



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR

July 29, 2025

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Paul Buddenhagen, City Manager

Submitted by: Carianna Arredondo, Assistant to the City Manager, Reimagining Public Safety

Subject: Grant Award: Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program (SCIP) Cohort 2 Funding – Acceptance of Grant and Execution of Related Documents

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to accept the Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program (SCIP) grant award of \$1,000,000.00 from the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC); execute any resultant agreements and amendments; appropriate the funding for eligible project activities consistent with the City's Gun Violence Intervention and Prevention Program (GVIPP); approve the establishment and funding allocation for a temporary Crime Analyst position (not to exceed two years); and to amend Contract No. 32500002 with Live Free USA to expand violence intervention services.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

The City of Berkeley has been awarded \$1,000,000.00 under the SCIP grant program administered by the BSCC. No local match is required, and acceptance of these funds will not impact the City's General Fund. The proposal allocations are as follows and subject to final approval by the BSCC:

- Establishment and funding for a temporary (non-sworn) Crime Analyst position (BPD, NTE 2 years): \$458,276.00¹
- Expansion of Live Free USA services: \$417,220.00
- Procurement and implementation of investigative software to support case-linking and data analysis: \$125,504.00
- Travel to Sacramento for mandatory BSCC convenings: \$2,000.00

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<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/berkeley/classspecs/105888?keywords=crime%20analyst&pagetype=classSpecifications>

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

On July 17, 2025, the BSCC notified the City of Berkeley that its application for SCIP funding had been selected for award. This followed a competitive proposal process that closed on April 7, 2025, with applications rated through July. The grant term begins August 1, 2025, and ends July 31, 2027.

This award supports the continuation and expansion of the City's Gun Violence Intervention and Prevention Program (GVIPP), which launched in July 2024. More specifically, the \$1,000,000.00 BSCC SCIP grant will support:

- Hiring a temporary Crime Analyst within the Berkeley Police Department (BPD) to enhance data-driven violence prevention strategies, including trend analysis, social network mapping, and custom notification support;
- Expansion of the City's partnership with Live Free USA to deliver outreach, mentorship, and crisis stabilization services, including the addition of a Life Coach and field outreach;
- Implementation of software to improve case-linking, investigative efficiency, and firearm case resolution.

This project aligns with SCIP Purpose Area 2 (referrals to community-based services) and Purpose Area 3 (law enforcement crisis intervention programs).

The City applied for this grant under the authority of the City Manager per Administrative Regulations 1.16 and 1.17, as no local match is required. However, City Council authorization is required to formally accept the award and execute the grant agreement.

BACKGROUND

The Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program (SCIP) is funded by the federal Bipartisan Safer Communities Act and administered in California by the BSCC. SCIP is designed to support state and local efforts to reduce gun violence through crisis intervention programs, community-based outreach, behavioral health stabilization, and improved law enforcement coordination.

Berkeley's SCIP proposal builds on the City's Reimagining Public Safety initiative and the Gun Violence Prevention Report released in 2023. The City launched GVIPP in July 2024 as a pilot focused on addressing firearm-related violence through a combined law enforcement and community-based response model. The City's partnership with Live Free USA was formalized to support this work through outreach, life coaching, and violence interruption strategies.

As implementation continues into Phase 3 of Reimagining Public Safety, the City's ability to secure external funding is critical to maintaining and scaling successful programs. The SCIP grant will help institutionalize Berkeley's violence prevention

infrastructure and support coordinated action across City departments and community partners.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

There are no identifiable environmental effects, climate impacts, or sustainability opportunities associated with the subject of this report.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

Approving the resolution enables the City to formally accept the \$1,000,000.00 BSCC SCIP grant award. This funding is critical to advancing the City’s long-term gun violence intervention strategy by supporting a data-informed public health approach rooted in cross-sector collaboration and community engagement.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

None.

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Attachments:

1: Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.

ACCEPTING A \$1,000,000.00 GRANT FROM THE BOARD OF STATE AND COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS (BSCC) THROUGH THE STATE CRISIS INTERVENTION PROGRAM (SCIP), APPROVING A TEMPORARY POSITION AND FUNDING ALLOCATION, AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF RELATED DOCUMENTS

WHEREAS, the City of Berkeley desires to participate in the 2024 Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program Grant administered by the Board of State and Community Corrections (hereafter referred to as the BSCC); and

WHEREAS, the City of Berkeley's Gun Violence Intervention and Prevention Program (GVIPP), launched in July 2024, is a multi-faceted violence prevention initiative aligned with the City's Reimagining Public Safety goals; and

WHEREAS, the City's SCIP proposal seeks to support the GVIPP pilot expansion by funding a temporary Crime Analyst position within the Berkeley Police Department, expanding the City's partnership with Live Free USA to deliver direct services and crisis stabilization, and implementing investigative software to improve firearm case resolution; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager, under the authority granted by Administrative Regulations 1.16 and 1.17, submitted an application for BSCC SCIP funding which does not require a local match, and on July 17, 2025, the City was notified that it had been selected to receive a \$1,000,000.00 award for the period of August 1, 2025, through July 31, 2027; and

WHEREAS, Council approval is required to formally accept grant funds and authorize the execution of revenue agreements and budget appropriations.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Manager or designee is authorized on behalf of the Berkeley City Council to accept this funding up to \$1,000,000.00 and sign the Grant Agreement with the BSCC, including any amendments thereof.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council hereby approves the establishment and funding allocation for a temporary Crime Analyst position (not to exceed two years) and authorizes an amendment to Contract No. 32500002 with Live Free USA to expand violence intervention services, consistent with the activities proposed in the grant application.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that grant funds received hereunder shall not be used to supplant expenditures controlled by this body.