

September 28, 2026

The Honorable Roger Niello
California State Senate
1021 O Street, Room 7110
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Update and Clarifications on California Violence Intervention and Prevention (CalVIP) Granting Framework

Dear Senator Niello,

I am writing to provide an update regarding the Inside-Outside Circle Foundation's "Healing Home" project funded under Cohort 5 of the California Violence Intervention and Prevention (CalVIP) Grant program, as well as to address your follow-up questions regarding transitional housing models and standard reapplication processes.

The Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) has closely evaluated the concerns brought forth by a variety of stakeholders regarding the Inside-Outside Circle Foundation project. At this time, the grant agreement remains active; however, the BSCC will continue actively monitoring compliance with this grantee. An initial invoice has been submitted, and the BSCC confirms that no mortgage payments or other unauthorized costs will be paid with CalVIP funds. The properties being utilized were purchased by the organization in November 2025, prior to receiving this award, and no CalVIP or BSCC-administered grant funds were used for the acquisition. Furthermore, the BSCC explicitly requires all grantees to adhere to applicable state and local laws, and it is our expectation that the organization remain in full compliance with all local zoning and land-use requirements.

To clarify how these fiscal and structural guardrails support the administration of state violence intervention programs, I have responded to your specific questions below:

1. Examples of Successful Re-entry and Transitional Housing Models

While utilizing a re-entry and transitional housing model is not common within the CalVIP grant framework, we recently funded a successful example of this approach. Options Recovery Services in Oakland was awarded a CalVIP Cohort 4 grant (operating from July 2022 through June 2025). Their program successfully integrated transitional housing with intensive case management, cognitive behavioral therapy, and credible messenger peer-mentorship.

According to their final local evaluation report, the project served 58 re-entry adults who had spent time incarcerated for violent crimes. The program achieved remarkable results: zero program participants re-engaged in violent crime, and 33 graduates successfully transitioned into permanent career positions within the behavioral health sector. Options Recovery Services continues to operate as an active, thriving asset to the region's violence prevention network.

In addition to this CalVIP program example, our organization has extensive experience administering the Adult Reentry Grant (ARG) program. This program funds similar evidence-based

transitional housing and re-entry models to support justice-involved individuals, giving us experience with how these types of projects are structured.

2. Renewal and Reapplication Process for Community-Based Organizations (CBOs)

CalVIP grant funds do not automatically renew, and future funding is not guaranteed to prior recipients. Once a three-year grant cycle concludes, any prior CBO wishing to secure additional funding must submit a brand-new application. They must compete openly against the entire applicant pool under the competitive criteria established in the next Request for Proposals (RFP) released by the BSCC.

Our organization remains committed to ensuring that state violence prevention resources are administered with transparency and strict alignment with grant requirements. Key operational details outlined by the BSCC for the active Inside-Outside Circle Foundation project include:

Fund Restrictions: CalVIP funds are strictly limited to approved operational expenses, including case management, therapeutic behavioral services, and programmatic personnel. It cannot be used for property acquisition.

Continuous Accountability: In addition to quarterly progress reports and financial invoices, the grantee is subject to random desk reviews, regular virtual meetings, and comprehensive monitoring site visits. The BSCC retains full authority to terminate funding if a material breach of the grant agreement occurs.

Please do not hesitate to contact my office directly if you or your staff require any further details.

Sincerely,



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Board of State and Community Corrections

Attachment