



California Violence Intervention & Prevention Grant: Inside-Outside Circle Foundation

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Note: This document was prepared in response to questions submitted by members of the public regarding a CalVIP grant awarded to Inside-Outside Circle Foundation on April 1, 2026.

Background Information

About the CalVIP grant:

The California Violence Intervention and Prevention (CalVIP) Grant is authorized by Section 14131 of the California Penal Code, which states:

“CalVIP grants shall be used to develop, support, expand, and replicate evidence-based community gun violence reduction initiatives...that seek to interrupt cycles of community gun violence and retaliation in order to reduce the incidence of homicides, shootings, and aggravated assaults. These initiatives shall be primarily focused on providing violence intervention services to the small segment of the population that is identified as high risk of perpetrating or being victimized by community gun violence in the near future.” Penal Code § 14131(c)

Grant term (Cohort 5): April 1, 2026, through September 30, 2029

CalVIP Project Summary submitted by Inside-Outside Circle Foundation:

Inside-Outside Circle Foundation’s proposed Healing Home project will combat community gun violence in Sacramento by delivering comprehensive reentry support for 42 formerly incarcerated adults. Focusing on high-risk individuals returning from state prisons, the program will use evidence-based models to provide transitional housing, healing circles, case management, credible messenger guidance and supportive services. By addressing housing instability, trauma and critical service gaps during the pivotal reentry period, our Healing Home will target the risk factors that drive gun violence among this vulnerable population.

Amount awarded to Inside-Outside Circle Foundation: \$999,984

Application process: Inside-Outside Circle Foundation’s application was one of 42 selected from an applicant pool of almost 400. The CalVIP applications were scored by a panel of subject matter experts.

Question and Answer

The following questions were submitted to BSCC via email. Questions are grouped by topic. BSCC's answer appears beneath each question.

Compliance and Capacity

- 1. Are there any safety precautions or stipulations required of the organization (grantee) or location in receiving grant funds specifically for high-risk previously incarcerated individuals?**

Answer: No. By statute, CalVIP grantees are required to provide services to individuals at highest risk for violence, which can include previously incarcerated individuals.

- 2. Is there any requirement for the BSCC to review or approve the location of the intended residence?**

Answer: No. The grantee completed the purchase of the properties that will be used in November 2025, prior to receiving the CalVIP Grant. No BSCC funds were used for the purchase of these parcels.

- 3. Did the BSCC verify local zoning compliance and site suitability with Sacramento County before approving the release of funds for these specific parcels?**

Answer: No BSCC funds were used for the purchase of these parcels. All BSCC grantees are expected to comply with any applicable state and local laws and obtain any necessary licenses or certifications related to a given project. If a grantee is not in compliance, the grant would be subject to modification or termination. It is the BSCC's understanding that Inside-Outside Circle Foundation is in compliance with all requirements related to these parcels.

- 4. How many residents does BSCC understand will be living at the property simultaneously?**

Answer: No more than 12 individuals may live at the Healing Home property simultaneously.

- 5. Does BSCC's approved scope of work reference the anticipated residential capacity of the program?**

Answer: Yes, the scope of work states that the grantee will serve 14 adults per year, for a total of 42 individuals over the course of the grant period.

- 6. What staffing levels are expected at the residence, and will staff be present 24 hours a day?**

Answer: Inside Circle reports that there will be at least one House Manager on duty 24 hours per day, seven days a week. A case manager will also be present during the day, to run groups and conduct case management activities. The executive director also reports that 360-degree, 24-hour security cameras have been installed to monitor both inside and outside the properties.

- 7. Per Inside Circle's job description for the live-in House Manager, they anticipate 11 post-incarceration residents in addition to two House Manager residents. This puts them in violation of the RD-3 zoning for both parcels, each of which is only zoned to house 6 individuals.**

Answer: The grantee reports that they will never have more than 12 individuals living on the two parcels. The grantee is including the second House Manager in the count of eleven.

- 8. Did the grantee fulfill its required Community Engagement Plan and stakeholder outreach mandates prior to securing site control and expending state funds?**

Answer: BSCC is not aware of any community engagement plan or stakeholder outreach mandates that are required for a residential property housing six or fewer individuals.

Eligibility Requirements / Admissions Criteria

- 9. Will all residents already have been released from incarceration before entering the Healing Home, or will any participants be transferred directly from CDCR custody through a community reentry or early-release program?**

Answer: All individuals selected to live at the Healing Home will have been released from incarceration and will be on state parole supervision.

- 10. Will any residents remain under CDCR supervision while residing at the Healing Home?**

Answer: Yes, all individuals living at the Healing Home will remain under state parole supervision. The individual must receive approval from their assigned parole agent before moving into the Healing Home as their approved residence.

- 11. Who determines eligibility for placement in the Healing Home?**

Answer: Individuals interested in living at the Healing Home apply directly to Inside Circle. Inside Circle will review each application with a case manager. To be eligible, an individual must already be actively engaged in the Inside Circle program (which currently operates in four CDCR institutions) while incarcerated.

- 12. Are referrals made by CDCR, county probation departments, parole agents, local courts, or by Inside Circle itself?**

Answer: See #11

13. Is there any risk assessment or screening process before admission?

Answer: The grantee states that its executive team thoroughly reviews each applicant to the Healing Home program. Also note that certain conviction offenses are ineligible, as listed in the answers to questions #14 and 15 below.

14. Are there categories of offenses that make an individual ineligible for residency?

Answer: Yes, according to the grantee, certain offenses are not eligible for the Healing Home program. These include:

- Violent crimes against children*
- Sexual offenses*
- Arson*

15. Are registered sex offenders eligible?

Answer: No, individuals required to register as sex offenders (per Penal Code Section 290) are not eligible for the Healing Home program.

16. Are individuals convicted of violent offenses eligible?

Answer: Yes. This is the primary target population for CalVIP-funded services.

17. How did the BSCC determine that the grantee was eligible for this grant award, when the RFP indicates that community-based organizations are only eligible for programs serving residents of cities or tribal governments determined eligible by the BSCC, but the grantee's services for the "Healing Home" will be rendered exclusively to residents of Sacramento county, outside city limits of the City of Sacramento?

Answer: Inside-Outside Circle Foundation met the eligibility criteria for the CalVIP grant because it is a community-based organization that is located within, and serves residents of, the City of Sacramento. The individuals being referred to the Healing Home are primarily individuals transitioning back to the City of Sacramento from state prison whose temporary residence will be at the Healing Home pending permanent housing.

18. It is my understanding that the grant is specifically for gun violence. If that is the case, why is the grant being used for operational expenses at an experimental healing home for previously incarcerated men?

Answer: The CalVIP Grant is authorized by Section 14131 of the California Penal Code, which states that CalVIP grants shall be used to "develop, support, expand, and replicate evidence-based community gun violence reduction initiatives...that seek to

interrupt cycles of community gun violence and retaliation in order to reduce the incidence of homicides, shootings, and aggravated assaults.” Penal Code § 14131(c)

As per the CalVIP Cohort 5 Request for Proposals (RFP): “Within this statutory definition, applicants have discretion in designing a project that best fits the scope of the problem and the needs of the target population.” (CalVIP RFP, page 22)

Eligible activities listed in the RFP include: “Therapeutic Behavioral Services, Employment/Job Training, Intensive Case Management...” all of which will be provided to individuals living in the Healing Home. The grantee is proposing to integrate two evidence-based interventions, including the Project Restore Bed-Stuy model and the Housing First approach, to support stabilization and self-sufficiency among previously incarcerated individuals transitioning back into the community in order to interrupt cycles of community violence.

Requirements for Individuals Living at the Healing Home

19. Will individuals living in the Healing Home have rehabilitative programs available to them, including therapy? Will they be required to have a job?

Answer: According to Inside Circle, individuals living in the Healing Home will be required to meet with their case manager regularly, be regularly engaged in the “circle,” a therapy group, and be either employed or actively engaged in vocational training.

20. What rules are individuals living at the Healing Home required to follow?

Answer: Part of the agreement to live at the Healing home requires participants to adhere to a “Good Neighbor” policy, which stipulates no loitering around schools, parks, or bus stops. The policy also contains rules around noise and curfew.

21. What will happen if an individual is evicted from the Healing Home?

Answer: In the event it becomes necessary to evict an individual, the grantee has informed BSCC that it has a plan of action in place, which includes:

- Notifying the individual’s parole agent to determine whether the individual has violated the terms of their parole agreement, and/or*
- Transporting the individual to a local shelter, and/or*
- Requesting a temporary restraining order from local law enforcement.*

Oversight and Accountability

22. Beyond quarterly reports, what ongoing oversight does BSCC perform to ensure the program is operating as represented in its grant application?

Answer: BSCC is actively engaged with all grantees on a regular basis. Each grant is assigned to a lead Field Representative. The Field Representative conducts an Initial Monitoring Visit within the first six months of award. In addition to submitting quarterly progress reports and quarterly financial invoices, the grantee must participate in quarterly virtual project meetings. All grantees are subject to random desk reviews, in which they are required to submit extensive supporting documentation for grant expenditures. The Field Representative also conducts a Comprehensive Monitoring Visit, during which all aspects of project implementation and service delivery are monitored for compliance with grant requirements.

23.If significant issues arise regarding public safety, program compliance, or failure to meet grant objectives, what authority does BSCC have to require corrective action or terminate funding?

Answer: All BSCC grant agreements contain a termination clause, which stipulates that a grant may be terminated by the BSCC at any time after grant award and prior to completion of the project upon action or inaction by the grantee that constitutes a material and substantial breach of the grant agreement.

24.What kind of monitoring and accountability measures will be in place for the funds? If one of the residents commits a crime while living in the home, what happens to the remaining balance of grant funds?

Answer: See #22 and #23 for monitoring and accountability measures. If one of the individuals commits a crime while living in the home, the grantee will notify the individual's parole agent. BSCC would not terminate the grant agreement solely for the misconduct of a program participant; however, if the grantee breached the terms and conditions of the agreement, and that act or omission by the grantee led to the misconduct, the BSCC would terminate the agreement. Remaining grant funds could be allocated to another applicant or reserved for the next round of funding.

25.We would like to request a formal review/audit of this award to determine whether the grantee is in full compliance with all state grant conditions, public engagement mandates, and reporting obligations regarding site acquisition.

Answer: The CalVIP Cohort 5 grants were awarded on April 1, 2026, so the grant is in its very early stages. The first quarterly financial invoice and quarterly progress report are not due to BSCC until August 15, 2026. Our staff conducted an initial site visit in May 2026 and found the grantee to be making appropriate progress. BSCC is not aware of any community engagement plan or stakeholder outreach mandates that are required for a residential property housing six or fewer individuals.