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Community-Based Crisis Response and Violence Interruption Pilot Program

In 2020, the Board of Supervisors (Board) approved the motion [“Implementing the Office of Violence Prevention’s Strategic Plan and Creating a Coordinated Community-Based Crisis Response System”](#) (Ridley-Thomas/Kuehl, September 29, 2020) to create an implementation plan for the Office of Violence Prevention (OVP) Strategic Plan. It also directed the development of a coordinated, community-based Crisis Response and Violence Interruption Program (CRVIP), a coordinated and community-led trauma prevention and violence intervention program with referrals to youth development, job training, health and behavioral health services, and other services.

The community listening sessions conducted by OVP for the creation of CRVIP identified the desire for flexible, diverse and holistic services, provided by a team that would include trusted community leaders and/or credible messengers that might vary based on the affected community and the nature of the incident. Community members also identified the need for prompt community-wide communication and response, connections to ongoing mental and behavioral health services, and a community hub. Accordingly, CRVIP identified the need for strengthening and expansion of local community partners and contracts with a standardized protocol for coordination and accountability.

The OVP proposal also included an expansion of the Trauma Prevention Initiative (TPI), which has shown an 18% reduction in assault-related trauma hospital visits and a reduction in

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violent crimes in the three communities (Westmont West Athens, Willowbrook, and Florence-Firestone) where TPI was implemented (Trauma Prevention Initiative Achievement Report, 2019).

Building on the infrastructure established by the TPI, the OVP proposed that the CRVIP is initially implemented in these TPI communities, allowing informed and tested expansion to other communities in Los Angeles County.

WE THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

1. Instruct the Director of the Department of Public Health's Office of Violence Prevention (OVP), in collaboration with the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Directors of the Department of Mental Health, Department of Health Services, Department of Public Social Services, Office of Diversion and Reentry, and other appropriate departments, to implement a Crisis Response and Violence Intervention Program (CRVIP) pilot in the identified Trauma Prevention Initiative (TPI) communities of Westmont West Athens, Willowbrook, unincorporated Compton, and Florence-Firestone, and report back in writing in 120 days, and on a quarterly basis thereafter, on progress;
2. Instruct the CEO to identify at least \$1,000,000 in unobligated funding in the Measure B Special Revenue Fund to support the CRVIP pilot, ~~to fund OVP administrative capacity and~~ including contracts with community organizations for ~~violence prevention~~ CRVIP efforts for the first three years of operations;
3. Instruct the CEO to identify additional local, State, or Federal funding to implement the expansion of violence and trauma prevention activities per OVP's strategic and implementation plan, including sustainable funding for core OVP activities, the expansion of TPI Initiatives within the current four South Los Angeles communities and into the priority areas of East Los Angeles and Antelope Valley, standardizing and expanding training of credible messengers, providing trauma supports for intervention workers, and community capacity building, as presented to the Board of Supervisors on January 27, 2021 and June 2, 2021.

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