
SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

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AB 2378 (Gabriel) - California Violence Intervention and Prevention Grant Program

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Mandate: No

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Bill Summary: AB 2378 would establish the Office of Community Violence Intervention (OCVI) to administer the California Violence and Intervention Grant Program (CalVIP) within the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC).

Fiscal Impact: Estimated \$2.8 million to \$3.4 million based on a five percent administrative cap and projected revenues to the Gun Violence Prevention and School Safety Fund.

Estimated \$60 million for FY 2026-27 and \$62 million for FY 2027-28. (Gun Violence Prevention and School Safety Fund)

Background: The CalVIP was established in 2017 to replace the California Gang Reduction, Intervention and Prevention grant program that began in 2007. CalVIP provides funding for cities and community-based organizations with the goal of reducing violence in the city and adjacent areas. In October, 2019 the Governor signed AB 1603 (Wicks). AB 1603 codified the establishment of CalVIP and defined its purpose: to improve public health and safety by supporting effective violence reduction initiatives in communities that are disproportionately impacted by violence, particularly group-member involved homicides, shootings, and aggravated assaults.

AB 1603, The Break the Cycle of Violence Act, specifies that CalVIP grants shall be used to support, expand and replicate evidence-based violence reduction initiatives, including but not limited to: (1) hospital-based violence intervention programs, (2) evidence-based street outreach programs, and (3) focused deterrence strategies. These initiatives should seek to interrupt cycles of violence and retaliation in order to reduce the incidence of homicides, shootings, and aggravated assaults and shall be primarily focused on providing violence intervention services to the small segment of the population that is identified as having the highest risk of perpetrating or being victimized by violence in the near future.

Under existing law, only cities that are disproportionately impacted by violence and the CBOs that serve the residents of those cities are eligible to apply for a CalVIP grant. Community-based organizations eligible for CalVIP funding include any nongovernmental organization that provides direct services to the community and meets the following eligibility criteria. Private individuals, independent contractors, professional grants management organizations, consulting firms, auditors, and evaluators may not apply directly for CalVIP funds (though they may be included as partners on a CalVIP grant project).

The CalVIP grant program was established in 2017 and placed in statute by AB 1603 (Wicks) Chapter 735/2019. According to the BSCC, the purpose of the program is to “enhance public health and safety through support for community-based gun violence reduction efforts in communities that are disproportionately impacted by gun violence. Grants are awarded to applicants that have developed an evidence based program to reduce community gun violence. The purpose of the grants, according to the BSCC, is “to disrupt cycles of violence and retaliatory actions in order to lower the rates of homicides, shootings, and aggravated assaults in affected communities.

Proposed Law: This bill specifies that the Director of the OCVI is selected by the BSCC and requires that the BSCC consult with organizations in the field of community violence intervention on factors to consider when evaluating candidates.

This bill requires the OCVI to do all the following:

- Administer the CalVIP.
- Advise the BSCC on the implementation of community violence intervention and prevention policies.
- Coordinate with the Department of Justice’s Office of Gun Violence Prevention to create a statewide strategic plan for community violence intervention and prevention programs.
- Develop methods of measuring the capacity of the community violence intervention and prevention field in California and gather data from CalVIP grantees.
- Educate the public about community violence causes and effective solutions.
- Identify and apply for available federal grants and other funding to further its work to prevent community violence. When the office determines it is appropriate, the office may work in collaboration with other state departments and partners to identify and apply for federal grants and other funding.
- Convene and facilitate the executive steering committee.
- Serve as a liaison to community violence intervention and prevention stakeholders, including other governmental agencies.
- Provide technical assistance for community violence intervention and prevention organizations and CalVIP grantees.

This bill requires the BSCC to reserve at least \$1,000,000 and may reserve up to 5 percent of the funds appropriated for CalVIP each year, for the costs of OCVI for the purposes of administering and promoting the effectiveness of the program, instead of authorizing up to \$2,000,000 for that purpose.