

CTVIP – Targeted Outreach and Peer Life Coaching

This contract is to Connecticut Violence Intervention Program (CTVIP) to implement neighborhood-based interventions with the goal of preventing and interrupting cycles of violence, supporting those impacted through support services, and promoting community engagement. CTVIP will target the highest risk and most vulnerable emerging adults and adults in city, with emphasis in District 8 Fair Haven, District 9 Quinnipiac/Exit 8, District 2 Westville/Brookside areas, and District 10 Beaver Hills/Dixwell.

Services include but are not limited to:

1. Street Outreach and relationship building with communities across the City, with emphasis on Districts 8, 9, and 2 (to be reassessed ahead of contract, if awarded).

CTVIP staff will engage in regular community outreach efforts. The purpose of this is to enhance visibility of outreach workers as a community resource, but also to build connections with community members in the interest of collective efficacy. CTVIP staff will conduct outreach efforts at least once a month and as needed, especially when there are community events or in the aftermath of a violent incident. There will be special emphasis in key neighborhoods.

2. Engage hard to reach clients that are targeted by PRESS and serve as peer life coaches to small caseloads.

The PRESS initiative has recently expanded to include individuals who are not on probation or parole. These individuals who are at high risk for violence are not bound by any supervision by community corrections professionals, and therefore, are more difficult to bring in for intervention or services. In such instances, CTVIP will conduct outreach to these individuals and their social networks to encourage them toward accepting services from PRESS partners.

Additionally, year 1 of PRESS demonstrated that some of the clients would benefit from a peer/life coach to complement traditional case management. CTVIP will not only provide outreach services, but also carry small caseloads of clients to provide more intensive coaching services.

3. Participate in citywide violence prevention efforts, including but not limited to PRESS.

CTVIP will continue to participate in PRESS initiative, as outlined in item 2 above. Additionally, CTVIP will continue to serve as a thought partner and resource as the City's Office of Violence Prevention continues to develop. This could include ongoing public engagement events related to violence, emerging initiatives or research.

4. Respond to emergencies related to community violence.

CTVIP will continue to be connect with victims, their peers and families, and/or community members impacted by violence after it happens in order to connect individuals to relevant pro-social activities and services. Here, CTVIP will also continue to serve as ears and eyes to alert partners in the event that an individual in the community member is presenting as high risk and is in need of intervention.

Contract Term: 07/01/2023 to 06/30/2026

Contract Cost: \$565,000.

3-Years Contract cost breakdown:

- \$491,875 costs for the salaries and fringe for field operations and supervision, including 4 part-time VPPs and 25% FTE for program management (87% of the total);
- \$61,125 costs for equipment, supplies, and marketing (11%);
- \$12,000 admin costs (2%)