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To: The City Council

From: *for* Matthew W. Szabo, City Administrative Officer 

Reference: Transmittal from the Mayor dated April 14, 2026; Received by the City Administrative Officer on April 14, 2026; Additional information received through May 21, 2026

Subject: **ACCEPTANCE OF A \$5.1 MILLION AWARD FOR THE CALIFORNIA VIOLENCE INTERVENTION AND PREVENTION COHORT 5 GRANT PROGRAM FROM THE CALIFORNIA BOARD OF STATE AND COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS**

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the City Council:

1. Note and file the Mayor's Office of Community Safety report dated April 14, 2026;
2. Authorize the Mayor or designee to:
 - a. Accept the California Violence Intervention and Prevention (CalVIP) Cohort 5 grant award for Fiscal Year 2026-27, 2027-28, and 2028-29 in the amount of \$5,087,000 from the California Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) to expand the Gang Reduction and Youth Development (GRYD) Safe Passage Initiative for the performance period from April 1, 2026 through September 30, 2029;
 - b. Submit any other necessary grant agreements and documents relative to the implementation of the Safe Passage Initiative, subject to the review and approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality;
 - c. Negotiate and execute contracts with the three community-based organizations listed below to implement the Safe Passage Initiative from July 1, 2026 through September 30, 2029 for a total amount not to exceed \$3,438,380, subject to the review and approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality, compliance with the City's contracting requirements, and the availability of funds:

Service Provider	GRYD Zone	Amount
Community Partners	Hollywood	\$ 859,595
Community Partners	Northeast	859,595
Alliance for Community Empowerment	Regional Center	859,595
Bresee Foundation	West San Fernando Valley	859,595
Total		\$3,438,380

- d. Negotiate and execute a contract with the Psychology Applied Research Center at Loyola Marymount University to support data collection and evaluation of the Safe Passage Initiative from July 1, 2026 through September 30, 2029, in an amount not to exceed \$450,000, subject to approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality and compliance with the City's contracting requirements;
 - e. Negotiate and execute a contract with a mental health service provider selected through a procurement process to provide mental health support to frontline workers and their families within the City for a term within the grant performance period of July 1, 2026 through September 30, 2029, in an amount not to exceed \$87,000, subject to approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality and compliance with the City's contracting requirements;
3. Approve the funding allocation of the CalVIP grant award to implement the Safe Passage Initiative for the period from April 1, 2026 through September 30, 2029 as follows:

Category	Amount
Salaries and Benefits	\$ 1,111,620
Service Provider Contracts	3,438,380
Evaluation/Data Collection	450,000
Mental Health Support Services	87,000
Total	\$ 5,087,000

4. Request the Controller to establish a new interest-bearing fund entitled "2026 CalVIP Grant Fund" No. XXX/46, for the receipt and disbursement of CalVIP Cohort 5 grant funds, to be administered by the Mayor's Office;
5. Instruct the City Clerk to place on the agenda of the first regular Council meeting on July 1, 2026 or shortly thereafter, the following instructions:
 - a. Establish new appropriation accounts within the 2026 CalVIP Grant Fund No. XXX/46 as follows:

Account No.	Account Name	Amount
46E146	Mayor	\$ 722,582
46E299	Related Costs	389,038
46E304	Contractual Services	3,975,380
Total		\$ 5,087,000

- b. Increase appropriations in the amount of \$722,582 within the Mayor's Fund No. 100/46, Account No. 001020, Grant Reimbursed for the reimbursement of grant-funded salary costs;
- c. Transfer up to \$389,038 from the 2026 CalVIP Grant Fund No. XXX/46, Account No. 46E299 to the Mayor's Fund No. 100/46, Revenue Source Code 5346 for the reimbursement of grant-funded fringe benefits; and
- d. Authorize the Mayor, or designee, to prepare Controller instructions and/or make technical adjustments as necessary to implement the actions approved by the Mayor and City Council, subject to the approval of the City Administrative Officer, and request the Controller to implement the instructions.

SUMMARY

The Mayor's Office of Community Safety (MOCS) requests authority to accept the California Violence Intervention and Prevention (CalVIP) Cohort 5 grant award for Fiscal Years 2026-27, 2027-28, and 2028-29 in the amount of \$5,087,000 from the California Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) for a performance period from April 1, 2025 through September 30, 2029 to expand the Gang Reduction and Youth Development (GRYD) Safe Passage Initiative. The MOCS also requests authority to execute contracts with three community-based organizations (CBOs) for the implementation of the Safe Passage Initiative, one contractor for data and evaluation services, and one contractor for mental health services. The Safe Passage Initiative deploys violence intervention workers to increase safety at the following Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) schools: Canoga Park High School, Bernstein High School, Virgil Middle School, and Sotomayor High School.

Background

The CalVIP grant program is an initiative aimed at enhancing public health and safety through support for community-based gun violence reduction efforts in communities that are disproportionately impacted by gun violence. The CalVIP grant funds evidence-based programs designed to reduce community gun violence, such as:

- Hospital-based violence intervention programs,
- Street outreach initiatives, and
- Focused deterrence strategies.

On February 15, 2025, the BSCC issued a non-competitive Request for Application to the City. On August 18, 2025, the MOCS submitted an application to expand GRYD's Safe Passage Initiative in four LAUSD schools. In February 2026, the MOCS was notified of the \$5.1 million grant award. Grant recipients must distribute at least 50 percent of the grant funds to one or more CBOs and use evidence-based programs, practices, and techniques.

Safe Passage Initiative

The Safe Passage Initiative is part of GRYD's comprehensive strategy to reduce gang violence through community engagement, gang prevention, gang intervention, and violence interruption. Intervention workers will be deployed along high-risk routes to supervise students and increase safety and provide case management and mentorship services at Canoga Park High School, Bernstein High School, Sotomayor High School, and Virgil Middle School. The Safe Initiative helps to prevent overall gun violence in the community by reducing opportunities for gang recruitment, retaliation, and conflict escalation.

In February 2025, the MOCS issued a Request for Proposals for GRYD gang intervention services. The MOCS will allocate \$3.4 million to the three selected CBOs listed in the table below to provide safe passage services in four GRYD Zones.

Table 1. Safe Passage Providers

Service Provider	GRYD Zone	Amount
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An additional \$450,000 is allocated for a contract with the Psychology Applied Research Center at Loyola Marymount University (LMU) for data collection and evaluation services. The LMU will oversee data management for the reporting and evaluation requirements. The LMU will use process and outcome data to evaluate the impact of intervention activities on violence reduction, perceptions of community safety, and overall community impact. According to the City Attorney, because the grant funding was awarded to the City with Psychology Applied Research Center at LMU as its program partner for data and evaluation services, a sole-source authorization is not required.

Grant funds in the amount of \$87,000 is allocated for mental health support for frontline workers and their families. This includes teambuilding activities, staff retreats, counseling services, support groups, and digital mental health support tools. The Mayor's Office will conduct a procurement process to select a mental health service provider.

A total of \$1,111,620 is allocated for salaries (\$722,582) and fringe benefits (\$389,038) for three positions consisting of one Program Manager, one Data Manager, and one Accountant for the administration of the CalVIP grant program. The draft Cost Allocation Plan 47 was used to calculate fringe benefits.

The CalVIP Cohort 5 Grant will be allocated as detailed in the table below.

Table 2. Grant Budget

Category	Amount
Salaries and Benefits	\$ 1,111,620
Service Provider Contracts	3,438,380
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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The proposed grant activities, including partial salary costs of three positions in the Mayor's Office, will be funded by the California Violence Intervention and Prevention Cohort 5 Grant. There is no match requirement associated with the grant. There is no additional impact to the General Fund.

FINANCIAL POLICIES STATEMENT

The recommendations in this report are in compliance with the City's Financial Policies in that all grant funds will be utilized for grant-eligible activities.