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**GANG REDUCTION, INTERVENTION AND PREVENTION GRANT PROGRAM
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

Q: Is this the same as the California Gang Reduction, Intervention and Prevention Initiative (CalGRIP)?

A: This grant program is a subset of Governor Schwarzenegger's CalGRIP Initiative. The Governor's CalGRIP Initiative is a comprehensive plan that includes several different state agencies and focuses many existing programs toward the problem of gang violence in California. This funding for new local programs is just one piece of the much larger CalGRIP Initiative.

Q: When was the due date for applications?

A: The original due date was November 26, 2007. This due date was extended twice because of natural disasters in California, which was communicated to applicants. The final due date was December 31, 2007.

Q: How much money was available through the program?

A: The state budget allocated \$9,500,000 for the program: \$1 million for the City of Los Angeles; \$6.5 million for all other cities under a competitive process; and \$2 million for community based organizations (CBOs) under a competitive process. The state budget allowed 3% (285,000) to be used by OES as administrative support. The decision was made not to impact CBOs by the administrative amount. This resulted in a 3.8% reduction of the funds available to cities; thus, \$962,000 was available for the City of Los Angeles, and \$6,253,000 was available for all other cities.

All cities were allowed to apply for up to \$500,000. CBOs were allowed to apply for up to \$200,000. However, in order to maximize the funding, projects selected for funding were awarded 80% of the amount requested in order to obtain as broad a distribution of funds as possible.

Q: How many applications did OES receive?

A: Applications were received from 46 cities (plus the City of Los Angeles) and 94 CBOs.

Q: Why did some projects receive less than others?

A: All awards were reduced at least 20% from the amount requested in order to distribute the funds as broadly as possible. Some projects received less than 80% of the amount requested due to the unavailability of funds in the funding category in which they were selected.

Q: What were the criteria for the selection of projects for funding?

A: There were four major criteria for funding:

- A demonstration of the gang problem in the community;
- A feasible plan to address that gang problem;
- A demonstration of the organizational ability to implement the plan;
- A demonstration of how the requested funds will support the plan.

Q: Who judged the applications, and how was it done?

A: Each application was rated by a team of three people, whose identities are confidential. There were four separate rating teams: one for the Bay Area; one for the Central Valley; one for cities statewide; and one for CBOs. Of the twelve raters:

- seven were Criminal Justice Specialists from OES;
- two were Crime Prevention Specialists from the Attorney General’s Crime and Violence Prevention Center, one of which had previously served as a Criminal Justice Specialist;
- two were managers, one from OES and the other from the Office of Homeland Security (previously from OES); and
- one was the Executive Director of an anti-gang CBO whose agency was not competing in the rated process.

The scores of the three raters on each of the four teams were averaged to a composite score and ranked numerically with the composite scores of all other applications in that funding category. The entire process was supervised and reviewed by Kirby Everhart, Chief of the OES Crimes and Gangs Branch in coordination with Scott Frizzie, Deputy Director of the OES Law Enforcement and Victim Services Division, and Paul Seave, Director of the Office of Gang and Youth Violence Policy. The top ranked projects were selected for funding.

Q: Will subsequent funds be available next year?

A: Yes, there is an allocation of \$9,500,000 in the Governor’s Proposed Budget for FY 2008/09.

Q: Why do projects have to match the award, and what does “dollar-for-dollar” match mean?

A: The “dollar-for-dollar” match is specified by budget language, which requires a match of 100% of the amount requested in state funds. An application requesting \$100,000 in state funds must provide a match of \$100,000, so that the total project cost in the application budget would be \$200,000. The match can be either cash or in-kind services, or a combination of the two. A cash match is defined as any resource for which the applicant incurs an expense, including salaries and operating expenses. An in-kind match is defined as any resource which is contributed to the project without an expense to the applicant.

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