member/Resident Capacity Building
  - Policy reform advocacy for victims of crime and homicides
- Advocacy for Victims of Crime & Homicide Mental Health & Healing Support approximately \$800,000
  - Mental Health Clinicians/Grief Counseling
  - Alternative Healing and Restorative Practices
- Town Nights approximately \$700,000
  - Community events in parks and neighborhood streets where violence is most prevalent (6-7 sites)
- DVP Service Provider Network Capacity Building & Training approximately \$300,000

Due to the nature of budget projections and the possibility of revenue shortfalls, all allocations are approximate. Actual award recommendations are anticipated in Spring 2022 for City Council approval, following the Request for Qualifications process.

**ACTION REQUESTED OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

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For questions regarding this report, please contact Guillermo Cespedes at 510-238-2916.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachments (2):

- A: DVP Strategic Spending Plan FY 22-24
- B: DVP Presentation at June 8, 2021 Public Safety Committee
- C: DVP Presentation at June 24, 2021 City Council Meeting

