



Office of the Los Angeles City Attorney  
Hydee Feldstein Soto

**MEMORANDUM**

To: The Honorable Karen Bass  
Mayor of Los Angeles  
City Hall  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Honorable Members of City Council  
City of Los Angeles  
City Hall  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

From: Kyle Kirkpatrick, Grants Coordinator

Date: August 3, 2023

Re: US:HHS - SAMHSA ReCAST Grant Award Year 2

Transmitted herewith for Mayor and City Council consideration is year two of a five year grant cycle awarded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, for the period 9/30/2022 through 9/29/2027 under the Resiliency in Communities After Stress & Trauma (ReCAST) Program. During year two the total award is \$1MM, which will continue the ReCAST Initiative in expanding key evidence-based violence prevention strategies in South Los Angeles.

The ReCAST Initiative will increase a multitude of services through an enhancement in program scope and geography throughout South LA known as the "REACH Team." Working in conjunction with Children's Institute, Inc. and LAPD the REACH Team will focus on community-based participatory approaches, equitable access to trauma-informed community behavioral health resources, and strengthen behavioral health services through culturally responsive approaches.

ReCAST will serve high-risk youth and their families most affected by violence to improve behavioral health outcomes, reduce trauma, empower the community overall, and sustain change. It is anticipated that 500 individuals will be served in year two, with 500 individuals per year thereafter. Funding will support a ReCAST Project Manager and Project Director, with the balance of grant funds passing through to program partners. Funding in the amount of \$1MM will be renewable each of the five years based on performance, with a view toward sustaining the program through additional awards thereafter.



**City of Los Angeles**  
Grant Award Notification and Acceptance

Recipient Department			
This Grant Award is: <input type="checkbox"/> New <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Continuation/Renewal <input type="checkbox"/> Supplemental <input type="checkbox"/> Suballocation			
Grants Coordinator:	Virginia Cons	E-Mail: <a href="mailto:virginia.cons@lacity.org">virginia.cons@lacity.org</a>	Phone: 213-202-5588
Project Manager:	Lara Drino	E-Mail: <a href="mailto:virginia.cons@lacity.org">virginia.cons@lacity.org</a>	Phone: 213-202-5588
Department/Bureau/Agency:	City Attorney		Date: 08/03/2023

Grant Information				
Name of Grantor:		Pass Through Agency:		
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services				
Grant Program Title:		Notification of Award Date:		
Resiliency in Communities After Stress and Trauma (ReCAST) - FY 2022		06/07/2023		
Funding Source (Public / Federal)	Grant Type:	Funds Disbursement:	Agency's Grant ID:	
	Non-Competitive/Formula		CFDA#:	93.243
			Other ID#:	SM-22-019
			eCivis ID#:	
Match Requirement:	None	Amount:	\$0.00	%Match 0
Match Type:	N/A	Identify Source of Match:		
<b>Fiscal Information:</b>	Awarded Funds:	Match/In-Kind Funds:	Additional/Leverage Funds:	Total Project Budget:
	\$1,000,000.00	\$0.00		\$1,000,000.00

Approved Grant Budget Summary				
Category	Awarded	Match	Additional	Explanation
Personnel				
Program Director	\$101,850.00	\$0.00		50% FTE DCA IV
Program Manager	\$120,177.00	\$0.00		100% FTE AC II
Fringe Benefits 43.58% - Program	\$44,386.00	\$0.00		50% FTE DCA IV
Fringe Benefits 43.58% - Program	\$52,373.00	\$0.00		100% FTE AC II
LAPD Overtime	\$110,656.00	\$0.00		CSPB: Youth Programming (\$91/hr x 1216 hrs)
LAPD Fringe Benefits 9.44%	\$0.00	\$10,446.00		CSPB: Youth Programming (\$91/hr x 1216 hrs x
Materials/Supplies				
Non-Cash Incentives/Gift Cards	\$2,600.00	\$0.00		260 Gift Cards
General Office Supplies	\$600.00	\$0.00		2 Persons x \$300
Furniture	\$525.00	\$0.00		Furniture
Travel				
Hotel/Lodging	\$1,448.00	\$0.00		4 Nights x 2 Person
Airfare	\$1,640.00	\$0.00		2 Round Trip Flights x 2 Persons
Per Diem	\$592.00	\$0.00		4 Days x 2 Persons
Ground Transportation	\$160.00	\$0.00		4 Trips x 2 Persons
Contractual Services				
Children's Institute	\$416,256.00	\$0.00		Direct Youth Programming/Case Management
Justice and Security Strategies	\$107,626.00	\$0.00		Research and Evaluation
Other				
Conference Registration	\$1,500.00	\$0.00		3 Conferences x 2 Persons
City Attorney IDC	\$37,611.00	\$0.00		CAP 41 - 16.94% Indirect Costs
LAPD IDC	\$0.00	\$2,213.00		CAP 41 - 2% Indirect Costs
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,000,000.00</b>	<b>\$12,659.00</b>		

Approved Project	
Descriptive Title of Funded Project:	RECAST Grant FY 2022-27
Performance Period Start/End Dates (Month/Day/Year):	Citywide:
Start: 10/01/2022 End: 09/30/2027	Affected Council District(s):
	Affected Congressional District(s):
Purpose:	

Identify Internal Partners (City Dept/Bureau/Agency):

LAPD

Identify External Partners:

Children's Institute & Justice and Security Strategies

### Summary

Please provide a project summary including goals, objectives (metrics), specific outcomes, and briefly describe the activities that will be used to achieve these goals. You may attach an additional sheet of paper if necessary.

To address the 2020 civil unrest and its aftermath in the South Los Angeles region, the Los Angeles City Attorneys Office (LACA), in partnership with Childrens Institute, Inc. (CII) and the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) will implement key evidence-based violence prevention strategies, community youth engagement programs, and behavioral health services to improve the well-being, resiliency, and healing in this afflicted community, where trauma is almost ubiquitous.

### Recommendations

Please provide a complete list of necessary actions for implementation, including acceptance of the award by the City, Controller instructions for fund and accounts set-up, coordination of project activities (such as contract and position authorities).

1. AUTHORIZE the City Attorney, or designee, to:
  - a. Approve and Execute the grant agreement between U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and the City Attorneys Office;
  - b. Accept the grant award in the amount of \$1,000,000 from SAMHSA.
2. AUTHORIZE the Controller to:
  - a. Establish a receivable within Fund 368 in the amount of \$1,000,000 from SAMHSA;
  - b. Establish a new appropriation account within Fund 368 as follows:  
Account 12Y350 - Resiliency in Communities After Stress and Trauma Program (ReCAST) Year 2 - \$1,000,000
  - c. Upon approval of expenses and receipt of grant funds, TRANSFER up to \$166,520 from Fund 368, Department 12, Account 12Y350 - Resiliency in Communities After Stress and Trauma Program (ReCAST) Year 2 to Fund 100, Department 12, Account 001010 - Salaries General as reimbursement for City Attorney salary expenses;
  - d. Upon approval of expenses and receipt of grant funds, TRANSFER up to \$134,371 from Fund 368, Department 12, Account 12Y350 - Resiliency in Communities After Stress and Trauma Program (ReCAST) Year 2 to Fund 100, Department 12, Revenue Source 5346 - Related Cost Reimbursement from Grants as reimbursement for City Attorney fringe benefits and indirect costs related to Resiliency in Communities After Stress and Trauma Program (ReCAST) Year 2;
  - e. Upon approval of expenses and receipt of grant funds, TRANSFER up to \$82,992 from Fund 368, Department 12, Account 12Y350 - Resiliency in Communities After Stress and Trauma Program (ReCAST) Year 2 to Fund 100, Department 70, Account 001092 - Sworn Overtime;
3. AUTHORIZE the City Council to Instruct the City Clerk to place on Council Calendar for July 1, 2024, the following action relative to the Resiliency in Communities After Stress and Trauma Program (ReCAST) Year 2:
  - a. That the City Council, subject to the approval of the Mayor, AUTHORIZE the Controller to transfer up to \$55,506 from Fund 368, Department 12, Account 12Y350 - Resiliency in Communities After Stress and Trauma Program (ReCAST) Year 2 to Fund 100, Department 12, Account 001010 - Salaries.
  - b. That the City Council, subject to the approval of the Mayor, AUTHORIZE the Controller to transfer up to \$27,664 from Fund 368, Department 12, Account 12Y350 - Resiliency in Communities After Stress and Trauma Program (ReCAST) Year 2 to Fund 100, Department 70, Account 001092 - Sworn Overtime;
4. AUTHORIZE the City Attorney to prepare Controller instructions for any necessary technical adjustments, subject to the approval of the City Administrative Officer and instruct the Controller to implement the instructions.

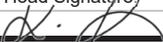
### Fiscal Impact Statement

Please describe how the acceptance of this grant will impact the General Fund. Provide details on any additional funding that may be required to implement the project/program funded by this grant.

The total cost of the Resiliency in Communities After Stress and Trauma Program (ReCAST) Year 2 is \$1,012,660 of which \$1,000,000 will be reimbursed by SAMHSA. The General fund contribution is \$12,660 in related costs (CAP 41) not reimbursed from grant funds.

### Acceptance Packet

The above named Department has received an award for the Grant Program identified above, accepts full responsibility for the coordination and management of all Grant funds awarded to the City, and will adhere to any policies, procedures and compliance requirements set forth by the Grantor and its related agencies or agents, as well as those of the City, and its financial and administrative departments. The following items comprise the Acceptance Packet and are attached for review by the CAO Grants Oversight Unit:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grant Award Notification and Acceptance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Copy of Award Notice
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grant Project Cost Breakdown (Excel Document)	<input type="checkbox"/> Copy of Grant Agreement (if applicable)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Detail of Positions and Salary Costs (Excel Document)	<input type="checkbox"/> Additional Documents (if applicable)
Department Head Name: Kyle Kirkpatrick	Department Head Signature: 
	Date: 8/3/2023

### For CAO Use Only

The Office of the City Administrative Officer, Grants Oversight Unit has reviewed the information as requested, and has determined that the Acceptance Packet is:

Complete The Acceptance Packet has been forwarded to appropriate CAO analyst

Returned to Department (Additional information/documentation has been requested.

Flagged (See comments below.)

Comments:

CAO Grants Oversight Unit Signature:

Date:

**Grant Name: ReCAST Year 2**  
**Grant Project Breakdown**

Department: City Attorney

	Grant Funds	Additional Costs**		Total	Comments
		City Funds	Non-City Funds		
Salaries	222,027			222,027	
1010 Salaries General (City Attorney)				-	
1020 Salaries Grant Reimbursed				-	
1070 Salaries As Needed	110,656			110,656	
XXXX LAPD Sworn Overtime	332,683			332,683	
<b>Salaries Total:</b>					

**CAP 41**

<u>Related Costs*</u>	<u>Rate</u>				
Fringe Benefits	43.58%	96,759	10,446	107,205	LAPD Fringe Benefits @ 9.44% included as addtl City costs
Central Services	12.60%	27,975	2,213	30,189	LAPD Indirect cost @ 2% included as addtl City costs
Dept Admn	4.34%	9,636		9,636	
<b>Related Costs Total:</b>		134,371	12,659	147,030	

**Expense**

2120 Printing & Binding					
2130 Travel	3,840			3,840.00	
3040 Contractual Services-	523,882			523,882.00	Subrecipients awards - JSS and CII
3310 Transportation					
4160 Governmental Meetings					
6010 Office Supplies	3,725			3,725.00	Misc office supplies, laptops, printers and non-cash incentives
6020 Operating Supplies					
7300 Equipment	1,500			1,500.00	Other - Conference Registration
Other-					

**Expenses Total:**

	532,947	-	-	532,947
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**Grand Total:**

	1,000,000	12,659	-	1,012,660
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\*Please use the full Cost Allocation Plan (CAP) rates unless disallowed by the Grantor. CAP rates should be applied to Gross Salaries (including Compensated Time Off.) match requirement and whether they are already provided or new funding is required.

**Department: City Attorney**  
**Project Name: ReCAST Year 2**

Job Classification	Total	New	Existing	Grant Funding		Reimbursable*		Other Funding Sources		Comments
				No.	Cost	No.	Cost	City	Non-City	
Deputy City Attorney IV	0.5			0.5	101,850.00					50% reimbursed by the grant
Administrative Coordinator II	1			1	120,177.00					100 % reimbursed by grant

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**Total:** 1.5 0 0 1.5 222,027 0 - 0 0 0 0

Indicate classification code by each position and percentage of time spent on this grant. The amounts shown here should only reflect salary  
 \*Reimbursable costs are savings to the City. These costs would include all currently City-funded positions working for the specified grant  
 \*\*Non-reimbursable costs may not be reimbursed by the Grant but could be used as a Match or as additional costs needed to enhance the



<p><b>Recipient Information</b></p> <p><b>1. Recipient Name</b>          LOS ANGELES, CITY OF          200 N MAIN ST #800           LOS ANGELES, CA 90012</p> <p><b>2. Congressional District of Recipient</b>          34</p> <p><b>3. Payment System Identifier (ID)</b>          1956000735B9</p> <p><b>4. Employer Identification Number (EIN)</b>          956000735</p> <p><b>5. Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS)</b>          156092066</p> <p><b>6. Recipient's Unique Entity Identifier</b>          WT4DW46STJ35</p> <p><b>7. Project Director or Principal Investigator</b>          Lara Drino           lara.drino@lacity.org          310-570-0686</p> <p><b>8. Authorized Official</b>          Kyle Kirkpatrick          kyle.kirkpatrick@lacity.org          213-978-3928</p> <p><b>Federal Agency Information</b></p> <p><b>9. Awarding Agency Contact Information</b>          Elizabeth Carlini          Grants Management Specialist          Center for Mental Health Services          elizabeth.carlini@samhsa.hhs.gov          (240) 276-0582</p> <p><b>10. Program Official Contact Information</b>          Jocelyn Route           Center for Mental Health Services          Jocelyn.Route@samhsa.hhs.gov          240-276-2812</p>	<p><b>Federal Award Information</b></p> <p><b>11. Award Number</b>          5H79SM084913-02</p> <p><b>12. Unique Federal Award Identification Number (FAIN)</b>          H79SM084913</p> <p><b>13. Statutory Authority</b>          Sec.520A PHS Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. (290bb-32)</p> <p><b>14. Federal Award Project Title</b>          City of Los Angeles ReCAST Initiative</p> <p><b>15. Assistance Listing Number</b>          93.243</p> <p><b>16. Assistance Listing Program Title</b>          Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services_Projects of Regional and National Significance</p> <p><b>17. Award Action Type</b>          Non-Competing Continuation</p> <p><b>18. Is the Award R&amp;D?</b>          No</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="2" style="background-color: #e6f2ff;">Summary Federal Award Financial Information</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td colspan="2" style="background-color: #e6f2ff;"><b>19. Budget Period Start Date 09/30/2023 – End Date 09/29/2024</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>20. Total Amount of Federal Funds Obligated by this Action</b></td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$1,000,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>    20a. Direct Cost Amount</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$962,389</td> </tr> <tr> <td>    20b. Indirect Cost Amount</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$37,611</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>21. Authorized Carryover</b></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>22. Offset</b></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>23. Total Amount of Federal Funds Obligated this budget period</b></td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$1,000,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>24. Total Approved Cost Sharing or Matching, where applicable</b></td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$0</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>25. Total Federal and Non-Federal Approved this Budget Period</b></td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$1,000,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2" style="border-top: 1px dashed black;"></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2" style="background-color: #e6f2ff;"><b>26. Project Period Start Date 09/30/2022 – End Date 09/29/2027</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>27. Total Amount of the Federal Award including Approved Cost Sharing or Matching this Project Period</b></td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$2,000,000</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><b>28. Authorized Treatment of Program Income</b>          Additional Costs</p> <p><b>29. Grants Management Officer - Signature</b>          Eileen Bermudez</p>	Summary Federal Award Financial Information		<b>19. Budget Period Start Date 09/30/2023 – End Date 09/29/2024</b>		<b>20. Total Amount of Federal Funds Obligated by this Action</b>	\$1,000,000	20a. Direct Cost Amount	\$962,389	20b. Indirect Cost Amount	\$37,611	<b>21. Authorized Carryover</b>		<b>22. Offset</b>		<b>23. Total Amount of Federal Funds Obligated this budget period</b>	\$1,000,000	<b>24. Total Approved Cost Sharing or Matching, where applicable</b>	\$0	<b>25. Total Federal and Non-Federal Approved this Budget Period</b>	\$1,000,000			<b>26. Project Period Start Date 09/30/2022 – End Date 09/29/2027</b>		<b>27. Total Amount of the Federal Award including Approved Cost Sharing or Matching this Project Period</b>	\$2,000,000
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Notice of Award

Resiliency in Communities After Stress and Trauma  
Department of Health and Human Services  
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

**Issue Date:** 06/07/2023

Center for Mental Health Services

**Award Number:** 5H79SM084913-02

**FAIN:** H79SM084913

**Program Director:** Lara Drino

**Project Title:** City of Los Angeles ReCAST Initiative

**Organization Name:** LOS ANGELES, CITY OF

**Authorized Official:** Kyle Kirkpatrick

**Authorized Official e-mail address:** [kyle.kirkpatrick@lacity.org](mailto:kyle.kirkpatrick@lacity.org)

**Budget Period:** 09/30/2023 – 09/29/2024

**Project Period:** 09/30/2022 – 09/29/2027

Dear Grantee:

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration hereby awards a grant in the amount of \$1,000,000 (see “Award Calculation” in Section I and “Terms and Conditions” in Section III) to LOS ANGELES, CITY OF in support of the above referenced project. This award is pursuant to the authority of Sec.520A PHS Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. (290bb-32) and is subject to the requirements of this statute and regulation and of other referenced, incorporated or attached terms and conditions.

Award recipients may access the SAMHSA website at [www.samhsa.gov](http://www.samhsa.gov) (click on “Grants” then SAMHSA Grants Management), which provides information relating to the Division of Payment Management System, HHS Division of Cost Allocation and Postaward Administration Requirements. Please use your grant number for reference.

Acceptance of this award including the “Terms and Conditions” is acknowledged by the grantee when funds are drawn down or otherwise obtained from the grant payment system.

If you have any questions about this award, please contact your Grants Management Specialist and your Government Project Officer listed in your terms and conditions.

Sincerely yours,  
Eileen Bermudez  
Grants Management Officer  
Division of Grants Management

See additional information below

**SECTION I – AWARD DATA – 5H79SM084913-02**

**Award Calculation (U.S. Dollars)**

Personnel(non-research)	\$222,027
Fringe Benefits	\$96,759
Travel	\$3,840
Supplies	\$3,725
Contractual	\$634,538
Other	\$1,500
Direct Cost	\$962,389
Indirect Cost	\$37,611
Approved Budget	\$1,000,000
Federal Share	\$1,000,000
Cumulative Prior Awards for this Budget Period	\$0
<b>AMOUNT OF THIS ACTION (FEDERAL SHARE)</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>

SUMMARY TOTALS FOR ALL YEARS	
YR	AMOUNT
2	\$1,000,000
3	\$1,000,000
4	\$1,000,000
5	\$1,000,000

Note: Recommended future year total cost support, subject to the availability of funds and satisfactory progress of the project.

**Fiscal Information:**

CFDA Number:	93.243
EIN:	1956000735B9
Document Number:	22SM84913A
Fiscal Year:	2023

<b>IC</b>	<b>CAN</b>	<b>Amount</b>
SM	C96J504	\$1,000,000

IC	CAN	2023	2024	2025	2026
SM	C96J504	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000

**SM Administrative Data:**

PCC: RECAST21 / OC: 4145

**SECTION II – PAYMENT/HOTLINE INFORMATION – 5H79SM084913-02**

Payments under this award will be made available through the HHS Payment Management System (PMS). PMS is a centralized grants payment and cash management system, operated by the HHS Program Support Center (PSC), Division of Payment Management (DPM). Inquiries regarding payment should be directed to: The Division of Payment Management System, PO Box 6021, Rockville, MD 20852, Help Desk Support – Telephone Number: 1-877-614-5533.

The HHS Inspector General maintains a toll-free hotline for receiving information concerning fraud, waste, or abuse under grants and cooperative agreements. The telephone number is: 1-800-HHS-TIPS (1-800-

447-8477). The mailing address is: Office of Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services, Attn: HOTLINE, 330 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, DC 20201.

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### **SECTION III – TERMS AND CONDITIONS – 5H79SM084913-02**

This award is based on the application submitted to, and as approved by, SAMHSA on the above-title project and is subject to the terms and conditions incorporated either directly or by reference in the following:

- a. The grant program legislation and program regulation cited in this Notice of Award.
- b. The restrictions on the expenditure of federal funds in appropriations acts to the extent those restrictions are pertinent to the award.
- c. 45 CFR Part 75 as applicable.
- d. The HHS Grants Policy Statement.
- e. This award notice, INCLUDING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS CITED BELOW.

#### **Treatment of Program Income:**

Use of program income – Additive: Recipients will add program income to funds committed to the project to further eligible project objectives. Sub-recipients that are for-profit commercial organizations under the same award must use the deductive alternative and reduce their subaward by the amount of program income earned.

In accordance with the regulatory requirements provided at 45 CFR 75.113 and Appendix XII to 45 CFR Part 75, recipients that have currently active Federal grants, cooperative agreements, and procurement contracts with cumulative total value greater than \$10,000,000 must report and maintain information in the System for Award Management (SAM) about civil, criminal, and administrative proceedings in connection with the award or performance of a Federal award that reached final disposition within the most recent five-year period. The recipient must also make semiannual disclosures regarding such proceedings. Proceedings information will be made publicly available in the designated integrity and performance system (currently the Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System (FAPIIS)). Full reporting requirements and procedures are found in Appendix XII to 45 CFR Part 75.

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### **SECTION IV – SM SPECIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS – 5H79SM084913-02**

## **REMARKS**

### **Continuation Award**

1. This Notice of Award (NoA) is issued to inform your organization that the application submitted for the FY 2021 Resiliency in Communities After Stress and Trauma grant program (Re-CAST) is being continued.
  - o This award reflects approval of the revised budget submitted March 6, 2023 by your Organization, in response to the continuation application request. This award also reflects acceptance of the responses to the Request for Additional Materials (RAM) received on March 6, 2023.

### **2. Key Staff**

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Key staff are listed below:

Lara Drino, Project Director @ 50% level of effort  
Maria Virginia, Program Manager/Cons Project Coordinator @ 100% level of effort

***Organizations receiving Federal Funds may not exceed 100% level of effort for any program staff member (Key Personnel or otherwise) across all federally funded sources.***

Any changes to key personnel—including level of effort involving separation from the project for more than three months or a 25 percent reduction in time dedicated to the project—requires prior approval and must be submitted as a post-award amendment in eRA Commons.

Note: If an organization is awarded a grant and chooses to move forward with hiring an individual for a Key Personnel position before receiving SAMHSA’s formal approval, this will be done at the organization’s own risk. If SAMHSA’s review of the Key Personnel request results in the proposed individual not being approved or deemed not qualified for the position, the expectation is that the organization must submit a qualified candidate to be placed in the Key Personnel position. SAMHSA will not be liable for any costs incurred or pay for salaries of a Key Personnel that is not approved or deemed not qualified on this grant program.

For additional information on how to submit a post-award amendment, please visit the SAMHSA website: <https://www.samhsa.gov/grants/grants-management/post-award-amendments>. Any technical questions regarding the submission process should be directed to the eRA Service Desk: <http://grants.nih.gov/support/>.

**3. All responses to award terms and conditions and post award amendment requests must be submitted as .pdf documents in eRA Commons.** For more information on how to respond to tracked terms and conditions or how to submit a post award amendment request please refer to <https://www.samhsa.gov/grants/grants-training-materials> under heading Grant Management Reference Materials for Grantees.

**4. Recipients are expected to plan their work and ensure that funds are expended within the 12-month budget period reflected on this Notice of Award.** If activities proposed in the approved budget cannot be completed within the current budget period, SAMHSA cannot guarantee the approval of any request for carryover of remaining unobligated funding.

## **STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

### **Annual Programmatic Progress Report**

By December 28, 2024, submit via eRA Commons.

The Programmatic Report is required on an annual basis and must be submitted as a .pdf to the View Terms Tracking Details page in the eRA Commons System no later than 90 days after the end of each 12-month budget period.

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The Annual Programmatic Report must, at a minimum, include the following information:

- Data and progress for performance measures as reflected in your application regarding goals and evaluation activities.
- A summary of key program accomplishments to-date.
- Description of the changes, if any, that were made to the project that differ from the application for this budget period.
- Description of any difficulties and/or problems encountered in achieving planned goals and objectives including barriers to accomplishing program objectives, and actions to overcome barriers or difficulties.

Note: Recipients must also comply with the GPRA requirements that include the collection and periodic reporting of performance data as specified in the FOA or by the Grant Program Official (GPO). This information is needed in order to comply with PL 102-62, which requires that Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) report evaluation data to ensure the effectiveness and efficiency of its programs.

**The response to this term must be submitted as .pdf documents in eRA Commons. Please contact your Government Program Official (GPO) for program specific submission information.**

For more information on how to respond to tracked terms and conditions please refer to <https://www.samhsa.gov/grants/grants-training-materials> under heading **How to Respond to Terms and Conditions**.

Additional information on reporting requirements is available at <https://www.samhsa.gov/grants/grants-management/reporting-requirements>.

### **Annual Federal Financial Report (FFR or SF-425)**

All financial reporting for recipients of Health and Human Services (HHS) grants and cooperative agreements has been consolidated through a single point of entry, which has been identified as the Payment Management System (PMS). The Federal Financial Report (FFR or SF-425) initiative ensures all financial data is reported consistently through one source; shares reconciled financial data to the HHS grants management systems; assists with the timely financial monitoring and grant closeout; and reduces expired award payments.

The FFR is required on an annual basis no later than 90 days after the end of each Budget Period. The FFR should reflect cumulative amounts. Additional guidance to complete the FFR can be found at <http://www.samhsa.gov/grants/grants-management/reporting-requirements>.

SAMHSA reserves the right to request more frequent submissions of FFRs. If so, the additional submission dates will be shown below.

Your organization is required to submit an FFR for this grant funding as follows:

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- **By** December 28 2024, submit the Federal Financial Report (FFR)/(SF-425).
  - The grant recipient staff member(s) responsible for FFR preparation, certification and submission of the FFR must either submit a request for New User Access or Update User Access to the FFR Module as applicable. Refer to the PMS User Access website <https://pms.psc.gov/grant-recipients/user-access.html> for information on how to submit a New User Access, Update User Access or Deactivate User Access. You can also view PMS' Video on how to request new user access @ <https://youtu.be/kdoqaXfiuI0> and PDF resource with instructions on Requesting Access @ <https://pms.psc.gov/forms/New-User-Request-Grantee.pdf>
  - Instructions on **how to submit a FFR via PMS** are available at <https://pmsapp.psc.gov/pms/app/help/ffr/ffr-grantee-instructions.html> (The user must be logged in to PMS to access the link). Updates to the FFR instructions effective 4/1/2022 are also available @ <https://pms.psc.gov/grant-recipients/ffr-updates.html>
  - While recipients must submit the FFR in PMS, the FFR can also be accessed by connecting seamlessly from the eRA Commons to PMS by clicking the “Manage FFR” link on the “Search for Federal Financial Report (FFR)” page in eRA Commons, which will redirect to PMS. SAMHSA will not accept FFRs submitted by email or uploaded as an attachment into eRA. To access the “Manage FFR” link in eRA Commons, the individual must be registered in eRA Commons and assigned the Financial Status Reporter (FSR) role for their organization. The individual assigned the FSR role is responsible for reporting the statement of grant expenditures for their organization. Refer to the [Managing User Accounts: Add or Remove Roles, Unaffiliate Account](#) document for instructions on how to assign a the FSR role.

**If you have questions about how to set up a PMS account for your organization, please contact the PMS Help Desk at [PMSSupport@psc.hhs.gov](mailto:PMSSupport@psc.hhs.gov) or 1-877-614-5533.**

**Note:** Recipients will use PMS to report all financial expenditures, as well as to drawdown funds; SAMHSA recipients will continue to use the eRA Commons for all other grant-related matters including submitting progress reports, requesting post-award amendments, and accessing grant documents such as the Notice of Award.

## **Standard Terms for Awards**

Your organization must comply with the Standard Terms and Conditions for the Fiscal Year in which your grant was awarded. The Fiscal Year for your award is identified on your Notice of Award. SAMHSA's Terms and Conditions Webpage is located at: <https://www.samhsa.gov/grants/grants-management/notice-award-noa/standard-terms-conditions>.

## **Standards for Financial Management**

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Recipients and subrecipients are required to meet the standards and requirements for financial management systems set forth in 45 CFR part 75 Subpart D. The financial systems must enable the recipient and subrecipient to maintain records that adequately identify the sources of funds for federally assisted activities and the purposes for which the award was used, including authorizations, obligations, unobligated balances, assets, liabilities, outlays or expenditures, and any program income. The system must also enable the recipient and subrecipient to compare actual expenditures or outlays with the approved budget for the award. SAMHSA funds must retain their specific identity – they may not be commingled with non-federal funds or other federal funds. “Commingling funds” typically means depositing or recording funds in a general account without the ability to identify each specific source of funds with related expenditures.

**Reasonable Costs for consideration**

Recipients must exercise proper stewardship over Federal funds and ensure that costs charged to awards are allowable, allocable, reasonable, necessary, and consistently applied regardless of the source of funds according to “Reasonable Costs” consideration per 2 CFR § 200.404 and the “Factors affecting allowability of costs” per 2 CFR § 200.403. A cost is reasonable if, in its nature and amount, it does not exceed that which would be incurred by a prudent person under the circumstances prevailing at the time the decision was made to incur the cost.

**Consistent Treatment of Costs**

Recipients must treat costs consistently across all federal and non-federal grants, projects and cost centers. Recipients may not direct-charge federal grants for costs typically considered indirect in nature, unless done consistently. If part of the indirect cost rate, then it may not also be charged as a direct cost. Examples of indirect costs include (administrative salaries, rent, accounting fees, utilities, office supplies, etc.). If typical indirect cost categories are included in the budget as direct costs, it is SAMHSA’s understanding that your organization has developed a cost accounting system adequate to justify the direct charges and to avoid an unfair allocation of these costs to the federal government. Also, note that all awards are subject to later review in accordance with the requirements

of [45 CFR 75.364](#), [45 CFR 75.371](#), [45 CFR 75.386](#) and [45 CFR Part 75, Subpart F](#), Audit Requirements.

**Compliance with Award Terms and Conditions**

FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE ABOVE STATED TERMS AND CONDITIONS MAY RESULT IN ACTIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH [45 CFR 75.371](#), REMEDIES FOR NON-COMPLIANCE AND [45 CFR 75.372](#) TERMINATION. THIS MAY INCLUDE WITHHOLDING PAYMENT, DISALLOWANCE OF COSTS, SUSPENSION AND DEBARMENT, TERMINATION OF THIS AWARD, OR DENIAL OF FUTURE FUNDING.

All previous terms and conditions remain in effect until specifically approved and removed by the Grants Management Officer.

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**Project/Program Narrative:**

**A. Description and explanation of changes, if any, made during this budget period affecting the following:**

**i. Goals and objectives:**

We are expanding the REACH Team® into two new divisions (Southwest and Newton Divisions) of Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD). During Year 1, we have identified a few reporting districts in each Division to do our needs assessments and to introduce the program to the community through outreach and education. In years 2-5, we will continue to expand in those new divisions while we still cover all of Southeast and 77th Division.

**ii. Projected timeline for project implementation:**

We are on time or ahead of project implementation in the area of crisis response. The REACH Team has already responded to calls in the expanded project area.

**iii. Approach and strategies proposed in the initially approved and funded application.**

No changes in approach and strategies for our project.

**B. Report on progress relative to approved objectives, including progress on evaluation activities.**

***Goal 1: Increase community capacity to promote well-being, resiliency and community healing through community-based, participatory approaches***

***Objective 1A: Within 60 days of the grant award, LACA will assemble and engage a diverse set of stakeholders to act as the leadership group for the ReCAST program.***

We have identified community stakeholders and are currently assembling members for the ReCAST Council. Our agency expects to have the first meeting with this team within the next 45 days which will enable us to complete Objective 1A.

***Objective 1 B: Within 3 months of the grant award, the ReCAST council will develop and launch a community needs assessment to guide implementation over the five-year grant term.***

Upon completion of Objective 1A within the next 45 days, we will seek approval from the ReCAST Council of the community needs assessment which has been in development with our research partner, Justice and Security Strategies (JSS).

***Objective 1 C: Within 6 months of the grant award, the ReCAST council will develop a strategic plan to guide implementation over the five-year grant term.***

After approval of the community needs assessment by the ReCAST Council, our project team will convene community focus groups, targeting both adults and youth, where we will administer the assessment. Results will be reviewed by the project team, JSS, and the ReCAST Council which will enable us to create an implementation plan and to ensure appropriate direct services are available to the community.

***Goal 2: Increase the availability and accessibility of evidence-based mental health services by establishing and increasing awareness of referral mechanisms to mental health and social-emotional support services***

***Objective 2A: CII will train teachers, school personnel, law enforcement/first responders, and family support staff at schools across Los Angeles County on the mechanisms for referring individuals to mental health services (Year 1 = 250 trainees, Year 2 = 300 trainees, Years 3 through 5 = 350 trainees annually, a total of 1,600 trainees over the grant term).***

The Los Angeles City Attorney's ReCAST project team has conducted multiple trainings for over 100 LAPD personnel. Training topics discussed how LAPD personnel can refer our target population to the project and how the effects of trauma affect the community. We are currently on target for completing our target of training 250 community members on how to refer individuals into the program.

***Objective 2B: Agencies who participate in CII's training will refer children and adults to mental health services (Year 1 - 250 individuals referred, Years 2 through 5 = 300 referrals annually, a total of 1,450 referrals over the grant term).***

Since September 30, 2022, ReCAST has received 106 referrals of families affected by violence with 74% of those families accepting some form of support from the team. Our objective of receiving 250 referrals in year 1 is on track.

**Goal 3:** Increase community wellness through collaborative community-based programming and events

**Objective 3A:** CII will provide annual programming and training to 50 youth, adults and grassroots organizations on community organizing, civic engagement, and starting a business per year for a total of 250 youth over the term of the grant.

The Los Angeles City Attorney's Office (LACA) is finalizing a contract with our subcontract, Children's Institute Inc. (CII). After this is finalized, the LACA team will work with CII on the implementation of these direct services and will ensure that 50 individuals are provided this service by the end of year 1.

**C. Summary of key program accomplishments to date and list of progress.**

The LACA was able to fully hire the ReCAST project team during the reporting period to start the planning and implementation phases of the project. Since September 30, 2022, we have received 106 referrals of families affected by violence and 78 of those families have accepted some form of support from the REACH Team. Support includes forms of crisis, short or long-term counseling, psycho education and care packages for children including food and/or clothes. Additionally, the REACH team provided referrals to partner mental health agencies, housing services, and afterschool programs for children. The project team has participated in resource booths at five Community Outreach Events. We have also presented at community meetings, parent meetings, clergy events, California Commissioners on Mental Health, all of LAPD Command, LAPD Captains school, Roll Call Training at CSP Newton Division and Detectives at 77th Division.

**D. Description of difficulties/problems encountered in achieving planned goals and objectives including:**

**i. Barriers to accomplishment**

At this time, no difficulties were encountered in achieving planned goals. Our agency has experienced some delays in having our City Council accept the award but this was due to an election cycle that recently took place.

**ii. Actions to overcome difficulties.**

To overcome this, The REACH Team® is working with members of our executive staff to fast track the approval process.

**E. Report on milestones anticipated with the new funding request.**

In the new funding year, we expect to expand the services of The REACH Team® to more of South Los Angeles and work more closely with clergy in the area to help break

the stigma of mental health. We also hope to form and engage a youth group to make a short PSA or film about mental health in order to normalize the idea that it is acceptable to ask or receive mental health support in black and brown communities. Additionally, the continuation funding will allow us to accomplish our Year 2 milestones identified in our original grant proposal.

## **Section A: Statement of Need**

**A 1:** To address the 2020 civil unrest and its aftermath in the South Los Angeles region, the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office ("LACA"), in partnership with Children's Institute, Inc. ("CII") and the Los Angeles Police Department ("LAPD") will implement key evidence-based violence prevention strategies, community youth engagement programs, and behavioral health services to improve the well-being, resiliency, and healing in this afflicted community, where trauma is almost ubiquitous.

South LA was once a thriving post-World War II region. Over time, due to redlining and disinvestment, it is now a vulnerable urban community with a history of traumatic civil unrest events inextricably tied to law enforcement issues. In 1965 the Watts riots erupted over police brutality protests, resulting in 34 deaths and over \$40 million in property damage. In 1992 widespread rioting erupted over police brutality (known as the Rodney King riots), whereby 63 people were killed, 12,000 individuals arrested, and property damage exceeded \$1 billion.

During May 2020, civil unrest sparked by protests over police brutality incidents left the South LA community once again stressed and traumatized. Following four volatile days, the governor of California declared a state of emergency to quell escalating fears. A sweeping curfew was ordered. Overnight 1,000 National Guard troops were deployed to help. In the aftermath of the riots, outside enforcement agencies descended upon South LA seeking looters, arousing neighborhood worries about who might be the next George Floyd. No one was prepared for the summer uptick in violence, when incidents of gun violence soared 300%. These unprecedented rates have remained steady ever since. The deleterious effects of the civil unrest and the sustained surge in violence will have lasting effects on the community. For high-risk youth already at a disadvantage to transition successfully into adulthood, they will likely experience the greatest impacts from the 2020 civil unrest affecting their: 1) childhood and adolescent development; and 2) short and long term negative health and behavioral outcomes. With near certainty, if left untreated, this high-risk youth population become future offenders who will continue to harbor an abiding distrust of law enforcement.

Even before the 2020 civil unrest, the constant threat of gun and gang-related violence created toxic living environments for youth and their families in South LA, conditioned to accept the sounds of gunshots, police sirens, and helicopters as a normal part of life. School violence is so pervasive that students feel unsafe traveling to and from school. This setting, coupled with barriers to support services, widespread poverty, and inequality, has contributed to long-lasting exposure to trauma and poor health outcomes for local residents. While South LA makes up just 9% percent of the City's geographic area and 17% of the City's population, from 2014-2018 the region accounted for nearly 36% of all violent crime and 46% of gun-related crimes. It is also home to the highest rates of property crimes throughout Los Angeles. Not surprisingly, in South LA as many as 90% of the youth offenders have diagnosed mental health issues.

High-risk youth and their families must also grapple with social injustices. This includes high levels of child abuse, neglect, and poverty. In 2018 there were over 162,000 calls to the child abuse hotline, 43,000 of those concerning children under five. Thirty-eight percent of the population in South LA has household incomes under \$20,000, well below living wage standards, with 40% of youth living beneath the poverty line. Half of the households are headed by single parents, making it difficult for parents to meet the basic needs of their children. Ninety-four percent of students meet the criteria for free/reduced priced lunches at local schools. The unemployment rate is nearly 15% in South LA, which is over 3.5 times higher than the overall Los Angeles County rate. A gap also exists in affordable housing, with homelessness abounding.

For those forced to spend the bulk of their income on housing, conditions are frequently substandard (i.e. converted garages or buildings rife with code violations). Multiple family members cram into small rooms, exacerbating tensions and stress. Further challenges surround access to social services, health care, legal and political representation, housing, employment, and education - all of which has become exacerbated during the pandemic due to limited technology resources to stay connected through online schooling, TeleMed appointments, and other virtual efforts.

**A 2:** In the aftermath of the 2020 civil unrest, behavioral health concerns for high-risk youth and their families have become paramount in South LA to address the trauma experienced. Despite outreach efforts, challenges persist. Local stigmas associated with mental health care impact access to needed services. For those seeking out services there is an ongoing shortage of providers willing to practice in the area. Wait times of six months to a year (or longer) to get appointments for specialty care, including behavioral health care, is not uncommon. The area historically receives lower levels of funding from local, state, and federal sources.

While trauma and violence prevention activities are getting underway in South LA, they are scarce, limited in scope, and lack a coordinated breadth of stakeholders, including clergy, business owner, and political representation. Other efforts to address harms in the community tend to fall short given gaps in fundamental legal, accounting, and management support. The lack of business investment in the area has created a void in employment opportunities, further driving conditions for future violence and unrest. Moreover, during the COVID pandemic, the technology gap widened, leaving many without access to education and health resources. For those who are provided with laptops or phones, the lack of Wi-Fi renders these devices ineffective. Teachers, doctors, social workers, and co-workers no longer have in-person interaction, live or virtual. These impacts can be felt in the plummeting rate of domestic violence and child abuse calls given decreased reporting to authorities. Conversely, emergency room admission rates with significant injuries have skyrocketed. An urgent need exists to identify and connect these victims to services and address the traumatic effects on these families' lives. High-risk youth and their families need ReCAST resources more than ever.

Despite the historical and current conditions driving civil unrest in South LA, in recent years resources have begun to flow in to improve outcomes. **CII**, in partnership with **LACA** and **LAPD**, has established comprehensive violence prevention networks involving school, mental health, and criminal justice practitioners to provide behavioral and health services. Through its Community Innovations work, **CII** is leading a collaborative of community partners to serve youth and their families. The goal is to create a trauma informed community by building the capacity of parents/caregivers and community members to understand trauma and its effects and to prevent or reduce the prevalence of trauma in the region. A cornerstone of these efforts is community training on mental health awareness and other trauma-informed, evidence-based topics for hundreds of community members each year. The **LACA** has established an array of alternative justice/diversion programs to address the underlying drivers of crime with input by those with lived experience to ensure successful outcomes. These efforts center around community partnerships that focus on preventing or redirecting individuals from the criminal justice system through mental health screenings and linkage to services. **LAPD** has established the Community Policing Unit to reduce the fear and incidence of crime and enhance the quality of life for residents, as well as improve relationships with officers. The challenge for which ReCAST resources can address is to broaden and enhance the scope of these services in South LA to minimize any further harms following the 2020 civil unrest.

## **Section B: Proposed Approach**

**B 1:** Through grant resources, the LACA will spearhead a ReCAST initiative to improve the well being, resiliency, and healing in South LA following the 2020 civil unrest by building upon existing efforts and launching new strategies. Working in conjunction with CII, LAPD, and the largest middle and high public charter school operator, **Green Dot Public Schools** (Green Dot), the LACA will form a ReCAST coalition to be codified in a MOU upon grant award. (See also signed **Statement of Assurance** and Green Dot **Letter of Commitment** see attached.) The partnership will focus on community-based participatory approaches, equitable access to trauma-informed community behavioral health resources, strengthened behavioral health services, and sustainable community change through culturally responsive services. It will serve high-risk youth and their families most affected by the civil unrest and the subsequent surge in violence to improve behavioral health outcomes, reduce trauma, empower the community overall, and sustain change. Specific ReCAST goals, measurable outcomes, and timelines are as follows:

***Goal 1: Increase community capacity to promote well-being, resiliency and community healing through community-based, participatory approaches***

***Objective 1 A:*** Within 60 days of the grant award, LACA will assemble and engage a diverse set of stakeholders to act as the leadership group for the ReCAST program.

***Objective 1 B:*** Within 3 months of the grant award, the ReCAST council will develop and launch a community needs assessment to guide implementation over the five-year grant term.

***Objective 1 C:*** Within 6 months of the grant award, the ReCAST council will develop a strategic plan to guide implementation over the five-year grant term.

***Goal 2: Increase the availability and accessibility of evidence-based mental health services by establishing and increasing awareness of referral mechanisms to mental health and social-emotional support services***

***Objective 2A:*** CII will train teachers, school personnel, law enforcement/first responders, and family support staff at schools across Los Angeles County on the mechanisms for referring individuals to mental health services (Year 1 = 250 trainees, Year 2 = 300 trainees, Years 3 through 5 = 350 trainees annually, a total of 1,600 trainees over the grant term).

***Objective 2B:*** Agencies who participate in CII's training will refer children and adults to mental health services (Year 1 - 250 individuals referred, Years 2 through 5 = 300 referrals annually, a total of 1,450 referrals over the grant term).

***Goal 3: Increase community wellness through collaborative community-based programming and events***

***Objective 3A:*** CII will provide annual programming and training to 50 youth, adults and grassroots organizations on community organizing, civic engagement, and starting a business per year for a total of 250 youth over the term of the grant.

***Objective 3B:*** CII will provide the Wyman's TOPS nine-month youth leadership programming to 50 youth per year (2 cohorts of 25) and 250 youth over the term of the grant.

***Objective 3C:*** CII and LACA will annually train law enforcement and prosecutors on trauma informed approaches for a total of 700 individuals over the term of the grant.

***Goal 4: Increase the frequency of positive interactions between law enforcement and residents***

***Objective 4A:*** LAPD will provide 250 youth over the term of the grant with positive youth development opportunities through mentorship and community engagement programs.

***Objective 4B:*** LAPD/LACA and CII will annually reach youth and adults through events and presentations aimed at strengthening community wellness and relationships between residents and law enforcement for a total of 1,000 individuals over the course of the grant.

<b># of Unduplicated Individuals to be Served with ReCAST Funds</b>					
Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Total
500	1,250	1,250	1,250	1,250	5,500

**B 2: Assemble Diverse Stakeholders:** To build resiliency in South LA following the 2020 civil unrest, the ReCAST coalition will convene and engage diverse stakeholders and industries (including clergy, legal, health, local political, university/college, and business sectors) to provide guidance and leadership that addresses behavioral health gaps. The coalition will meet quarterly to discuss issues, develop strategies, and support implementation of recommendations. The goal will be to remove barriers to behavioral health services linked to race or ethnicity, education, income, location, or other social factors for local high-risk youth and their families.

Addressing behavioral issues for those affected by the civil unrest will be a complex task given the demographic makeup in South LA. For example, during the 1965 and 1992 riots, South LA was 80% African American and 9% Hispanic. Today, this same region is 50% *Hispanic* and 40% *African American*. Moreover, within schools, 79% of students are *Hispanic* and 19% *African American*, indicating these demographics are on track to continue shifting. Hence, to grow up African American in South LA is to bear three generation’s worth of civil unrest tied to law enforcement issues, which must be broken. For Hispanics, this moment in time represents an opportunity to intercept an entire generation before the cycle repeats. The ReCAST coalition will integrate both groups and look to lessons learned from the past, while adapting to the present environment and build unity/resiliency moving forward through behavioral health supports.

CII currently facilitates community groups through a Los Angeles County **Department of Mental Health Initiative** focused on community engagement and building to address the adverse effects of trauma. ReCAST will build upon these groups meet the needs of high-risk youth through a combination of community mobilization strategies and place-based services. CII is also a long-standing member of the **Watts Gang Task Force** in South Los Angeles, established in 2006 by a coalition of residents after a wave of violent crimes that caused the death of seven people. The coalition is now led by residents, police officers, community leaders, elected officials and representatives from local schools and nonprofits. Since its inception, the task force has brought positive change to the community by helping curtail violent crimes in Watts. With the high levels of violence and threat to the wellbeing of children and their families, bringing together diverse stakeholders continues to be a critical component to improving safety.

**Community Needs Assessment:** Within three months of the grant award, LACA and CII will develop a Community Needs and Resources Assessment (CNA) to gather, analyze, and report current data and information about the characteristics, need, and resources involving the high-risk youth and their families following the 2020 civil unrest. CII will engage a diverse group to participate through existing channels and new outreach to connect with high-risk youth and their families. CII will pay for participation through gift cards or food stipends (in adherence with **Confidentiality & SAMSHA Participant Protection/Human Subjects Guidelines**), provide childcare, and interpreters as needed. **Privacy and confidentiality concerns** will be safeguarded through assigning codes to participants in lieu of providing names. Utilizing the **Community Health Assessment and Group Evaluation Tool**, CII will target older and younger residents through both in person and smart phone apps to optimize response rates from the different populations. These findings will be analyzed in conjunction with a current

comprehensive CNA underway in the South LA region specific to a **HUD** grant, as well recent data compiled from CNAs undertaken through **HeadStart** and **Choice Neighborhood** grants.

**Community Strategic Plan:** Within six months of award, LACA will develop and implement a community strategic plan that outlines a common vision to establish goals and to address the issues faced by high-risk youth and their families following the civil unrest. Using a two-prong approach, ReCAST partners will seek out program participants through: 1) existing programs and new outreach for behavioral health services that can be leveraged through Medicaid funding; and 2) develop new strategies for prevention that build resilience. To guide these effort, LACA and CII will develop a **Behavioral Health Disparities Impact Statement** by November 2021 that will capture the proposed number of high-risk youth and their families to be served during the grant period and all identified subpopulations in the grant service area. As stated previously, South LA has two dominant demographic groups: African-American and Hispanic. While both groups are uniformly at risk for behavioral issues following the 2020 civil unrest, they have distinct language, culture, literacy, employment, housing and poverty differences. A Quality Improvement Plan using data from the ReCAST CNA will be designed and implemented in accordance with the cultural and linguistic needs of both target populations. It will be informed by the CDC's **Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health (REACH) program** and will adhere to the **National Standards for Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services in Health and Health Care**. The ReCAST program design will include: 1) attention to diverse behavioral health beliefs, perceptions of law enforcement, and general practices to support the cultural values and/or language of the target populations; 2) interpreters for non-English speaking participants; 3) translation of key documents into Spanish; and 4) tailored communications to include limited English proficient individuals. With information gained, the community strategic plan will likely include different goals for African-American and Hispanic groups based upon each community's history with law enforcement and their respective distrust of law enforcement.

**Trauma Informed Behavioral Health Services:** The ReCAST initiative will include trauma-informed behavioral health services to address the surge in rates of violence in the community, introduce violence prevention and community engagement programs, and education/outreach strategies that address the needs of high-risk youth, families, and community members to build community resilience.

**Expansion of Services for Youth Exposed to Violence:** When violence occurs in a community like what transpired related to the 2020 civil unrest, youth are often witnesses to the event and its aftermath. The impact of violence exposure is associated with learning, health, emotional and behavioral issues immediately following the event and also later in life. Early intervention and emotional and social support are key in preventing and healing symptoms of trauma. ReCAST resources will provide a multitude of services through an enhancement in program scope and geography throughout South LA known as REACH™, which connects children and families exposed to violence with free professional resources.

ReCAST will increase the availability of services through REACH in two ways – responding to a broader range of violent incidents and increasing the service area to include all of LAPD's South Bureau. The South Bureau has a population of roughly 640,000 people and encompasses 57.6 square miles. Currently, CII is limited to providing support at LAPD crime scenes that involve either gun or gang violence within two out of the four LAPD South Bureau divisions. This leaves a wide range of other violence-related incidents unaddressed. ReCAST

funding will allow CII to respond all calls involving violence, including child abuse and domestic violence calls.

REACH trained care coordinators and therapists will provide on-site support to children and family members, drawing on their expertise in trauma-informed care and Mental Health First Aid. The therapists will provide counseling and comfort during the period immediately following trauma exposure. In addition, they will provide information for high-risk youth and their families about a broad range of available follow-up services and contact them to offer follow-up services. This will include a comprehensive needs assessment using a **two-generation universal screening tool** to understand the child and family's protective factors and identify opportunities to further enhance these supports. This screening will also identify any potential referrals or linkages, including but not limited to CII's early childhood education, behavioral health and wellness services, youth development programs, family supports, and more. CII will be able to offer youth and their family's free critical follow-up services, including evidence-based, trauma-informed mental health services funded through CII's \$34 million contract from the LA County Department of Mental Health. In addition to providing short-term counseling, based on individual needs, youth and their parents will be referred to CII's mental health program for more intensive, evidence-based mental health services. These services include an array of EBPs, including **Parent-Child Interaction Therapy (PCIT)**, **Child-Parent Psychotherapy (CPP)**, **Incredible Years (IY)**, and **Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT)**. Through these services, residents in South LA will build their resiliency to withstand, adapt to, and recover from violence, including that experienced during the 2020 civil unrest and its aftermath. The interaction facilitated through the ReCAST initiative will also facilitate assisting families with other concrete needs including health, housing, education, employment and legal to help build overall community resiliency at no cost to families.

**Services for High-risk Youth & Youth Offenders:** The ReCAST initiative will provide critical services for high school age youth offenders identified and referred to the program through the LAPD and Los Angeles Probation Department. Referred participants will include youth who are currently on probation and have a moderate to high-risk of recidivism without further intervention. The designated Probation Officer and/or the LAPD Officer will review each referral with the ReCAST Program Manager to determine fit for program services.

Grant resources will support youth in building protective factors and positively engaging with their peers and school community through the implementation of the Wyman's Teen Outreach Program (TOP), a **Certified Promising Practice recognized by Blueprints for Healthy Youth Development**. TOP is a positive youth development program that aims to build teens' educational success, support the development of life and leadership skills, and help youth establish healthy behaviors and relationships. TOP has four goals: 1) improve social, emotional, and life skills; 2) support development of a positive sense of self; 3) strengthen connections to others; and, 4) improve academic outcomes and decrease risky behaviors. The group meets for a minimum of nine months and can be extended over multiple years if/as needed.

TOP program will have two components: a weekly TOP club meeting and a community service component. The TOP club will be facilitated by trained CII staff and offered at community locations that are convenient to enrolled youth, such as CII's South LA campus or a local Green Dot public school. Over the course of the grant period, the club will meet at least 25 times during the academic school year and cover a minimum of 12 topics in the TOP curriculum, which is organized around three areas: Building My Skills, Learning About Myself, and

Connecting with Others. Lessons will focus on Empathy, Problem-Solving Skills, Emotion Management, and Teamwork, among others.

The community service component for TOP will engage youth in a minimum of 20 hours of community service each year. The purpose of this community service component is to not only help improve the South LA community following the 2020 civil unrest, but also support youth in navigating one of the central challenges of adolescence – simultaneously developing both independence and connectedness. By placing youth in the position of giving rather than receiving help, youth have the opportunity to develop their own sense of agency and understand their impacts on the broader community. This empowering role helps youth foster a positive relationship with their school and community by developing prosocial skills and restoring balance for prior deeds. While the scope of each project is determined by participants, examples include: direct action (such as building a playground), indirect action (such as raising funds to support a project), or civic action (such as educational theater).

To further support youth in developing protective factors, CII will offer additional services to help youth prepare for employment, a well-documented protective factor. General information about career paths and employment options will be available through the TOP Club, including presentations by local employers and partners involved in the ReCAST coalition. As appropriate based on individual needs, youth will also be supported in seeking summer and after-school employment opportunities. This will allow youth to build income and a positive employment history, while engaging in prosocial activities during out-of-school hours that are typically high-risk for gang activities. In addition, recognizing that employment may be a challenge for some youth offenders, CII and the LACA will work with youth to understand their employment rights and options, such as sealing their records, connecting with pro bono legal services as needed. CII will also offer the evidence-based practice **Individual Placement and Support (IPS)**. CII has been providing services using the IPS model for seven years through its CalWORKS program. The primary goal of IPS is gainful employment for participants through a rapid search and placement process. The core principles of IPS include: a focus on competitive employment; integration with mental health services; personalized experience driven by client-centered decisions; rapid job search; and systemic job development. IPS participants progress through a sequence of stages: intake, engagement, assessment, job placement, job coaching, follow-along support, followed by step-down supports to ensure long-term job maintenance. As appropriate based on individual needs, youth will be referred to anger management groups through CII. These services will target the unique needs of youth offenders and will be tailored to integrate with CII's mental health and leadership services.

***Preventing Long-term Anger and Aggression in Youth of Color:*** Through grant resources, new intervention services will be introduced incorporating PLAAY (**Preventing Long-term Anger and Aggression in Youth**) evidence based principles through a LAPD-spearheaded mentorship program in conjunction with CII, LACA, and ReCAST coalition members. Building upon a **2020 UCLA LAPD Community Partnership Evaluation** recommendation, this mentorship program will incorporate stress reduction through physical activity and **Racial Encounter Coping Appraisal and Socialization Theory** to promote the development of healthy coping skills for high-risk youth in South LA. LAPD and its partners will educate and address the impact of racial and gender stress, conflict, and literacy on youth who cope daily with rejection from teachers, peers, family, and neighbors. Officers assigned to South LA will seek to introduce more racial and gender coping socialization (psychoeducational skills and feedback in negotiating stressful racial and non-racial encounters) to help high-risk

youth feel prepared and confident to engage rather than avoid these encounters. This will lead them to make healthier decisions in crisis situations and feel more invested in South LA.

Authority figure-youth relationships constitute powerful influences on children's learning and safety. South LA officers will address how racial and gender threats undermine many authority-youth relationships and seek to resolve conflicts within these relationships to promote healthier outcomes for youth. LAPD will incorporate several evidenced-based cognitive behavioral strategies embedded in physical activity and group therapy intervention components that include stress management during face-to-face encounters in sports, classroom, and peer social activities. A key theme will be that racial and gender-related conflicts are resolvable through stress management and can improve youth persistence and achievement in schooling. The more individuals (1) *identify* their stress reactions to racial and gender conflicts, (2) *manage* those stressful encounters, and (3) *practice* the literacy skills, the more confident they will be in engaging racial and gender rejections. LAPD's goal will be to build and preserve trust, transparency, respect, empathy and sustained communication with the youth participants.

***Training in Trauma Informed Approaches:*** The ReCAST initiative will provide monthly trainings to coalition members, first responders, educators, clergy, and health and human service providers to increase their ability to assist high-risk youth in the aftermath of the 2020 civil unrest. The training will be informed by the **National Child Traumatic Stress Network** best practices and focus on understanding trauma and how trauma affects victims' response to services. The trainings will educate on the effects of trauma, especially when a victim's behavior may seem unusual, inconsistent, or even aggressive. Topics will include how to avoid victim re-traumatization, increase feelings of safety, and increase the effectiveness and efficiency of interactions with high-risk youth and their families. While the basic tenets of trauma informed care will be taught involving: 1) safety; 2) trustworthiness; 3) choice; 4) collaboration; and 5) empowerment, ReCAST trainings will be customized depending on the participants. For example, how a clergy member interfaces with a high-risk youth will be distinct from how a prosecutor interacts with high-risk youth with varying approaches to increase feelings of control, less shame, and less fear.

***Peer Support Services:*** A common thread amongst the strategies proposed to support high-risk youth and their families following the 2020 civil unrest will anchor around peer support services as discussed above. These include group counseling, group activities, and group trainings. Through LAPD's PLAAY initiative a peer support group will be established that meets monthly. CII will refer high-risk youth and their families to existing peer support groups centered around trauma, substance abuse, addiction, wellness, and grief. The goal of peer support services is to connect the health and well-being of the body and mind to lift up the South LA community afflicted by the 2020 unrest.

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#### **Section C: Staff and Organizational Experience**

**C 1:** *LACA* is the second largest municipal office in the nation. Comprised of a civil and a criminal branch of nearly 1,000 attorneys, LACA prosecutes all City misdemeanor crimes. Led by Mike Feuer, a proponent of criminal justice reform who is reframing the attorney role from that of "prosecutor" to "community leader," LACA is a trailblazer of neighborhood-focused restorative justice, alternative sentencing, and diversion programs that seek to address the behavioral health root causes of criminal behavior to prevent it from escalating. LACA leads the nation in prosecutorial and policy solutions to end gun violence through its seminal Gun Violence Prevention Unit and co-founding the national Prosecutors Against Gun Violence.

**CII** The core of CII's work is focused on addressing Adverse Childhood Experiences and toxic stress experienced by the most vulnerable youth and underserved communities in Los Angeles County. Since 1999, CII has been a Medi-Cal Certified provider and now implements a \$34 million annual mental health contract. CII provides clinical mental health services to over 3,000 children and family members annually who have been impacted by trauma. Through its Mental Health, Early Childhood, Strengthening Families, and Community Innovations programs reaches and impacts 30,000 children and family members annually. CII is also distinguished as a leading training agency in Southern California, including its SAMHSA-funded NCTSN training center. Since its inception, CII has trained more than 75,000 professionals through the provision of local/regional training workshops and national conferences on trauma informed care.

**LAPD** is the third-largest municipal police department in the United States, after the New York City Police Department and the Chicago Police Department. It operates in an area of 502.73 square miles and a population of 3,979,576 people through 21 police divisions and four command areas, including the South, Central, West and Valley Bureau. In 2011 LAPD established the Community Safety Partnership, a trust and relationship-based approach to policing designed to improve residents' perceptions of safety and reduce community violence.

**Green Dot** is a non-profit public school organization whose mission is to help transform public education so all students graduate prepared for college, leadership, and life. Founded in 1999 in direct response to the poor state of public high schools in the Los Angeles area, today it serves 11,000+ students and their families at 19 schools. The vast majority of students it serves are low-income and come from some of the toughest neighborhoods in South Los Angeles. The U.S. Department of Education has featured Green Dot as a national leader in school turnarounds.

**C 2:** A tireless and deeply committed servant to the residents of South Los Angeles, **Deputy City Attorney Lara Drino** will serve as the **ReCAST Program Director**. She has extensive professional experience working with children who have suffered from trauma as a result of abuse. Ms. Drino was instrumental in developing REACH™ and currently leads a seminal children exposed to violence initiative in Southeast Los Angeles that is poised to expand to all of South Los Angeles through ReCAST funding. Ms. Drino has trained over 1,000 law enforcement, social workers, school personnel, and prosecutors in the areas of how incidents of childhood violence, either direct or indirect, can cause long lasting trauma if not addressed as well as teaching how to be trauma informed when talking with children.

**Virginia Cons** will serve as the **ReCAST Program Manager**. Mrs. Cons has both professional and lived experience relatable to the population being served in this grant. At LACA, she provides direct program services for victims of crime, especially those inflicted by domestic violence, elder abuse and children exposed to violence. Mrs. Cons has conducted hundreds of trainings for prosecutors and co-facilitated educational presentations to the community in the areas of family violence. As a native of Los Angeles, who was born and raised in the inner city, Mrs. Cons is a bilingual Spanish speaker. Growing up in a socio-economic disadvantaged and high crime community, has given her a deep rooted understanding of how violence can cause long term trauma if not addressed. Mrs. Cons has managed multi-million dollar federal grants for both local government, law enforcement, and non-profit agencies

#### **Section D: Data Collection and Performance Measures**

**D 1:** As part of the ReCAST grant enforcement activities, data collection and performance measures will be undertaken to ensure goals are being met. LACA will maintain data through its **CCMS** database, LAPD through its **CompStat** database, and CII by its **Research and Evaluation Center (REC)**. REC conducts agency-wide evaluation for all CII program services.

The REC staff includes a director, research associates and graduate-level research assistants who coordinate data collection, data entry, analysis, reporting and archiving in compliance with HIPAA regulations. REC staff will partner with the ReCAST program staff to develop and implement data collection and monitoring protocols to support continuous quality improvement efforts and reporting requirements. CII's will update its intake forms to include the referring organizations participating in the ReCAST program. This data will then be aggregated in a database to track referrals by source. The REC team meets weekly to review all evaluation projects in process, which will include the ReCAST project. Staff collaborating on program evaluation will meet quarterly to review progress and monitor referral data. Attendance and survey data from participants will be routinely monitored to manage attrition, engagement/satisfaction, and competency.

ReCAST data will be kept secure and confidentiality will be maintained. To optimize violence related data collection and analysis, Justice and Security Strategies, Inc. will coordinate data collection from LACA and LAPD to monitor ReCAST progress. JSS is led by Dr. Craig Uchida, who previously served as a former senior executive at the U.S. Department of Justice and professor of criminology at the University of Maryland. He has more than 23 years of experience in criminal justice research, planning, and administration and is a renowned expert on violent crime and policing. He received his Ph.D. in Criminal Justice from the University at Albany and holds two Masters degrees, one in Criminal Justice and one in American History. Working in conjunction with the ReCAST Program Director and Project Manager, JSS will analyze the data to assess progress made toward achieving ReCAST goals, identifying barriers, and providing guidance as needed. Data sets will include the following:

Objective	Data Source	Data Collection Frequency	Responsible Staff for Data Collection	Method of Data Analysis
Increase # of EBP mental health services	CII REC	Quarterly	CII	# of new EBP offered in South LA
Increase # of referrals to EBP	CII REC	Quarterly	CII	# of referrals; originating source of referrals
Increase # of individuals receiving training in trauma-informed approaches, violence prevention strategies, and other behavioral related trainings	Sign in sheets; pre-post surveys	Quarterly	LACA, LAPD, CII	# trained per grant year; type of trainings.
Increase # of individuals receiving trauma informed care	Electronic Health Record System	Quarterly	CII	# of individuals receiving care; type of care
Increase community wellness and resiliency	CII & LAPD; surveys		CII, LAPD	# of programs offered; # of participants; length of program participation
Increase # of organizations and community representatives collaborating/coordinating/sharing resources with each other as a result of ReCAST grant	Organizational self-reporting; organizational self-evaluation surveys	Quarterly	LACA	# of new collaborations; degree of impact; sustainment
Reduce # of violent crimes	CompStat	Monthly	JSS	% of crime increase or decrease