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California Victim Compensation Program Awards \$2 Million to Help Victims Through Local Programs

Two Trauma Recovery Centers To Provide Mental Health and Medical Services

Sacramento, CA – Today, the California Victim Compensation Program (CalVCP) awarded a grant to two California Trauma Recovery Centers, the Downtown Women’s Center in Los Angeles and California State University at Long Beach, that provide mental health and medical services to underserved victims of violent crime.

“We are excited to work with two outstanding partners in assisting victims of violent crime,” said Julie Nauman, Executive Officer, CalVCP. “These grant funds will help to facilitate the healing process and improve care within the communities they serve.”

The Downtown Women’s Center (DWC), a community based organization serving downtown Los Angeles, will receive nearly \$670,000 through the CalVCP grant program. DWC and their partnering organization, Peace Over Violence, have over 79 combined years of experience providing trauma-informed services. Located in the heart of downtown Los Angeles’ Central City East, DWC services will be centered in the Los Angeles Metro area, and will serve clients throughout Los Angeles County.

The California State University of Long Beach (CSULB) will receive over \$1,330,000 in grant funds from CalVCP. CSULB collaborates with St. Mary’s Medical Center, local community based organizations, the Los Angeles County District Attorney and mental health providers to serve the city’s poorest and most violent area.

CalVCP provides funding for two years and may award consecutive grants to a trauma recovery centers to prevent a lapse in funding. CalVCP may not award a trauma recovery center more than one grant for any period of time.

The grant application period took place between June 30, 2014 and September 1, 2014, and applicants were subsequently evaluated against scoring criteria consistent with the intent of its initiating legislations, SB 71. The two applicants with the highest scores received funding based on the amounts requested and the dollars available.

The Restitution Fund serves as the single source of grant funds. Any portion of funding that a TRC does not use within the specified grant period will revert to the Restitution Fund.

For more information regarding victim compensation, please visit calvcp.ca.gov.

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The California Victim Compensation Program (CalVCP) provides compensation for victims of violent crime who are injured or threatened with injury. Among the crimes covered are domestic violence, child abuse, sexual and physical assault, homicide, robbery, and vehicular manslaughter. Last fiscal year, the program assisted nearly 600 individuals each week, and provided over \$61 million in compensation to crime victims.

If a person meets eligibility criteria, CalVCP will compensate many types of services when the costs are not covered by other sources. Eligible services include medical and dental care, mental health services, income loss, funeral expenses, rehabilitation and relocation. Funding for CalVCP comes from restitution fines and orders, penalty assessments levied on persons convicted of crimes and traffic offenses, and matching federal funds.