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Vallejo Police Press Release

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Vallejo Wins Funding to Expand Community Policing, Social Justice

Vallejo, CA - The Vallejo Police Department will expand its community policing and procedural justice efforts thanks to a \$447,517 grant from the state's Board of Community and State Corrections (BCSC). Efforts will focus on providing education and services to underserved populations who have limited non-enforcement engagement with officers or high need for trauma-informed, evidenced-based care.

Services will be focused in South Vallejo and with target populations that include the homeless, Latino, Filipino and young residents.

"Partnerships between Vallejo police and our community are making a difference," explained Chief of Police Andrew Bidou. "But we can do more. Our goal is keep individuals out of the justice system and help them receive services that enable them to be successful in our community."

Vallejo was one of only 19 applicants to receive funding through the state's highly competitive Violence Intervention Program. The BSCC received a total of 121 proposals requesting \$55 million for \$9.215 million to award to cities and community based organizations.

Last year Vallejo police received the James Q. Wilson Award for Community Policing, the state's highest award to recognize a police department for advancement in community policing. Even so, Bidou said that he didn't feel like the benefits and trust of engagement extended to all corners of Vallejo's diverse community.

Activities will include non-enforcement police engagement, growing the block captain program, code enforcement and neighborhood cleanups, mental health programming and services, wrap-around services for homeless residents, after-school enrichment for middle school students, launching a youth program where officers play soccer with kids, and installing a new half basketball court in South Vallejo.

All officers will receive special de-escalation and crisis intervention training to better prepare them for response to special populations and over a quarter of the program budget will be devoted to expanding mental health services to residents.

"The Vallejo Police Department is deeply committed to partnering with our community to serve and protect citizens, treating people with fairness, giving them a voice and the appropriate treatment they deserve," Bidou said. "We're in this together."

Mayor Bob Sampayan emphasized that community policing is an important aspect of City services. "We want every member in our community to feel like they are treated fairly and have a voice in what happens to them," Mayor Sampayan said. "We appreciate the vision and hard work of our officers to establish relationships, build trust and promote social justice."

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