



ONE LONG BEACH

COMMUNITY VIOLENCE INTERVENTION & PREVENTION INITIATIVE

In FY2022, the Department of Justice launched the Community Based Violence Intervention and Prevention Initiative (CVIPI), a historic federal investment in community violence intervention programs. This initiative seeks to prevent and reduce violent crime in communities by supporting comprehensive, evidence-based violence intervention and prevention programs based on partnerships among community residents, local government agencies, victim service providers, community-based organizations, law enforcement, hospitals, researchers, and other community stakeholders.



- 01** **Improve** and expand current CVI Strategies that prioritize the needs of the community and build public awareness
- 02** **Engage** community residents and stakeholders most affected by violence to create solutions and guide program development, implementation, and evaluation.
- 03** **Cultivate** key partnerships with CBO's Public Safety/Public Health and city resources such as youth/family centers, Parks, Libraries, Schools, and Churches, to build capacity address the lack of safe spaces for violence intervention and reentry services.



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About One Long Beach CVIPI



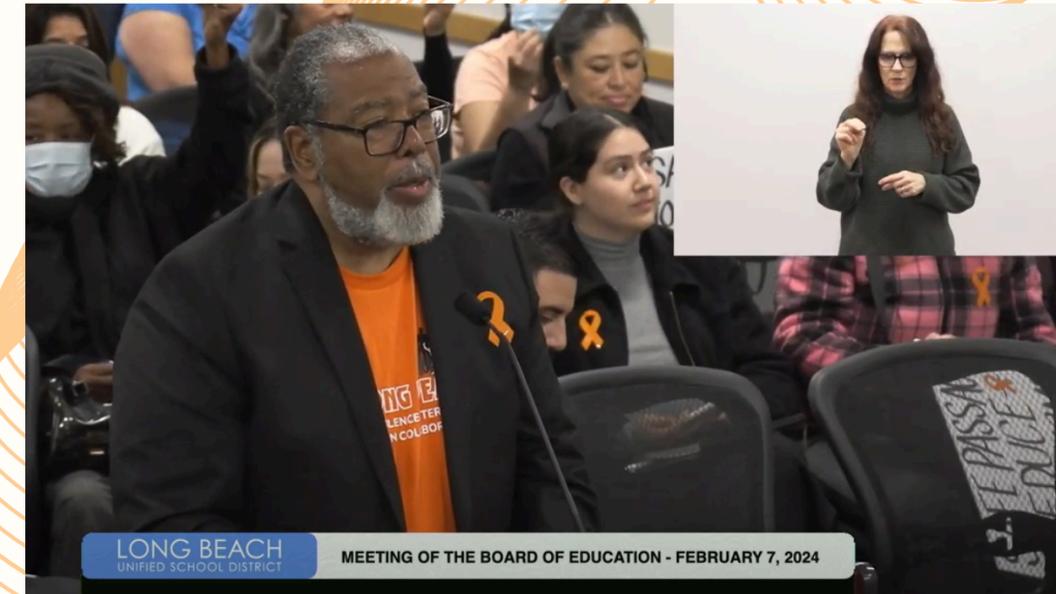
With Centro CHA being the lead agency, the One Long Beach CVIPI Collaborative was awarded \$1.5 million to create a road map, improve, and expand current CVI strategies, and evaluate measurement outcomes of our implementation plan. This 45+ member culturally diverse collaborative includes trusted credible messengers, community stakeholders, service providers, cultural-based organizations, hospitals, local schools, and government officials. The collaborative has provided funding to culturally, socially, and ethnically diverse organizations to increase their capacity for violent conflict intervention and prevention. On Thursday, May 25th, 2023, we hosted the collaborative's kick-off meeting, and we have continued to hold monthly/bi-monthly meetings. Utilizing a restorative justice, evidence-based, and community-driven intervention and prevention model, this initiative is looking to enhance, sustain, and continue to advocate for a violence reduction, youth development, reentry services, and community space activation.



- Funded by the Department of Justice
- Monthly/bi-weekly collaborative meetings since May 2023
- 45+ Member Collaborative
- Community led & driven efforts: 5 Community Listening Sessions, 3 Focus Groups, & 1,771 collected responses for the city-wide, Community Violence Survey

Advocacy & Supporting Efforts

- Advocacy efforts at City Council Meetings on community violence strategies that are community driven and culturally centered, and equitably funded and sustained in Long Beach
- November 2023 support Long Beach Poly's Advanced Drama Class for "ENOUGH! Plays to End Gun Violence
- January 2024, Candlelight Peace Vigil: A Call for Peace in Honor of Martin Luther King Jr. and participated in the MLK Parade
- 2024 National Gun Violence Awareness Day at Stephens Middle School & Admiral Kidd Park for Cabrillo Students
- Through the advocacy of the One Long Beach CVIPI Collaborative, we are in partnership with the Long Beach Unified School District, and we are happy that for the first time, the LBUSD is funding a Safe Passage Program.



Building the CVI Ecosystem through leadership, capacity building, & funding

- In 2023 and 2024, \$196,000 was distributed to support Community Violence Intervention work and build capacity with multiple Long Beach organizations.
- In April 2024, an additional, One Long Beach Economic Justice Mini Grant funding opportunity of \$300,000 was distributed among Long Beach organizations to support in reducing community violence efforts.