

# California Violence Intervention and Prevention (CalVIP) Grant Proposal

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## CalVIP Proposal Cover Sheet

**Submitted by:**  
City of Merced

**Grant Dollars Requested:**  
\$977,647

**Date Submitted:**  
Friday, July 15, 2022

## CalVIP Proposal Checklist

A complete proposal package for funding under the CalVIP Grant Program must contain the following items:

	Required Items:	X
1	Completed Cover Sheet (previous page)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2	CalVIP Proposal Checklist (this page) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Originally signed in blue ink by the authorized signatory or E-signature (no stamped signatures)</li> </ul>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3	Applicant Information Form <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Originally signed in blue ink by the authorized signatory or E-Signature (no stamped signatures)</li> </ul>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4	Proposal Narrative <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12 pages or fewer</li> <li>Optional: 1-page bibliography (not counted toward 12 pages)</li> </ul>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5	Budget Attachment (includes Budget Tables and Narrative) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4 pages or fewer</li> </ul>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Required Attachments for <u>All Applicants</u>:</b>		
6	Letters of Commitment from Key Partners, if applicable (Appendix E)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
7	Criteria for Non-Governmental Organizations Receiving BSCC Grant Funds (Appendix C) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Originally signed in blue ink or e-signed by the authorized signatory (no stamped signatures)</li> </ul>	N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
8	Certification of Compliance with BSCC Policies on Debarment, Fraud, Theft and Embezzlement (Appendix I) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Originally signed in blue ink or e-signed by the authorized signatory (no stamped signatures)</li> </ul>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
9	CalVIP Project Work Plan (Appendix K)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Optional:</b>		
10	Governing Board Resolution (Appendix G) Note: The Governing Board Resolution or other documentation of signing authority is due prior to Grant Award Agreement, <u>not</u> at time of proposal submission.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

I have reviewed this checklist and verified that all required items are included in this proposal packet. *Originally signed in blue ink or e-signed by the authorized signatory (no stamped signatures)*

X

  
 Applicant Authorized Signature (see Applicant Information Form, item 3, next page)

**\* Attachments other than those listed above will be removed from the proposal and not considered during the proposal evaluation process. "**

# CalVIP Applicant Information Form

<b>A. APPLICANT:</b>		<b>B. TAX IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:</b>	
NAME OF APPLICANT City of Merced - Office of Neighborhood Safety		TAX IDENTIFICATION # 94-6000371	
STREET ADDRESS 678 W. 18th Street	CITY Merced	STATE CA	ZIP CODE 95340
MAILING ADDRESS (if different)	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
APPLICANT TYPE: <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATION (CBO) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CITY			
<b>C. CBO APPLICANTS ONLY – LOCATION OF RESIDENTS RECEIVING SERVICES (MUST BE CITY OR CITIES LISTED IN TABLE 1):</b>			
<b>D. CBO APPLICANTS ONLY – LIST ANY APPLICATIONS WHERE YOU ARE NAMED AS A SUB-RECIPIENT</b>			
<b>E. PROJECT TITLE:</b>		Pathways to Success	
<b>F. STRATEGY TO BE IMPLEMENTED:</b>		case management, cognitive behavioral therapy, system-impacted	
<b>G. PROJECT SUMMARY (100-150 words):</b>			
Pathways to Success will provide structured aftercare for youth to achieve a supportive, productive, and positive transition back into the community.			
<b>G. KEY PARTNER AGENCIES (if applicable):</b>	Name: Merced County Probation Department	Letter of Commitment: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	Name:	Letter of Commitment: <input type="checkbox"/>	
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<b>H. TYPE OF PROJECT:</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NEW <input type="checkbox"/> ENHANCEMENT <input type="checkbox"/> EXPANSION		
<b>I. GRANT FUNDS REQUESTED:</b>	\$977,647	<b>J. MATCH FUNDS:</b>	\$977,647
<b>K. CITY APPLICANTS ONLY – PASS-THROUGH AMOUNT:</b>	\$0		%
<b>L. PROJECT DIRECTOR:</b>			
NAME Stephanie R. Dietz	TITLE City Manager	TELEPHONE NUMBER (direct line) (209) 388-8670	
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STATE CA	ZIP CODE 95340	EMAIL ADDRESS quinterof@cityofmerced.org	

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STATE CA	ZIP CODE 95340	EMAIL ADDRESS richardsonde@cityofmerced.org	

<b>P. AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE*:</b> By signing this application, I hereby certify I am vested by the Applicant with the authority to enter into contract with the BSCC, and the grantee and any subcontractors will abide by the laws, policies, and procedures governing this funding.			
NAME OF AUTHORIZED OFFICER Stephanie Dietz	TITLE City Manager	TELEPHONE NUMBER (209) 388-8670	
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EMAIL ADDRESS dietzs@cityofmerced.org			
SIGNATURE (Blue Ink or E-signature only) 		DATE 7/15/22	

\* Authorized Signature: Must be a representative with the authority to sign documents and obligate the applicant.

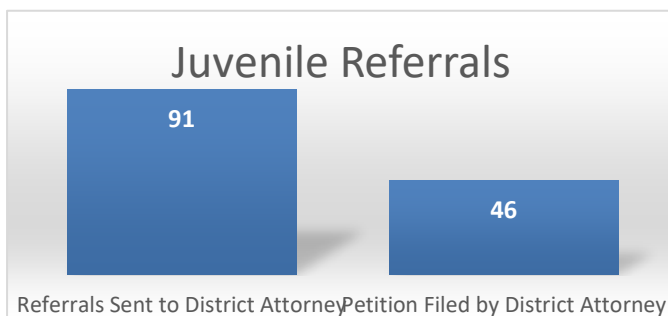
## 1. Description of Community Need (Percent Value 15%)

Merced is situated in the heart of California's agricultural Central Valley. The city is culturally and ethnically diverse, with more than 90,000 residents. Unfortunately, Merced has a reported poverty rate of 24.3%, an unemployment rate that is generally double that of the state and federal levels, a lack of affordable housing, and low educational attainment levels (U.S. Census, 2021). Due to these economic factors, many residents struggle to meet basic needs such as food, clothing, shelter, and transportation.

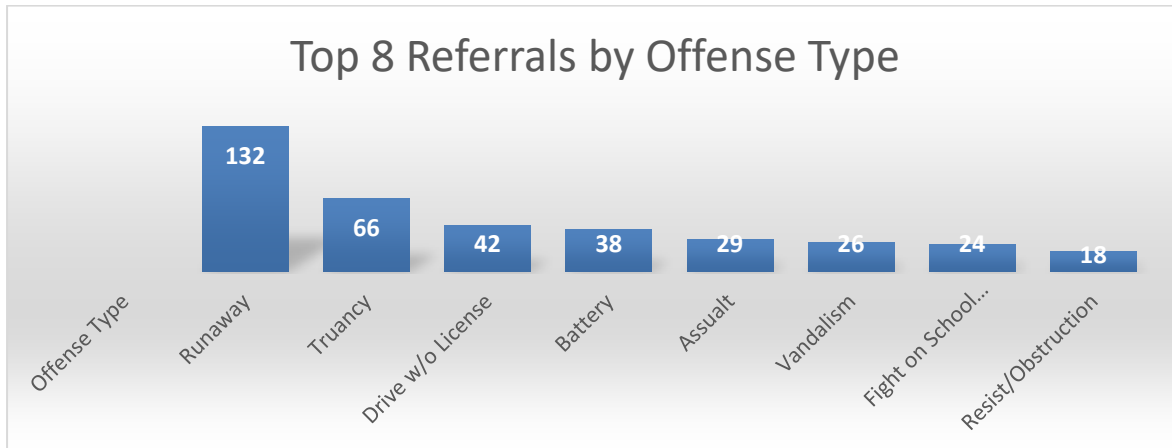
Public transportation is limited, which creates major logistical challenges for youth and families seeking services. In an environment of low income, and low levels of education, high levels of poverty, high unemployment, a high percentage of young children, and high rates of drug-related crime, it is no surprise that the community experiences high rates of homelessness, child abuse, neglect, and offenses committed by youth. Pervasive poverty influences many of the issues and responses within the community related to violence, which often results in a youth's continued involvement with the juvenile justice system. The City of Merced's newly formed Pathways to Success program aims to prevent recidivism.

The Juvenile Services Division oversees all juvenile matters referred to the Probation Department by other law enforcement agencies in Merced County. Probation staff process hundreds of referrals from law enforcement agencies for youth alleged to have committed law violations, those who are beyond parental control, curfew violators, truants, or runaways.

In the following chart between the period of July 2021 to April 2022, the Probation Department forwarded 91 referrals to the Merced County District Attorney's Office for review and a petition was filed with the juvenile court on 46 of those referrals.

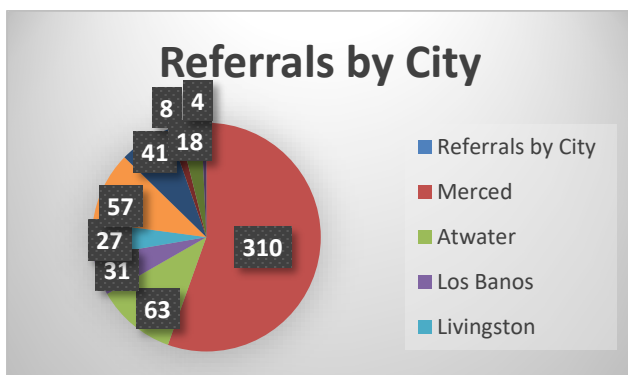


Additionally, between the period of July 2021 and April 2022, the Merced County Probation Department identified the top 8 received referrals by offense type, shown in the chart below.



In a review of the data presented, referrals for Runaway make up the largest category of referrals received. Youth who run away face new problems like not having money, food to eat, a safe place to sleep, or anyone to look out for them. Youth with no home and no money become desperate, doing anything to meet their basic needs. Because of this, they often find themselves in risky situations.

The following chart shows approximately 55% of referrals received from July 2021 to April 2022 are generated in the City of Merced.



Research has shown youth with the greatest risk factors are best served in prevention programs. To identify youth at greatest risk, the Merced County Probation Department uses the Positive Achievement Change Tool (PACT) assessment to determine the risk level to re-offend, identify intervention targets, and monitor the client's progress. The PACT is validated, reliable, representative of risk and protective factors, and clinically

relevant. The program funded by this grant will utilize the PACT Tool as a resource to identify at-risk and high-risk youth as participants.

At-risk and high-risk youth are individuals who may meet one or more of the following problem criteria:

- School: Youth with truancy and attendance issues, behavior and adjustment problems, in danger of failing, and youth dropping out or endanger of dropping out.
- Family: Youth residing with families in conflict, including violence and abuse in the home, children of substance abusers, and youth whose parents lack fundamental parenting skills. These family issues are often a precursor to youth failing to attend school. Dropping out of school has adverse consequences which can lead to mental health conditions, substance use, chronic health problems, criminal behavior, and risk for generational exposure to truancy.
- Community, which includes anti-social peers and premature independence: Youth involved in gang or gang-like activities, youth at risk of developing attachments to anti-social friends and engaging in activities outside of convention. Youth exhibiting signs of early independence through rebelliousness and early initiation into problem behaviors, those out of parental control, suffering from a mental health disorder such as depression or anxiety, and trauma impairing their normal functioning. These youths are likely to avoid school and adopt unhealthy forms of peer acceptance such as criminal activities through gang affiliation. Sexual activity resulting in parenthood: Youth who engage in sexual activity, often resulting in early parenthood, face many problems for them and their children.
- Substance Abuse: Youth consuming substances can lead to problems at school, cause or aggravate physical and mental health-related issues, promote poor peer relationships, and stress the family. Continued use can develop into lifelong issues such as substance dependence, chronic health problems, and social and financial consequences such as persistent poverty and developing a criminal history, which can limit employment opportunities.
- Behavioral Health: By age 14, over half of the mental health conditions begin. 75% of mental health conditions develop by age 24. Adolescents' normal personality and behavior changes may mimic or mask symptoms of a mental health condition.

Early engagement and support are crucial to improving outcomes and increasing the promise of recovery. These youth often require ongoing support beyond typical approaches that diversion and incarceration provide.

- **Poverty:** Youth living in poverty are forced to survive in low socioeconomic communities that lack resources such as job opportunities, financial support, and access to affordable housing. The lack of resources in our community impedes youth from becoming successful in a society that favors those with financial resources and dynamic family support systems. Poverty can not only be an outcome of the above noted risk factors but more importantly can be a precursor for a youth's engagement with said high risk factors/behaviors.

## **2. Project Description (Percent Value 40%)**

In partnership with Merced County Probation, the City of Merced has created Pathways to Success as an extension of existing reentry services. This program will operate within the Office of Neighborhood Safety in the City of Merced, City Manager's Office. The program will fund four (4) Peer Support Specialist positions. These Peer Support Specialists will have experience working with system-impacted youth and family members to provide and facilitate an in-depth, holistic approach to address youth's presenting offense and offer or link to preventative services to decrease the likelihood of reoccurrence.

The program will be modeled after successful reentry, prevention, and therapy programs across the state and nation. It will incorporate a multiagency collaborative approach to work with youth and their families needing specified levels of care, services, and support. The program timeframe will span 12 months, for a total of three program cycles during the 36-month grant period and will serve a total of 120 youths.

Wrap-around reentry supportive services are currently provided to youth returning from institutional commitments. They include elements of evidence-based programming focused on reducing racial and ethnic disparities among at-risk and probation-involved youths and their families. Although these services are currently provided, there is limited tenure and less than sufficient long-term support for youth as they transition into family, school, and community. Pathways to Success will offer a softer, more supportive, and personalized landing for youth reentering the community.

The Pathways to Success program will commence by incorporating these resources with additional case management and cognitive behavioral therapies. These services will extend the capacity of existing intervention and therapeutic programs focused on preventing retaliation, increasing safety, and promoting healing from trauma.

### **Current Aftercare Program Preparation**

To prepare participants for successful aftercare program participation, County Probation currently identifies each youth's risk level and needs through the Residential Positive Achievement Change Tool (R-PACT). The R-PACT identifies at-risk areas as well as strengths or protective factors. This information is used to create positive and productive changes in behaviors. Risk and protective factors in this instrument identify static and dynamic characteristics. Identifying these characteristics will match the youth's current needs with the appropriate aftercare services. For example, an assessment will include screening for exposure to trauma and an assessment of PTSD symptoms. Aftercare services will be designed as a trauma treatment program if the assessment identifies trauma.

This comprehensive assessment instrument measures the youth's risk and protective factors in the 12 domains: Criminal History, School, Use of Free Time, Employment, Relationships, Family, Living Arrangements, Alcohol and Drugs, Mental Health, Attitudes/Behaviors, Aggression, and Skills. Assessing criminogenic risk factors and treatment directed toward changing dynamic characteristics provides the best chance of reducing recidivism.

The R-PACT is currently used by non-clinical staff in juvenile intake, diversion, probation, detention, group home placement, and aftercare settings. Pathways to Success Peer Support Specialists will include these assessments to build an extended individualized treatment plan.

Scores from the R-PACT determine the dynamic factors influencing the youth's anti-social behavior and will provide the evidence helpful in developing an extended aftercare plan to effectively address these prioritized criminogenic needs. Pathways to Success Peer Support Specialists will define the youth's unique behavioral issues and create actions that tie to goals to resolve these behavioral issues. Additionally, specialists will work with youth to identify attributes they will use for job training and placement.

Peer Support Specialists will meet monthly with the youth's Deputy Probation Officer to monitor their progress toward treatment goals and intervention services and to routinely conduct criminogenic risk/needs assessments. Additionally, monthly meetings with the youth's multidisciplinary treatment team (probation officer, Peer Support Specialist, education provider, behavioral health, and other service providers identified by the program specialist) will discuss treatment goals and potential barriers to the reintegration and aftercare process.

### **Extended Aftercare Programming Focus: Pathways to Success**

Pathways to Success is a 12-month program. The grant will support three (3) program cycles during the three-year grant term. Each cycle will support 40 youth participants. The grant will support a total of 120 youth participants. Four (4) Peer Support Specialists will mentor 10 participants during each cycle. Pathways to Success aims to provide extended structured and personalized aftercare solution for youth to achieve a supportive, productive, and positive transition back into the community.

The City Manager will manage the program through regular meetings and monthly reports to monitor progress and for continued collaboration to adjust objectives and goals set for a successful reintegration.

Peer Support Specialists will focus on culturally responsive experiences between providers and youth participants with respect to gender identity, sexual orientation, race, socio-economic status, and ethnicity. Program providers and partners will be competent to treat youth from diverse backgrounds by offering culturally relevant behavioral health evidence-based practices.

### **Pathways to Success services will focus on the following:**

**Social and Emotional Learning Skills:** Youth will participate in activities intended to promote competency skills that create resilient relationships with family and school, as well as activities that teach and reinforce skills for understanding and managing their emotions, making healthy decisions, and feeling and showing empathy for others. These activities will create pathways to maintaining productive and positive relationships with family, friends, and community.

**Cognitive Behavioral Therapy:** Cognitive therapy focuses on empowering youth to talk about how their thoughts and actions influence their health. Qualified therapists will work

with youth and families to set goals and create detailed methods to achieve these goals. **Prevention and Intervention Resources and Programs** will include advocacy, psychological and physical safety, and parent education and will connect families to additional resources and support. Additionally, supportive self-reflection and peer-to-peer learning will help participants identify and acknowledge their challenges while equally exploring their strengths. Additionally, participants learn about their protective factors, and create strategies from their wisdom and experiences to strengthen their families (Be Strong Families, 2022).

Peer Support Specialists will also promote protective factors by co-locating appropriate services, support, and opportunities in an underserved and high-crime-high-risk neighborhood. Supportive services will be located at community-based family resource centers in high-risk neighborhoods. According to the Center for the Study of Social Policy, “Protective factors are characteristics or strengths of individuals, families, communities or societies that act to mitigate risks and promote positive well-being and health development. Often, these are viewed as attributes that help families to successfully navigate difficult situations.” Peer Support Specialists will build protective factors by facilitating evidence-based programming to youth and families exhibiting risk factors. These locations will be physically and emotionally safe spaces where parents, caregivers, and families will be free to talk about the challenges and victories of raising a family.

This program will include an integrated system of services and resources to support system-impacted youth and their families. Strengthening families will be essential when mobilizing youth into action and change. Research shows that family involvement is vital in successfully rehabilitating at-risk and high-risk offending youth since families influence and inspire their child’s behavior. When individuals and families address their unique needs, this positively impacts individual and family outcomes since protective factors are being built, and risk behaviors and factors are mitigated.

The following elements will support program outcomes:

### **Financial Allowances**

Peer Support Specialists will consider existing financial barriers, and based on need, will set up a monetary allowance for rent, mortgage assistance, transportation assistance, and food and clothing.

### **Evidenced Based Programming**

Evidenced Based Programming includes treatment programming designed to change a youth's behavior. Through evaluations, programming will consist of family therapy programs, mentoring, and skill-building programs.

### **Educational Supportive Services**

Educational Supportive Services will be offered through a partnership with Merced Union High School District. Youth will be required to participate in school, which can include independent studies and virtual classes until that youth can transition into mainstream education or their designated school. Additional programs such as soft skills training, cognitive-based interventions, and behavioral health services will be included in the format.

### **Employment/Job Training**

Employment and Job Training Programs will prepare youth for employment by providing post-secondary education and occupational learning. The focus of this element is to assist youth in learning the necessary skills to transition into employment productively. In addition, the program will introduce youth at risk of unemployment to job readiness and skills training through job shadowing and employment coaching, transition planning, and ongoing program support.

### **Prevention and Intervention Services:**

The Peer Support Specialist will engage youth and families before and after interacting with law enforcement. At-risk behaviors include:

- School and home issues
- Chronic truancy and absenteeism
- School violence
- Expulsions or suspensions
- Gang involvement
- Behaviors that demonstrate at-risk juvenile delinquency

The following evidence-based programming will be facilitated:

- Risks & Decisions Gang Program
- Delinquent Behavior
- Drug and Alcohol Education

- Let's Talk: Runaway Prevention Curriculum

Program objectives include:

- Building protective factors by providing targeted, evidence-based programming in underserved and high-risk neighborhoods.
- Providing Positive Youth Development activities to divert youth from law enforcement contact and delinquent behavior.

Each Peer Support Specialist will work supportively with youth and families to coordinate and deliver services from the beginning of the program to its conclusion.

### **3. Organizational Capacity and Coordination (Percent Value 20%)**

The City Manager will manage this program. Peer Support Specialists will use their life experience with behavioral health conditions and criminal justice involvement to serve as mentors of successful reentry. These Specialists will communicate with community partners with which the City of Merced has established relations to maintain collaborative services. Assisting youth offenders to live crime-free lives requires access to programs and services that help build the skills to integrate into the community successfully. Unfortunately, young people leaving a secure treatment facility face many barriers as they reintegrate into families and communities. For example, research indicates that many young people return to unstable home environments, struggle to remain in school, have barriers to securing employment, and have a behavioral health disorder that can negatively impact reintegration (Youth.gov 2022). Effective service delivery must bridge many agencies, services, and supports before and after release to improve and sustain a successful reintegration. The Pathways to Success Program is a Community Integration Model and will reintegrate justice system-involved youth into their families and communities with the knowledge and skills necessary to live successful, crime-free lives. This 12-month program will create and ensure collaboration between Peer Support Specialists, partner agencies, youth, and their families in developing an individualized rehabilitation plan that considers all their needs and is designated to assist with community reintegration. Successful completion of Pathways to Success, will result in the youth's completion of the terms of their probation.

#### **4. Project Evaluation and Monitoring (Percent Value 12%)**

The Merced County Probation Department has a successful continuum of services that strongly emphasizes collaboration across agency boundaries toward reducing crime and delinquency for youth. Pathways to Success will serve as an extended aftercare component of supportive resources, vital to a youth's successful reentry into their community.

Program monitoring includes oversight by the City Manager, collaboration with the Deputy Probation Officer, monthly meetings and activity reports with all support teams, and weekly meetings with youth participants to ensure systems, partners, programs, and policies reflect a coordinated, integrated, and effective delivery of aftercare services for youth and families.

##### **Monitoring Progress**

This component includes supporting the youth's progress toward achieving the individual rehabilitation plan goals while updating the criminogenic risk/needs assessment (PACT) every six months, or when there is a life-changing event, to identify risk factors related to re-offending as well as identifying strengths and protective factors that may mitigate those risk factors.

##### **Multidisciplinary Team Meetings**

Program support Peer Support Specialists and team members will meet regularly to discuss the youth's progress toward an overall rehabilitation plan to mitigate potential barriers to success.

##### **Program Format**

Project evaluation will examine processes and outcomes from data and narratives collected from monthly reports. Data collection methods will include surveys and interviews with program staff and participants. The end-of-program evaluation process will follow the Project Logic Model, which will detail the logical relationships between the project's goals, resources, services, outputs, outcomes, and impacts.

Resources	Services	Outputs	Outcome/Impact
Planning/Service Partners <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Partners that provide services, program planning</li> </ul>	Programs and Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Services delivered to participants</li> </ul>	Participants <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Number of enrolled participants</li> </ul>	System Level Outcomes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Changes at the org or community level</li> </ul>
Referral Partners <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>High School District</li> <li>City College</li> <li>Job Training Orgs</li> </ul>	Supports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stipends</li> </ul>	Service Receipt <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Types of services received</li> </ul>	Participant Outcomes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Changes with participants (results – positive improvements, drop from program)</li> </ul>
Staffing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Number, type, roles</li> </ul>	Duration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Length, frequency, duration</li> </ul>	Completion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Number of participants exiting the program</li> </ul>	Impacts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Changes in outcomes associated with program activities</li> </ul>
Materials <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assessment tools, program space</li> </ul>			



PROBATION DEPARTMENT



Kalisa Rochester  
Chief Probation Officer

To: Board of State and Community Corrections  
2900 Venture Oaks Way, Suite 200  
Sacramento, CA 95833

Re: California Violence Intervention & Prevention (CaVIP) Grant

Date: July 14, 2022

This letter is being submitted to document that the Merced County Probation Department agrees to partner on the CaVIP grant proposal being submitted by the City of Merced.

As a part of this grant, the Merced County Probation Department agrees to partner with the City of Merced to provide reentry supports and preventative services and programming to at-risk youth at the Stephan Leonard Center. The in-kind match provided by our Agency for the aforementioned partnership will equate to approximately \$819,810.00 annually and will undoubtedly increase in subsequent years due to the rise in cost for salaries and benefits.

Signed by,

Kalisa Rochester  
Chief Probation Officer

## Appendix I: Certification of Compliance with BSCC Policies Regarding Debarment, Fraud, Theft and Embezzlement

It is the policy of the BSCC to protect grant funds from unreasonable risks of fraudulent, criminal, or other improper use. As such, the Board will not enter into contracts or provide reimbursement to applicants that have been:

1. debarred by any federal, state, or local government entities during the period of debarment; or
2. convicted of fraud, theft, or embezzlement of federal, state, or local government grant funds for a period of three (3) years following conviction.

Furthermore, the BSCC requires grant recipients to provide an assurance that there has been no applicable debarment, disqualification, suspension, or removal from a federal, state or local grant program on the part of the grantee at the time of application and that the grantee will immediately notify the BSCC should such debarment or conviction occur during the term of the Grant contract.

BSCC also requires that all grant recipients include, as a condition of award to a subgrantee or subcontractor, a requirement that the subgrantee or subcontractor will provide the same assurances to the grant recipient. If a grant recipient wishes to consider a subgrantee or subcontractor that has been debarred or convicted, the grant recipient must submit a written request for exception to the BSCC along with supporting documentation.

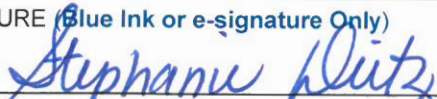
By checking the following boxes and signing below, applicant affirms that:

I/We are not currently debarred by any federal, state, or local entity from applying for or receiving federal, state, or local grant funds.

I/We have not been convicted of any crime involving theft, fraud, or embezzlement of federal, state, or local grant funds within the last three (3) years. We will notify the BSCC should such debarment or conviction occur during the term of the Grant contract.

I/We will hold subgrantees and subcontractors to these same requirements.

A grantee may make a request in writing to the Executive Director of the BSCC for an exception to the debarment policy. Any determination made by the Executive Director shall be made in writing.

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE (This document must be signed by the person who is authorized to sign the Grant Agreement.)			
NAME OF AUTHORIZED OFFICER	TITLE	TELEPHONE NUMBER	EMAIL ADDRESS
Stephanie Dietz	City Manager	(209) 388-8670	dietzs@cityofmerced.org
STREET ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
678 W. 18th Street	Merced	CA	95340
APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE (Blue Ink or e-signature Only)			DATE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 			7/15/22

<b>(1) Goal:</b>	<b>Case Management</b>		
Objectives (A., B., C...):	A. Provide one-on-one support to each participant through an individualized program plan B. Meet weekly with each participant to review progress, adjust and reinforce importance of engagement C. Provide progress reports to multidisciplinary treatment team to ensure continuity of care and success		
Project activities that support the identified goal and objectives:		Responsible staff/ partners	Timeline
			Start Date      End Date
1. Weekly meetings to talk about setbacks and achievements 2. Facilitate sessions with youth and family members 3. Connect youth with mentors for education and job training resources.		-Peer Support Specialist -Education Admins & Counselors -Worknet Investment -Workforce Development -Business internships	-Cycle onset      -Cycle End
<b>(2) Goal:</b>	<b>Cognitive Behavioral Therapy</b>		
Objectives (A., B., C...):	A. Create a safe space for participants to be open during all interactions, including phone calls and meetings B. Help participants identify problems and the consequences and productive results of their reactions C. Help participants learn to question and redirect initial reactions to problems and concerns		
Project activities that support the identified goal and objectives:		Responsible staff/ partners	Timeline
			Start Date      End Date
1 Provide writing journals for participant to write thoughts and concerns 2 Create regular structured activities for participants to work on at home 3 Create regular structured activities for families of participants to work on at home		-Peer Support Specialist	-Cycle Onset      -Cycle End -ID'd in Case Plan      -ID'd in Case Plan
<b>(3) Goal:</b>	<b>Supporting System-Impacted youth and families</b>		
Objectives (A., B., C...):	A. Create a family-partnership approach to encourage parents and families to become participants in the process B. Build parent and family member support and trust through consistent participation C. Offer culture-specific value-based services to enhance mental health outcomes		
Project activities that support the identified goal and objectives:		Responsible staff/ partners	Timeline
			Start Date      End Date
1. Conduct "table-top communication" activities during each meeting to allow youth and families to make decisions about their role in the aftercare process and beyond 2. Offer culture-specific trauma based coping skill activities to youth, parents, and family members 3. Create conversational activities that are culturally appropriate to enhance trust so participants can learn to have a voice in the healing and recovery process		-Peer Support Specialist -Ed Admin & Counselors -Parents and Family Members	-Cycle Onset      -Cycle End -ID'd in Case Plan      -ID'd in Case Plan

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022- 44**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF MERCED, CALIFORNIA,  
AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF GRANT  
PROPOSAL FOR THE 2022 CALIFORNIA  
VIOLENCE INTERVENTION & PREVENTION  
(CALVIP) GRANT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the City of Merced desires to participate in the 2022 California Violence Intervention & Prevention Program funded through the California State General Fund and administered by the Board of State and Community Corrections (hereafter referred to as the “BSCC”).

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERCED DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, DETERMINE, FIND, AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City Manager is authorized on behalf of the City of Merced to submit the grant proposal for this funding and sign the Grant Agreement with the BSCC, including any amendments thereof.

SECTION 2. The grant funds received hereunder shall not be used to supplant expenditures controlled by this body.

SECTION 3. The City of Merced agrees to ensure all matching funds required for the above grant are provided and abide by the terms and conditions of the Grant Agreement as set forth by the BSCC.

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PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Merced at a regular meeting held on the 5th day of July 2022, by the following vote:

AYES: 5 Council Members: ECHEVARRIA, ORNELAS, PEREZ, SERRATTO, SHELTON

NOES: 0 Council Members: NONE

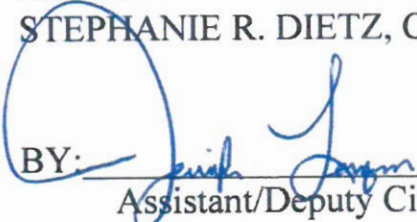
ABSENT: 2 Council Members: BLAKE, BOYLE

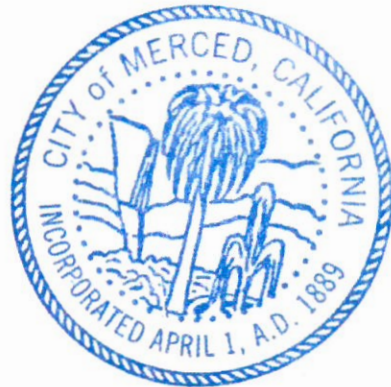
ABSTAIN: 0 Council Members: NONE

APPROVED:

  
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Mayor


ATTEST:  
STEPHANIE R. DIETZ, CITY CLERK

BY:   
\_\_\_\_\_  
Assistant/Deputy City Clerk



(SEAL)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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City Attorney      6/21/2022  
Date



		\$0	\$0	\$0
		\$0	\$0	\$0
		\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$75,500</b>	<b>\$120,000</b>	<b>\$195,500</b>

**2b. Services and Supplies Narrative:**

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The City of Merced will provide the primary administrative support for the Pathways to Success Program. As such, all printed educational material, and books or reference materials needed for individual and group support will be provided by the grant program. It is projected that the following expenses will be needed to support the program: Office Supplies - year 1 \$8,500, year 2 \$10,000, year 3 \$12,000 for a total of \$30,500; Educational Materials - year 1 \$5,000, year 2 \$7,500, year 3 \$10,000 for a total of \$22,500; and Group Session Materials – year 1 \$5,000, year 2 \$7,500, year 3 \$10,000 for a total of \$22,500. Peer Support Specialist will also provide financial support to participants to reduce food insecurity. \$1,000 per participant will be provided. At 40 participants per year, the yearly total is \$40,000, with a three-year total of \$120,000. This cost will be a hard match by the City of Merced; grant funds will not be used.

**3a. Health and Wellness (must not exceed 5% of total match funds)**

Description of Professional Service(s)	Calculation for Expenditure	Grant Funds	Match Funds	Total
Financial Support for Housing	\$600 x 40 participants x 3 years		\$72,000	\$72,000
Financial Support for Transportation	\$500 x 40 participants x 3 years		\$60,000	\$60,000
			\$0	\$0
			\$0	\$0
			\$0	\$0
			\$0	\$0
			\$0	\$0
			\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL (must not exceed 5% of Total Match Funds)</b>			<b>\$132,000</b>	<b>\$132,000</b>

**3b. Health and Wellness Narrative**

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Strengthening families is an essential element when mobilizing youth into action and change. Peer Support Specialists will consider existing financial barriers, and based on need, set up the following: Financial support for housing, up to \$600 per participant per year – year 1 \$24,000, year 2 - \$24,000, year 3 - \$24,000 for a total of \$72,000; Financial support for transportation, up to \$500 per participant per year – year 1 \$20,000, year 2 - \$20,000, year 3 \$20,000 for a total of \$60,000.

**4a. Professional Services**

Description of Professional Service(s)	Calculation for Expenditure	Grant Funds	Match Funds	Total
Merced County Department of Probation		\$0	\$2,459,430	\$2,459,430
		\$0	\$0	\$0
		\$0	\$0	\$0
		\$0	\$0	\$0
		\$0	\$0	\$0
		\$0	\$0	\$0
		\$0	\$0	\$0
		\$0	\$0	\$0
		\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$2,459,430</b>	<b>\$2,459,430</b>

**4b. Professional Services Narrative**

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As outlined in the Letter of Commitment, the Merced County Probation Department will partner to provide reentry supports and preventative services through an in-kind match for one Program Specialist, one Peer Support Specialist, three Deputy Probation Officer, one Worknet Specialist, and 1/2 of a Dual Diagnosis Specialist. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) memorializing the in-kind contribution over three years is forthcoming and contingent upon the approval of this grant.

**5a. Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO) Subcontracts**

Description of Subcontract	Calculation for Expenditure	Grant Funds	Match Funds	Total
		\$0	\$0	\$0
		\$0	\$0	\$0
		\$0	\$0	\$0
		\$0	\$0	\$0
		\$0	\$0	\$0

		\$0	\$0	\$0
		\$0	\$0	\$0
		\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**5b. Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO) Subcontracts Narrative**

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**6a. Equipment/Fixed Assets**

Description of Equipment/Fixed Asset	Calculation for Expense	Grant Funds	Match Funds	Total
Laptop	\$1,500 x 4 staff	\$0	\$6,000	\$6,000
Desk, Chair, Phone	Desk: \$350 x 4; Chair: \$200 x 4; Phone: \$350 x 4	\$0	\$3,400	\$3,400
Service	\$83/month x 12 months x 4 staff, plus \$9 activation fee/each x 3 years	\$0	\$12,400	\$12,400
		\$0	\$0	\$0
		\$0	\$0	\$0
		\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$21,800</b>	<b>\$21,800</b>

**6b. Equipment/Fixed Assets Narrative**

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Equipment and fixed asset will be a cash match by the City of Merced. Office equipment needed for 4.0 full-time Peer Support Specialists include the following equipment and fixed assets: Laptop \$1,500, Desk \$350, Chair \$200, Cell Phone \$350, and Annual Cell Phone service \$4,400 (\$83 per month for 12 months for 4 staff with an activation fee of \$9 each) for a total of \$13,800 in year 1 year 2 totals \$4,000 and year 3 totals \$4,000. The laptop and mobile phone will allow for continued work across varying City of Merced locations. A mobile phone is the preferred option of communication to allow for enhanced mobility and after-hours access.

**7a. Project Evaluation (must be at least 5%, but no more than 10% of total grant funds)**

Description	Grant Funds	Match Funds	Total
UC Merced Project Evaluation	\$49,300	\$0	\$49,300
	\$0	\$0	\$0
	\$0	\$0	\$0
	\$0	\$0	\$0
	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL (must be at least 5%, but no more than 10% of Total Grant Funds)</b>		<b>\$49,300</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**7b. Project Evaluation Narrative:**

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UC Merced provides regular program evaluation across several City of Merced Programs. Based on the scope of the proposed Pathways to Success Program, initial estimates for program evaluation are as follow: Year 1 \$10,000 to provide a comprehensive evaluation of quarterly data reports, participant retrospective surveys and interviews with public agency and private partners for 3 12-month cohorts. Year 2 \$10,000 - provide a comprehensive evaluation as stated previously. Year 3 \$15,000 - continue the annual evaluation, including a three-year comprehensive evaluation of the overall effectiveness of the program and continued engagement across three cohorts with a goal of producing a program action report to present to the City of Merced City Council.

**8a. Financial Audit (must not exceed \$25,000 in Grant Funds)**

Description	Calculation for Expense	Grant Funds	Match Funds	Total
Financial Audit	\$2,500 x 3 years	\$7,500	\$0	\$7,500
		\$0	\$0	\$0
		\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL (must not exceed \$25,000 in Grant Funds)</b>		<b>\$7,500</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$7,500</b>

**8b. Financial Audit Narrative:**

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The City of Merced conducts a financial audit annually as part of its fiduciary commitment to transparency and excellence. Based on the proposed annual budget of the pilot program, \$2,500 will be allocated from the program to allow for an independent financial audit to be conducted, the breakdown of annual costs is as follows: year 1 - \$2,500, year 2 - \$2,500, year 3 - \$2,500 for a total of \$7,500

**9a. Other (Travel, Training, etc.)**

Description	Calculation for Expense	Grant Funds	Match Funds	Total
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Training	\$2,500 x 4 staff x 3 years	\$0	\$30,000	\$30,000
Travel	\$2,500 x 4 staff x 3 years	\$0	\$30,000	\$30,000
		\$0	\$0	\$0
		\$0	\$0	\$0
		\$0	\$0	\$0
		\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$60,000</b>	<b>\$60,000</b>

**9b. Other (Travel, Training, etc.) Narrative:**

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Each Peer Support Specialist will be provided an annual allotment for training and travel renewal to ensure that regular and current training is provided in the areas of cognitive behavioral and evidence-based programs. The annual training allotment is \$2,500 per employee each year, year 1 \$10,000, year 2 \$10,000 and year 3 \$10,000 for a total amount of \$30,000. Travel is set at the same rate to account for overnight travel allotting \$2,500 per employee to account for hotels accommodations, mileage reimbursements, and per diem each year; year 1 \$10,000, year 2 \$10,000, year 3 \$10,000 for a total of \$30,000.

**10a. Indirect Costs**

Indirect costs may be charged to grant funds by choosing <b>either</b> Option 1) or 2) listed below:	Grant Funds	Match Funds	Total
1) Indirect costs will be charged as 10% of total grant award. Applicable if the organization does not have a federally approved indirect cost rate.	\$0	\$0	\$0
<i>If using Option 1) grant funds allocated to Indirect Costs may not exceed:</i>	<i>\$97,765</i>		
2) Indirect costs will be charged up to 20% of direct total grant award. Applicable if the organization has a federally approved indirect cost rate. Amount claimed may not exceed the organization's federally approved indirect cost rate.	\$0	\$0	\$0
<i>If using Option 2) grant funds allocated to Indirect Costs may not exceed:</i>	<i>\$195,529</i>		
<i>Regardless of which option is chosen, if the amount entered in the Grant Funds column turns red, adjust it to not exceed the maximum noted just below it: <b>TOTAL</b></i>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**10b. Indirect Costs Narrative:**

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