

Youth Crime Prevention and Crisis Intervention Program

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Request

Resolution 23-0107: Approves a grant agreement with the Colorado Division of Criminal Justice for \$1,045,813 and through 6-30-2024, under SB22-145, to develop a multi-disciplinary approach for crime prevention and crisis intervention for at-risk youth, with a focus on working to provide resources for youth in six pathway Denver Public Schools near Colfax Avenue, citywide (POLIC-202366412-00).

Funding Overview

Grant funds support collaborative efforts with nonprofits to hire 2 FTE mental health counselors, 1 PTE mental health supervisor, 1 FTE substance use prevention counselor, 2 FTE Denver Public Schools (DPS) court liaisons, safety planning, school-based crisis intervention and violence prevention, and community-based violence interrupters.

Background

- Youth Violence Prevention Action Table (YVPAT)
 - Support city and community-led efforts to reduce violence
 - Support the Contemporary Learning Academy (CLA) Village project by recruiting essential partners to assist with the application and program implementation
- YVPAT City-partners supporting the application:
 - Denver Parks and Recreation
 - Department of Public Safety
 - Office of Children's Affairs
- Grant Period: 1/1/23 - 6/30/24

CLA Village Partners

DPS Central Region Pathway Schools:

- Contemporary Learning Academy (CLA)
- Compassion Road Academy
- Denver Justice High School
- PREP Academy
- Emily Griffith High School and GED+ program
- Denver Center for 21st Century Learning (DC21)

CLA Village Partners

Community Partners:

- Tha Myx: Critical incident response and youth outreach to prevent violence
- Resolute Counseling: Mental Health Counselors (2 FTE) to support delivery of services
- Crystal Clear Counseling and Coaching: Substance Misuse Prevention Counselor (1 FTE) to support delivery of services

Holistic Support for At-Risk Youth

- Creating safety plans for each school
- Direct mental health and substance misuse counseling to students and families
- Trained trusted messengers/violence interrupters outside of school hours
- Support to students and families who are navigating the judicial system
- Gang intervention and de-escalation

Grant Goals & Objectives

Goal 1:

Successful engagement of identified students in Village mental health services, and/or substance intervention services

Objectives:

- Improved engagement in school and successful engagement with pre-trial/probation expectations
- Increase the number of students receiving mental health or substance misuse counseling

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Goal 2:

Successful crisis intervention to prevent crime through restorative justice interventions, collaborative multidisciplinary de-escalation interventions and/or safety planning

Objectives:

- Hire an education, court, and community partner liaison to assist students and families re-entering an educational setting from the juvenile judicial system
- Provide safe passage in areas outside of schools during hours when youth are not monitored and there is a higher risk of violence occurring

Grant Goals & Objectives

Goal 3:

Increase student engagement in the educational setting of the pathway schools

Objectives:

- Improved attendance at school
- The City and County of Denver will provide summer employment resources and support to identified pathway students to keep students engaged in activities

Outcomes

- Improved access to mental health and substance misuse counseling
- Improved communication on the judicial process
- Interrupting and de-escalating potential violent events



Questions