

STOP School Violence Program

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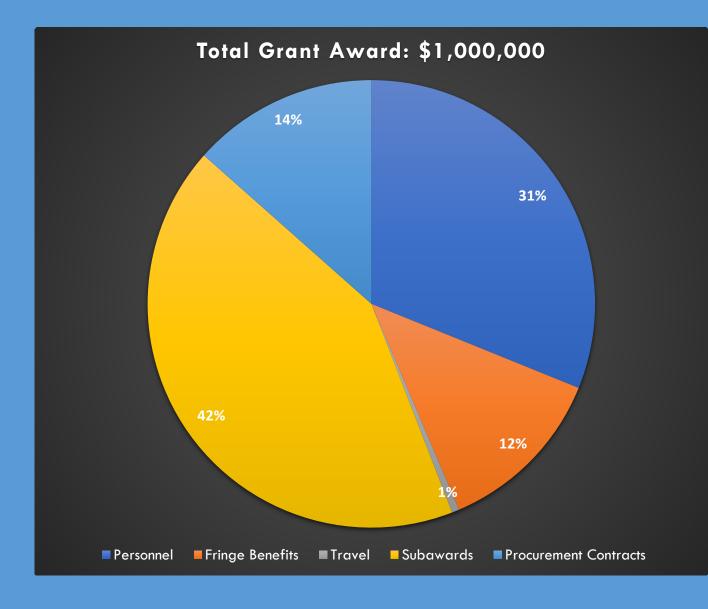


Purpose of Grant

- To improve San Francisco Unified School District's school climate by providing students and teachers with the tools they need to recognize, respond quickly to, and help prevent acts of violence and support the infrastructure and expansion of the School Crisis Support Initiative (SCSI).
- Scope of work includes, but is not limited to:
 - Develop and operate technology solutions.
 - Train school personnel and educate students on preventing school violence.
 - Specialized training for school staff, CBOs, and probation officers who work in schools.
 - Hiring of school support personnel and school violence interrupters who directly support the prevention of school violence.



- Salaries and Benefits: 2 staff positions hired at SFUSD.
- Travel: BJA Required Grantee Meeting
- Subawards: Procurement for Social Media Campaign and development plan for a Task Force; training and professional development for SFUSD, CBOs, School Violence Interrupters, and Juvenile Probation Department.
- Procurement Contract: Data collection, case management and analytics tools and software that is both FERPA and HIPPA compliant.





Multidisciplinary Intervention Teams

- SCSI Core Team: SFUSD directors of HS, MS, Student Family Services, DCYF, TA: NICJR
 - -- Share context and updates on service responses related to youth involved in recent incidents
 - -- Develop working protocol for communication, mediation, incident responses
- School Violence Interrupters, Violence Prevention Professionals, In-Field Case Managers:
 - -- Share information on recent incidents, contexts of youth and families, strategize relationship development and service planning for impacted youth and families

UCSF Wraparound Project:

-- Trauma clinic staff committed to sharing notice of youth admitted, align service response of clinical violence prevention professionals with DCYF/SFUSD Violence Interrupters

Juvenile Probation Department

- -- Regularly supports coordination efforts around release, relocation, and service connections
- CBO Program Directors, DCYF Technical Assistance/Capacity Building:
 - -- identify the knowledge, skills and ability needed to keep School Violence Interrupters effective and sustainable in their roles and develops training supports



SCSI Goals & Objectives

- Decrease conflicts involving students on or off campus
- Timely response to on campus school incidents upon notification, deploying appropriate staff and supportive resources to students and families impacted
- Increase students' connection to supportive resources and services
- Increase students' forming life-long bonds and trusted relationships with a caring adult/mentor
- Increase proportion of incidents with effectively coordinated responses
- Strengthen partnerships across DCYF, SFUSD, CBOs and Citywide communities



Current/Ongoing Priorities

- Expanding coverage of schools, prioritizing sites with elevated needs (3 to 18 schools)
 Widened ability to identify incidents and swiftly respond as conflicts arise
- Ongoing and regular coordination meetings across layers of collaborative partnerships (2x weekly w/SFUSD, CBOs, DCYF)
- Planning partner convenings and technical assistance/capacity building workshops to strengthen foundational relationships and skills for coordinating responses and services (SFUSD, JPD, DPH, UCSF, CBOs)
- Increasing administrative capacity (0 to 2 full time SFUSD staff to oversee School Crisis and Violence Prevention Strategies)
- Social Media: Increasing public awareness of issues related to violence among youth; building trust between
 youth and trusted adults, and improving public perceptions of school and public safety (Fall 2024)
- Strengthening data infrastructure to track and relate incidents and School Violence Interrupter services, mediations, and referrals in response to incidents
- Designing and aligning policies and protocols to improve incident response coordination (e.g., notification procedure, mediation protocol, data entry regarding incidents, youth/families involved, follow-up services)



Questions?