



**Homeland  
Security**

## **DHS Provides \$20 Million to 43 Organizations Working to Prevent Targeted Violence and Terrorism**

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*In Third Year of Program, Department Focuses 11 Awards to Organizations Working with Underserved Populations and with Small and Mid-sized Communities*

**WASHINGTON** – Today, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) announced the award of 43 grants, totaling \$20 million, under the Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention (TVTP) Grant Program for Fiscal Year 2022 (FY22). TVTP works to help prevent incidents of domestic violent extremism, as well as to bolster efforts to counter online radicalization and mobilization to violence.

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For more information, including a full list of grant awards, please see <https://www.dhs.gov/tvtpgrants>.

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### **Summary of Awards**

*Promising Practices*

*City of Aurora*

Type 5: Threat Assessment and Management Teams  
\$302,966.00

The Aurora Police Department's co-responder model, the Crisis Response Team houses a sub-unit, the Targeted Violence Prevention Program. This program has effectively interrupted potential incidents of targeted violence within Aurora, CO through a multi-disciplinary approach, pairing a mental health professional with a mental health trained law enforcement officer. This funding would increase the capacity of the Targeted Violence Prevention program through the addition of a full-time case manager with specialization in threat management techniques. This funding would also support current operations by providing opportunities for learning, continued collaboration, and the following of promising practices through the attendance of relevant threat assessment and management trainings, professional association memberships, and conferences.

In alignment with the mission of the TVP program, funds would also be allocated toward the provision of training to the citizens of Aurora including school officials, faith-based communities, and all other community members who have an interest or may benefit from knowledge of targeted violence and its prevention efforts.

#### [Southern Illinois University Edwardsville](#)

Type 1: Raising Societal Awareness, Type 2: Media Literacy and Online Critical Thinking Initiatives, Type 3: Civic Engagement  
\$332,491.00

This project seeks to develop a robust and sustainable local prevention framework against targeted violence in Southern Illinois by engaging a diverse array of local stakeholders to create a whole of society approach to violence prevention. The project is built around three specific project types under the promising practices track: raising societal awareness, media literacy and online critical thinking initiatives and civic engagement. The first phase of the project deploys and analyzes surveys of 41 counties in Southern Illinois that measures risk factors and field tests team-designed interventions built to lower political tensions and reduce support for political violence. The second phase focuses on implementing the preventive framework and has three main goals: 1) enhancing societal awareness among members of law enforcement and community/faith organizations on the current threat environment in the region by conducting a series of training sessions, 2) encouraging sustainable community engagement, education and resilience against radicalization to violence through training sessions for local community organizations that are tailored to prevalent local risk factors and 3) developing media literacy and online critical thinking skills among local college students, so that they are better equipped to combat an ever increasing volume of extremist content in the online/digital space.

#### [State of Hawaii Office of Homeland Security](#)

Type 1: Raising Societal Awareness, Type 3: Civic Engagement, Type 5: Threat Assessment and Management Teams  
\$423,000.00

The State of Hawaii Office of Homeland Security (HIOHS) is the state agency charged with preventing terrorism in Hawaii. HIOHS's whole-of-community strategy to prevent targeted violence includes training on violent extremism; establishing, training, and operating behavioral threat assessment and management teams (TATM); and developing a prevention network that connects the TATM and traditional fusion center partners with community resources. So far, HIOHS has trained various audiences on violent extremism; co-founded Threat Team Hawaii (formerly Threat Team Oahu) and Threat Team EDU; and hosted panels with community resources. HIOHS will expand violent extremism training and increase focus on lone offender dynamics; and increase civic engagement through additional outreach and education with community resources who can deescalate conflict within the community and help TAMT manage threats. HIOHS will partner with a major healthcare provider, Kaiser Permanente, to establish a team like TTE for the healthcare sector. Kaiser Permanente will work to improve threat management by collecting data within its own organization to look for differences in the

presence or absence of social determinants of health. The analysis could help threat managers focus on mitigating the most relevant risk factors and stressors to prevent violence.

#### NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services

Type 5: Threat Assessment and Management Teams, Type 7: Referral Services  
\$500,000.00

The NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) is requesting FY2022 TVTP funds to support the creation and advancement of Threat Assessment and Management (TAM) teams across upstate New York. This request will directly support its FY2020 award, which provided funding to DHSES to support the Rochester Threat Advisory Committee (ROCTAC), an existing TAM team in Monroe County, and to begin providing training and resources to other upstate regions to support the creation of TAM teams within their respective region. With FY2022 TVTP funds, DHSES will directly support the creation and sustainment of three new TAM Teams in upstate New York, the City of Buffalo/Erie County, Niagara County, and the City of Troy. FY2022 TVTP funds will also be used to continue expanding the successful ROCTAC model in Monroe County, as well as by DHSES to provide statewide training initiatives to include other interested New York State communities, conduct research and analysis on statewide trends related to targeted violence and terrorism prevention, and engagement opportunities to further socialize the ROCTAC model and stand-up additional TAM Teams across the state.

#### Berkeley City Council

Type 1: Raising Societal Awareness, Type 3: Civic Engagement, Type 5: Threat Assessment and Management Teams  
\$383,563.00

Berkeley County will establish a coordinated Berkeley County Homeland Security Program including a county-wide multi-disciplinary threat assessment and management task force supported by education trainings, technology to mitigate, refer, and respond to targeted violence. Under the leadership of county law enforcement in partnership with emergency management and first responders, the task force will develop a sustainable countywide communication plan with standardized protocols regarding violent crime, increased awareness and competencies through training sessions and increase school and community-based efforts to encourage reporting of suspected behavior, threats and violent crimes. The task force will meet regularly to communicate, collaborate and consolidate knowledge from which plans are made, actions determined, and future decisions influenced regarding risk readiness and response.

The Berkeley County Homeland Security Program Threat Assessment and Management Task Force will enhance the long-range community wide emergency plan ensuring all citizens achieve a superior quality of life within a safe, active and healthy community."

## Boulder Pride

### Type 1: Raising Societal Awareness

\$153,579.00

Out Boulder County (OBC's) LBGTQ Community Violence Prevention Project will increase violence prevention awareness and efforts among Colorado's front range communities, with a focus on individuals identifying as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer (LGBTQ). Prioritizing communities of color, and those living with mental health and substance use disorders, OBC will leverage its existing relationships with law enforcement at the local, county, and state level, in training and collaborative prevention planning and establish additional LGBTQ Liaison programs throughout the region. As a result, law enforcement professionals and departments will be better equipped to serve and protect LGBTQ individuals and groups from targeted violence; increase the frequency of comprehensive, and culturally competent responses to threats and acts of targeted violence to LGBTQ individuals & groups; increase reporting of threats and acts of targeted violence, and increased awareness of resources among LGBTQ community members.

## Muflehun

### Type 1: Raising Societal Awareness, Type 6: Bystander Training

\$374,996.00

The Tackle! Podcast is a true-crime genre series with the first season consisting of eight episodes. Each episode will be built on a well-researched case of a real incident that has occurred, with the history of the planned attack and the perpetrator, and interviews woven in from multiple individuals relevant to the story. The implemented Tackle! Upstander Training curriculum will be mapped onto the case studies, raising awareness of a sub-category of domestic terrorism and targeted violence, examining the risk and protective factors that existed in the perpetrator's life, and the behavioral indicators that were present and could have been/were acted upon by upstanders. The cases will include examples of successful and thwarted attacks, and the existing or missing role of engaged upstanders and Local Prevention Frameworks. The Tackle! Podcast will have at least 200,000 targeted impressions, ensuring an audience of at least 20,000 unique listeners, focusing on the 35-54 year-old age group. The geographic focus will be towards difficult to reach, small and medium population size communities in the Northeast I-95 corridor (where the Muflehun CREWS project is already underway), and the Pacific Northwest region where there have historically been many incidents and insufficient allocation of funding for awareness or prevention programs.

## Charleston County

### Type 1: Raising Societal Awareness

\$198,628.00

Charleston County plans to improve its Local Prevention Framework by focusing on expanding the collective training to include an assessment protocol of risk indicators as well as behavioral

indicators to prevent targeted violence. This training will be provided to multiple organizations of different disciplines; including co-responder teams (Law Enforcement/South Carolina Department of Mental Health specialty teams which interact with Charleston's mental health community), Charleston County Emergency Medical Services (EMS), Charleston County Consolidated 9-1-1Center, Charleston Dorchester Mental Health Center, and Charleston Center (Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services). Through this funding, it is the objective of Charleston County to fully equip first responders and clinicians with the ability to:

1. Identify behavioral health clients who may exhibit indicators of planning targeted violence
2. Conduct assessments of behavioral health clients to determine the degree of risk as needed
3. Implement a safety plan to provide the appropriate care and services the individual may need to increase protective factors and reduce risk factors/train the trainer piece should make this sustainable.

#### [Southern University and A&M College](#)

Type 1: Raising Societal Awareness  
\$160,000.00

In January of 2022, eight HBCUs were the target of bomb threats. These threats caused major evacuations, class cancellations, and police investigations. A month later, in February, HBCUs received more bomb threats. More than 15 HBCUs were impacted, including Southern University and A&M College in Baton Rouge. Southern University Police recognize a great need for Southern University students to understand the behaviors and actions that represent pre-incident indicators, and the process of radicalization. The SU-TVTP program has three primary Objectives:

1. Create a Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention (TVTP) Team designed to develop a prevention framework.
2. Conduct training for Campus Police and essential organizations designed to increase their knowledge on pre-incident indicators and the process of radicalization of targeted violence and terrorism; and
3. Conduct Training for Students designed to increase their knowledge on pre-incident indicators and the process of radicalization of targeted violence and terrorism.

#### [The Children's Hospital Corporation](#)

Type 1: Raising Societal Awareness, Type 5: Threat Assessment and Management Teams  
\$634,307.00

The overall goal of this project is to equip and empower four local school districts (Bedford, Norton, Essex North and Hudson) to be able to better identify and help youth at risk for radicalization to violence or targeted violence and terrorism. The Children's Hospital Corporation proposes to do this through the establishment of school-based threat assessment teams (TATs), increasing awareness of signs of radicalization or violence risk, facilitating referral pathways to the school-based TATs, and supporting robust assessment, management and intervention of referred youth through coordination and connection with Massachusetts Area Prevention (MAP) Program at Boston Children's Hospital. The Children's Hospital Corporation

proposes to implement two projects: Raising societal awareness within schools (Project 1), and School Based Threat Assessment Teams (Project 2). Under Project 1, The Children's Hospital Corporation will deliver awareness trainings for staff and students based on the existing DHS Community Awareness Briefing curriculum and customized for the school setting. Project 2 will establish school-based TATs in four Massachusetts school districts representing a range of geographic diversity and student populations.

#### District of Columbia Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency

Type 5: Threat Assessment and Management Teams, Type 7: Referral Services, Type 3: Civic Engagement

\$637,500.00

The District of Columbia is a city famous for its symbolic landmarks, international organizations, and is the seat of the U.S. federal government. As the Agency responsible for leading planning coordination, the District of Columbia's Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency has applied a public health approach to address terrorism and targeted violence within the city through a multidisciplinary threat assessment and management team. This project aims to develop the threat management capabilities of the threat assessment and management team by creating a playbook outlining procedures for different types of interventions. In addition, the project will establish a protocol and mechanism for callers using the city's 311 services to receive threat assessment and management resources. Finally, the project will build upon its Protect DC Initiative to engage community-based organizations through in-person events and targeted social media messaging to educate and empower communities to identify and report concerning behavior or communication that could indicate an individual mobilizing to violence.

#### The Carter Center

Type 2: Media Literacy and Online Critical Thinking Initiatives

\$99,372.00

To address the gap in media literacy education in the United States within a targeted violence and terrorism prevention context, The Carter Center will partner with Syracuse University to demonstrate the effectiveness of its media literacy curriculum in mitigating the harms presented by dis-, misinformation. This partnership would allow The Carter Center to deploy its curriculum modules over a two-year period in multiple classroom settings targeting a wide population aged 18 to 60 years old. Media literacy trainings build capacities in evaluating media sources, assessing media intent, interpreting media messages, understanding how the brain processes information, understanding how online media shapes perception, recognizing false and misleading information, investigating suspicious claims, and practicing good media hygiene. The effectiveness of these trainings will be measured via paired t-tests.

## University of Rhode Island

Type 2: Media Literacy and Online Critical Thinking Initiatives, Type 4: Youth Resilience Programs  
\$701,612.00

Disinformation, conspiracy theories, and propaganda have become large-scale social problems, shaping the way citizens view facts, define truth, and make decisions. Learning to critically analyze information, digital media, and popular culture can benefit all members of society by diminishing the appeal of us-vs-them thinking that activates strong emotions and oversimplifies ideas and information. The University of Rhode Island seeks to reach members of faith communities, military spouses and family members, public health and public safety workforce, K-12 educators, librarians, high school and college students, and media and public relations professionals in programs that include dialogue, active listening, and creative media production. In Program 1, online and face-to-face dialogues help demonstrate how to critically analyze propaganda, disinformation, and domestic extremism. In Program 2, high school and college educators learn how to integrate media literacy into civic education. In Program 3, high school and college students participate in a multimedia social media campaign, with support from local state public safety experts as well as communications and public relations professionals.

## Maryland Department of Emergency Management

Type 1: Raising Societal Awareness, Type 2: Media Literacy and Online Critical Thinking Initiatives, Type 3: Civic Engagement, Type 7: Referral Services, Type 5: Threat Assessment and Management Teams  
\$693,522.00

MDEM will work with Governor's Office on Homeland Security (GOHS), other State departments and agencies to include the Maryland State Police, Maryland Coordination and Analysis Center, Maryland State Department of Education, the University of Maryland Center for Health and Homeland Security (CHHS), Frederick Community College-Mid-Atlantic Center for Emergency Management (FCC-MACEM), Global Peace Foundation

(GPF), and Intelligence Consulting Partners (ICP) to achieve the following objectives: 1) enhance the threat assessment and management capabilities of local jurisdictions by developing a threat assessment framework, conducting trainings for implementing the framework, and developing protocols for handling referrals; 2) ensure broad awareness of the threat of targeted violence and terrorism among potential referral sources (e.g. faith leaders, educators, school counselors, youth mentors, mental health and social service providers, law enforcement,

211/311 operators) by conducting awareness-raising trainings and community engagement events; and 3) counter terrorists and violent extremists' influence online through media literacy trainings for university students; The project activities will directly reach 2,150 participants across Maryland State.

## Fairfax County Police Department

Type 5: Threat Assessment and Management Teams, Type 1: Raising Societal Awareness, Type 6: Bystander Training  
\$215,000.00

The proposed project will develop a threat assessment and management (TAM) team, based on national best practices, made up of law enforcement, mental health, and community services personnel for the Northern Virginia region. This core team will produce threat assessments based on an appraisal of observed (or reasonably observable) behaviors to identify potentially dangerous or violent situations, to investigate/assess them, and to manage them. The overall goal will be to ensure the safety of all involved, while respecting individual privacy, civil rights, and civil liberties.

To complement the threat assessment and management program, awareness training for community members and partners will be provided quarterly. The training curriculum will cover behavioral indicators of mobilization or radicalization to violence and how to refer individuals to the TAM team or law enforcement if there is a risk of imminent harm."

## onePULSE Foundation

Type 1: Raising Societal Awareness, Type 2: Media Literacy and Online Critical Thinking Initiatives  
\$247,900.00

onePULSE Foundation was created to memorialize the Pulse Nightclub shooting in 2016 to ensure Pulse's legacy of love, acceptance and hope was never lost. Since this attack, onePULSE has been increasing societal awareness of the shooting, and stretching the boundaries on controversial topics and increasing dialogue around the LGBTQ+ community and resilience. Using the onePULSE Academy, which is the education arm of onePULSE, whose purpose is to promote acceptance and inclusion through innovative, reflective, experiential learning methods. Its four specific functions are to provide education programs that promote acceptance and inclusion; educational site tours that create safer learning communities and an education hub for knowledge and information on social issues. onePULSE Academy aims to positively impact social change at the individual, group, and community levels.

## Lewis University

Type 2: Media Literacy and Online Critical Thinking Initiatives  
\$157,707.00

H2i at Lewis University proposes to:

1. Develop a How2INFORM (H2i) Educators Toolkit to support media literacy training in classrooms.
2. Provide training for educators by traveling to locations throughout the state of Illinois and online, via h2i.info, and online modules available for professional development hours.

3. Maintain and improve upon h2i.info, including regular re-evaluation of materials and resources, which currently consists of videos, websites, publications, and podcasts helpful in combating misinformation.
4. These activities will support the TVTP Grant Program's Objective 2 by creating an educational platform increasing media literacy and online critical thinking initiatives for educators, concerned adults, and students. Free tools and resources will be provided equitably to communities within the state to help combat online misinformation."

#### Karuna Center for Peacebuilding

Type 1: Raising Societal Awareness, Type 4: Youth Resilience Programs, Type 7: Referral Services

\$258,298.00

Youth violence is a critical threat to communities and schools countrywide and schools are increasingly unsafe and dangerous spaces that have become the breeding grounds for radicalization to violence. School communities are unaware of the radicalization process and are unprepared to prevent radicalization to violence, much less support radicalized students to find exit opportunities. The "BRAVE Schools" Program will improve local school prevention capabilities by strengthening school resilience to extremism and targeted violence through: 1) increasing the capacity of middle and high school "Student Resource Teams (SRTs)" to effectively identify students susceptible and at-risk of targeted violence and terrorism through training, ongoing support, and network-building; and 2) improving student awareness through sensitization and discussion forums to increase their understanding of and resilience to extremist influences and access to effective, student-centered referral mechanisms.

#### Cure Violence Global

Type 1: Raising Societal Awareness, Type 5: Threat Assessment and Management Teams, Type 7: Referral Services

\$796,328.00

Capacity-building to Undermine Recruitment to Extremism in the Pacific Northwest (CURE: PNW) seeks to prevent violence and increase immunity against radicalization to violence by enhancing local capacity to do primary, secondary, and tertiary prevention endeavors. This project will be seamlessly blended with and add essential elements to Cure Violence Global's (CVG) Ctrl+Alt+Del-Hate:PDX (CAHD:PDX) initiative, augmenting CADH:PDX's threat assessment and management, referral services, and societal awareness components. These added components, which address gaps identified in the early months of implementation of CADH:PDX, will help to firmly establish the local prevention framework by building capacities of individuals and organizations to identify and manage potential threats, effectively operate the SHIFT-HATE Helpline (a referral service specifically for individuals radicalized or at risk of being radicalized to violence), and train CBOs that provide wrap-around services to addresses risk factors related to radicalization to violence. CURE:PNW includes online and offline activities facilitated by experts inside and outside the Portland Metropolitan area who will work with local community members to provide skills and resources to key stakeholders that are

needed to build a sustainable local prevention framework for preventing individuals from committing violence and from being radicalized to violence.

#### University of Hawaii

Type 1: Raising Societal Awareness, Type 3: Civic Engagement, Type 6: Bystander Training  
\$533,285.00

UH West O'ahu intends to create opportunities to further enhance and strengthen local threat assessment and management capabilities within the state of Hawaii. Those opportunities include the following: creating free accessible training; collaborating with an established community-based partner whose mission is to address violence, abuse and trauma, and by creating and mobilizing a bystander intervention awareness program that encourages safe options for reporting for the local community.

While the creation of an available collection of training resources alone will not be sufficient, collaborating with the Institute on Violence, Abuse and Trauma (IVAT) through their Hawai'i Pacific Branch- Ho'omaluhia to create a training track on threat assessment as a complimentary topic area to trainings already presented at their annual summit, will help bridge local efforts and provide excellent cross training within the community. The annual summit will assist in the efforts to infuse trauma and culturally informed practices into threat assessment and violence prevention education to the state of Hawai'i. Furthermore, a generalized local bystander intervention awareness campaign and training will help the community recognize behavior that should be reported, as well as other options for safe interventions that will benefit the community as a whole.

#### International Center for the Study of Violent Extremism

Type 1: Raising Societal Awareness  
\$147,510.00

In considering how to address targeted violence in the United States, law enforcement personnel, specifically police officers and sheriffs' deputies, are the first line of defense, countering infiltration and recruitment attempts in their communities. The proposed program aims to train law enforcement professionals to effectively identify and intervene with people who are at-risk of radicalization, are being, or have already been radicalized, as well as to protect against community and policing infiltration attempts by violent extremist groups trying to gain access to vulnerable community members and to police training and weapons. The goal of this project is to provide a comprehensive, evidence-based series of Zoom conferences and brief concept papers to be delivered to police across the country in order to educate and prepare them for a new era of violent extremist radicalization and recruitment.

## Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars

Type 1: Raising Societal Awareness, Type 3: Civic Engagement, Type 2: Media Literacy and Online Critical Thinking Initiatives  
\$750,000.00

This project targets disinformation as a means of devaluing a recruitment tool for radicalization. The Wilson Center's Serious Games Initiative will develop an educational digital game and supportive materials for educating students in secondary schools in Northeast Washington Educational Service District 101 (ESD 101) in Washington State on disinformation. Specifically, this digital educational game and learning program will help students understand different strategies used to spread disinformation by malignant actors and provide students with a hands-on learning experience around strategies and policies to combat disinformation at the institutional level.

## Urban Rural Action

Type 1: Raising Societal Awareness, Type 2: Media Literacy and Online Critical Thinking Initiatives, Type 3: Civic Engagement, Type 5: Threat Assessment and Management Teams, Type 7: Referral Services  
\$769,190.00

Uniting to Prevent Targeted Violence (UPTV) will create a sustainable Local Prevention Framework (LPF) in south-central Pennsylvania that prevents targeted violence by (1) strengthening social cohesion, (2) forming and deploying Threat Assessment and Management (TAM) teams led by local organizations, and (3) raising community awareness of targeted violence. Urban Rural Action will form a cohort of 30 Pennsylvania Uniters (with ideological, racial, generational, and geographic diversity) who will collaborate on community partner-led TAM teams to implement prevention interventions and raise community awareness of the LPF. UR Action will implement UPTV with support from News Literacy Project and five community organizations in south-central PA: CONTACT Helpline, Just for Today Recovery & Veteran's Support Services, Mediation Services of Adams County, South Central Community Action Programs, and Suicide Prevention of York.

## Lee Memorial Health System

Type 5: Threat Assessment and Management Teams  
\$110,000.00

While workplace violence within healthcare and directed at healthcare workers was an issue prior to the pandemic, it has worsened considerably. In 2020 the Bureau of Labor Statistics reported that health care workers accounted for nearly three-quarters of violence-related workplace injuries and illnesses, with hospital workers six times more likely to suffer job violence than private sector workers as a whole. This project aims to create early warning, threat assessment and threat management systems for the 4 acute care hospitals, 2 specialty hospitals and more than 80 community-based care facilities throughout the health system. The goal of

these systems is to utilize best practice, scientific based assessment tools to identify whether a person may be on a pathway to violence and if so, implement threat management and safety plans to interrupt the potential for the violence to occur. Workers who dedicate themselves to saving lives deserve a safe environment – free of violence and intimidation – in which to deliver care.

#### Global Peace Foundation

Type 1: Raising Societal Awareness, Type 3: Civic Engagement, Type 4: Youth Resilience Programs  
\$275,341.00

This project will address that need through a series of integrated programs in the state of Maryland, with a special focus on Anne Arundel and Montgomery counties. The purpose of these programs is to increase community awareness on risk factors for radicalization to violence, build youth resilience by enhancing protective factors, and strengthen community engagement and resilience to reduce the number of individuals likely to radicalize to violence. The programs will include awareness-raising trainings for 1,000 individuals from at least 4 law-enforcement agencies in Maryland, a series of both virtual and in-person knowledge-exchange sessions between New Jersey and Maryland law enforcement personnel, awareness-raising trainings for 500 individuals from youth-serving organizations, a series of both virtual and in-person knowledge-exchange for New Jersey and Maryland youth-serving stakeholders, planning sessions between youth and youth serving organizations to collaborate and design community service projects, an in-person leadership development convening for 50 youth, community-wide briefings for youth, community members, parents, educators, and other stakeholders, and community engagement events to facilitate engagement between diverse communities and implement the you-designed service projects.

#### University of Dayton

Type 1: Raising Societal Awareness, Type 2: Media Literacy and Online Critical Thinking Initiatives, Type 3: Civic Engagement  
\$352,109.00

The University of Dayton Human Rights Center will implement the Preventing Radicalization to Extremist Violence through Education, Network-Building and Training in Southwest Ohio (PREVENTS-OH) project, which aims to develop a proactive, informed and resilient network of organizations, coalitions and civic entities aware and capable of collaborating to prevent domestic violent extremism in Southwest Ohio. PREVENTS-OH will raise awareness of the radicalization to violence process and establish a local prevention framework to counter it, develop and implement modules on the risks of and protective factors for radicalization to violence related to media literacy and online critical thinking for students, and improve civic engagement and build intergroup trust by conducting community dialogues on sensitive topics related to domestic violent extremism and developing local dialogue facilitation capacities. These efforts will result in more proactive and effective collaboration among stakeholders to prevent radicalization and extremist violence based on a shared understanding of the problem.

The project will also generate lessons learned and best practices to inform ongoing and future prevention of domestic violent extremism efforts, both in Southwest Ohio and in other regions of the state or country as applicable.

#### Texas Department of Public Safety, Intelligence and Counterterrorism Division

Type 1: Raising Societal Awareness, Type 3: Civic Engagement, Type 6: Bystander Training  
\$286,381.00

The TxDPS TVTP Grant Program project will: Develop training courses and educational materials to enhance the understanding of domestic radicalization paths and indicators, domestic terrorism TTPs, whole community information sharing, and other related issues among whole community partners – to include businesses, faith-based and community organizations, nonprofit groups, schools and academia, and local and regional public sector representatives.

Deliver in-person classroom training courses to whole community partners in Austin, TX to create a TVTP Liaison Partner Program (which TxDPS will expand across Texas following the grant's period of performance) and enhance whole community collaboration focused on targeted violence and terrorism prevention.

#### Alcorn State University

Type 1: Raising Societal Awareness  
\$160,000.00

Preventing radicalism, while a pressing national issue, is not a top priority for police in Southwest, MS that must address violent crime, drugs, gangs, and a host of other public safety concerns. Alcorn State University is proposing the Community Radicalization to Violence Training program to address the growing violence in our region and in our nation with domestic terrorism and race-based violence. It is aimed to assist Alcorn State University and surrounding communities to combat threats and other societal harms that lead to groups coming together with the intent of causing harm to property or life. This project is necessary due to the growing threats that HBCUS have encountered since 2018. We anticipate that providing trainings of this nature will not only assist the University in addressing this growing concern, but also assist the surrounding counties with skills and knowledge to help fight violence within their communities.

#### United States Esports Association

Type 2: Media Literacy and Online Critical Thinking Initiatives, Type 3: Civic Engagement, Type 4: Youth Resilience Programs"  
\$226,260.00

The present project is an out-of-school-time (OST) program for college students that comprises leadership, activism, and development components in relation to competitive videogaming and esports. The leadership component focuses on character-building and development of grit and rigor in students' academic, personal, and professional lives. The activism component focuses on

community engagement and participation in OST civic activities, including the nonprofit and government sectors. The development component focuses on workforce development activities, including skills training and experiential learning with on-the-job and projects-based activities. The present project achieves resilience to radicalization within local communities and online by leveraging young people's participation in esports as well as their self-drive and aspirations for success as vehicles for developing, integrating, and delivering a TVTP framework particular to their unique risk profile. As esports grows in cultural impact, comorbid risk factors must be addressed early before bad form sets in. Esports' immense sociocultural diversity opens the door for malign state and non-state actors to radicalize our young people, especially through esports washing by authoritarian regimes. The present project, therefore, is a comprehensive hedge against the emergence of esports-based TVT throughout the United States by matching TVTP efforts to lifespan development and cultural interests.

#### [International Documentary Foundation](#)

Type 1: Raising Societal Awareness, Type 2: Media Literacy and Online Critical Thinking Initiatives  
\$193,410.00

"The Cure For Hate" is a secondary school-focused documentary film impact program that uses ex-neo Nazi Tony McAleer's powerful personal journey of atonement to Auschwitz - and his long journey back from a life in hate groups - as a vehicle for raising awareness of how and why individuals radicalize to violence. The project keeps the important lessons of the Holocaust alive - in a way that connects directly to the present and the world around us. This program's fundamental aim is to help young people understand the roots of hatred - the conditions under which it thrives - and ways to prevent its spread.

The curriculum and materials have been designed to provide young people with specific tools to counter "othering" tendencies, teach digital literacy, and promote community resiliency. This project is phase one of a larger effort, geared towards making the program and its materials available for classroom use throughout the US. To this end, it will deploy a high profile educational & community impact screening tour to 21 communities - in order to elevate attention around the program, underscore its value to broader communities, and promote future educational & institutional partnerships.

#### [Middlebury's Center on Terrorism, Extremism, and Counterterrorism \(CTEC\)](#)

Type 1: Raising Societal Awareness, Type 2: Media Literacy and Online Critical Thinking Initiatives, Type 3: Civic Engagement  
\$699,763.00

Over the past decade, video games have increasingly become focal points of social activity and identity creation for adolescents and young adults. Relationships made and fostered within game ecosystems routinely cross over into the real world and are impactful parts of local communities. Correspondingly, extremists have used video games and targeted video game communities for activities ranging from propaganda creation to terrorist mobilization and training. Game

developers in general—from small, independent studios to billion-dollar multinational corporations—have lagged in awareness of how extremists may attempt to exploit their games, and how their communities can be targeted for radicalization. This joint project from the Center on Terrorism, Extremism, and Counterterrorism, Take This, and Logically seeks to develop a shared framework for understanding extremism in games. This includes the development of a set of best practices and centralized resources for monitoring and evaluation of extremist activities as well as a series of training workshops for the monitoring, detection, and prevention of extremist exploitation in gaming spaces for community managers, multiplayer designers, lore developers, mechanics designers, and trust and safety professionals.

### Music in Common

Type 1: Raising Societal Awareness, Type 4: Youth Resilience Programs  
\$441,300.00

Racial hatred is pervasive, current, and can lead to violent extremism. Music in Common's theory of change contends that employing the power of music to inspire social cohesion and integration gives voice to Black and White youth expanding racial understanding and promoting a discourse of non-violence. The Black LP Experience extends the reach of the Black Legacy Project to promote lasting change through sharing its conversations and collaborations with Americans from all backgrounds and identities. The Experience provides opportunities for meaningful dialogue that ingrain these messages into new audiences.

### American University (AU) Peril

Type 2: Media Literacy and Online Critical Thinking Initiatives, Type 3: Civic Engagement  
\$749,828.00

This project will scale up evidence-based, short-form video inoculation strategies interrupting pathways to violent extremism. The project's theory of change is that creating sustainable capacity in short-form video-based inoculation techniques will create scalable prevention approaches across the nation. The project goal is to increase local leaders' and practitioners' capacity to utilize innovative visual technology and inoculation tactics to create off-ramps from violent extremism. The project includes three components: 1) In-person and online train-the-trainers programs to teach local leaders and practitioners how to design, produce, and implement inoculation videos as a tool for preventing extremist violence; 2) an accompanying video- and text-based web portal to support learners pre- and post-training with evidence-based resources, video tools, and guidelines to increase practitioner ability to implement practical inoculation strategies; 3) a how-to guide for evaluating the effectiveness of locally-designed, video-based interventions. The Polarization and Extremism Research and Innovation Lab (PERIL) at American University will partner with media production company Long Story Short Media (LSS). Target audiences are selected based upon a "Whole Community" approach, to include leaders and practitioners in a wide variety of groups, including civic organizations, schools, universities, state and local governments, employers, military, faith communities, and sports teams."

## Parents 4 Peace

Type 1: Raising Societal Awareness, Type 7 Referral Services  
\$749,546.00

Violent extremism represents a complex and rapidly evolving threat to the safety and security of communities across the United States. Today's threat landscape features multiple drivers, actors and alliances that transcend national borders and ideologies. There remains great urgency to design and execute initiatives aimed at effectively tackling the problem. Consistent with a public health approach, this means addressing prevention across the spectrum of violent extremism - from preventing initial involvement, to facilitating exit from relevant groups. Parents 4 Peace (P4P) proposes a collaboration between P4P, a non-governmental organization at the forefront of facilitating exit from violent extremism, and experts on targeted violence from Georgia State University. The proposed collaboration will not only increase the operational and management capabilities of P4P but will see the design and implementation of quality assurance protocols, measurement and evaluation to enhance the effectiveness of P4P's already vital services. Furthermore, this collaboration will see the development of an evidence-led, training curriculum aimed at providing formers who work in the peer-support prevention space with the knowledge, skills and self-reflection needed to maximize their effectiveness at interventions. This innovative collaboration is designed to produce several immediate, medium-, and long-term practical steps to directly reduce violent extremism.

## North America Scholastic E-Sports Federation (NASEF)

Type 1: Raising Societal Awareness, Type 4: Youth Resilience Programs  
\$750,000.00

The Scholastic Esports as Resilient Safe Spaces Program, led by the North America Scholastic Esports Federation (NASEF) in strong partnership with multiple state affiliates / partners, and 6-8 selected pilot geographies based at high school campuses across the continental US, will gather young people in a safe, neutral, and inspiring community using scholastic esports as a vehicle for youth development, college / career pathway identification and readiness, and an attention to social-emotional practices in a dynamic, peer mentor and adult supported group (club) setting.

Students will create Clubs and collaborate on building their Club Charter, Code of Conduct, and Community Development & Sustainability Plan with goals and objectives, and compete in scholastic esports, testing their skills, innovation, and creativity in real-world challenges. The students will utilize NASEF's learning framework as the basis for Club activities that promote the diversity, equity and inclusion of all interested youth, the outcomes of which have been successfully demonstrated as competitive and educational opportunities at the local, regional, state, national and international levels.

## *Innovation Track*

Nu Art Education, Inc.

\$600,000.00

The mental health of students as well as students' inability to engage with peers is promoting violence and destructive coping mechanisms. Following the theory of change that utilizing theater arts as a tool to teach and practice conflict resolution strategies in the classroom will engage students and promote positive connections to peers while building community thus decreasing the risk factors associated with targeted violence, NorCal School of the Arts will create and implement a Theater Arts and Conflict Resolution Integration program to vulnerable populations in Sacramento's title 1 schools.

NorCal School of the Arts project proposal includes professional development for the classroom teachers on theater arts & conflict resolution integrated strategies for the classroom as well as a series of classes for students taught by NorCal teaching artists. NorCal is currently in 150 classrooms in title 1 schools in Sacramento City Unified School District providing Theater Arts & SEL classes, serving over 4000 students. This proposal aims to expand the program and create a new curriculum that engages students in conflict resolution and violence prevention strategies through a kinesthetic, artistic approach using theater arts exercises, theater games and role-playing situations of conflict to engage the students in practicing nonviolent solutions."

[Syracuse University S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communication](#)

\$592,598.00

This Innovation track project proposal focuses on understanding how media literacy can offer a method for mediating cognitive and emotional responses in an extended reality (virtual, augmented, and mixed reality) environment. This project will create and test Media Literacy interventions focused on Harmful Information in virtual spaces, to inform the prevention of extremism and violent content in the metaverse. Immersive virtual spaces such as virtual reality and the metaverse create more visceral emotions than traditional online spaces such as the internet, which makes it a potentially high-risk environment for manipulation. Terrorist recruiters and violent extremists are active in online social spaces and will most certainly target new forms of technology for their efforts to spread conspiracy theories, air grievances, and to craft misinformation, disinformation, and malinformation. This study will (1) identify key concepts and techniques specifically related to persuasion in XR contexts, and (2) apply these findings to create gamified interventions based on existing research from media literacy. This study will pilot these experiences for members of the extended reality (XR) community in the target recruitment age.

[University of Maryland National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism \(START\)](#)

\$749,504.00

The overall goal of this program is to build on the strengths and capabilities of the veteran and military family community to sustainably reduce targeted violence and terrorism risk among this population. The program takes a public health approach to establishing a national targeted violence and terrorism prevention framework across the veteran and military family community supported by an innovative multi-sectoral, and multidisciplinary ecosystem. The National

Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism (START) at the University of Maryland, College Park and We the Veterans (WtV) will coalesce relevant entities within this ecosystem into a steering group comprised of representatives from the veteran and military family community, and three multisectoral working groups on Civic Engagement, Mitigating Mis/Dis/Malinformation (MDM), and Extremist Violence Prevention (EVP). START and WtV will focus on primary prevention initially to establish trust, build awareness, and increase lines of communication among assets within this ecosystem through three projects that are generally aligned with the TVTP “Promising Practices” track. These primary prevention initiatives will pave the way for secondary and tertiary prevention program proposals generated collaboratively with working group participants. Once established, the program objective will be to continuously enhance and expand on this framework through research-informed initiatives.

Teachers College, Columbia University

\$748,494.00

By creating a peer-to-peer learning and mentorship program for middle-school and high-school students focused on ‘Othering’, as a form of targeted violence, this project has three goals:

1. to create a training for students in which peer-to-peer models of engagement will lead to the creation of local prevention campaigns that address forms of ‘Othering’ in physical, virtual, and social spaces;
2. to incubate these student-led local prevention campaigns from conceptualization to implementation; and
3. to study the emergent local prevention frameworks that address ‘Othering’ in schools. The theory of change centers the students as prevention advocates who will serve as change-makers against forms of ‘Othering’ in U.S schools. This project’s framework is grounded in challenging the binary concept of the ‘other,’ in which theoretical opposites, real or imagined, are strictly defined and set off against one another.

Drawing on two primary populations of interest, the team will conduct a mixed methods analysis with a sample of participating middle school/high-school students (n=250) to understand the impact of this innovative peer-to-peer training program in building resilience to ‘Othering’ in their local communities. The program will initiate and study novel peer-to-peer initiatives that amplify protective factors against targeted violence."

Michigan State University

\$878,283.00

Studies have found links between adolescents’ delinquent behaviors and subsequent radicalization and violent extremism. To disrupt this pathway, the current proposal addresses objective 2 of the TVTP grant program via 1) an innovative intervention with 18- to 21-year-olds incarcerated at Rikers Island, New York City; and 2) a multimedia awareness campaign in collaboration with Pulitzer Prize finalist podcast, Ear Hustle, and the oldest Black newspaper in New York, the New York Amsterdam News. At Rikers Island, this project aims to expand implementation of a theater-based intervention Drama Club, bolstered by an evaluation to assess

the effectiveness of Drama Club in increasing social emotional skills, non-violent conflict resolution, and hope, while decreasing radicalization and violence among incarcerated and court-involved youth. We will raise community awareness about preventing radicalization to violence through award-winning multimedia outlets, Ear Hustle and the New York Amsterdam News, to tell the stories of system-involved youth to audiences around the country. This community-partnered project is grounded in the humanity of youth and a shared understanding that extreme violence is not inevitable. Prevention begins with understanding and then intervening on risk factors that lay the path to violent extremism, while promoting protective factors at individual and community levels.

#### Arizona State University

\$659,327.00

The student-led, Middlebury Institute of International Studies Invent2Prevent team, in collaboration with Arizona State University, is pursuing the continuation of their first-place project, Diverting Hate. The Diverting Hate team proposes to:

1. Develop and contribute to the theoretical understanding of Incel ideology by conducting and sharing the results of in-depth research, practical analyses, and marketing tests to practitioners, researchers, academics, and the broader preventing targeted violence and terrorism community.
2. Disrupt Incel radicalization on-ramps within Twitter by surfacing alternative pathways to community group partners using targeted ads via user behavior, key terms, and network analysis.

Arizona State University received a TVTP award in FY2020 and FY2021

#### The Carter Center

\$557,102.00

Drawing on extensive international experience, The Carter Center will work in partnership with Root Change to establish three citizen-led social labs for depolarization and violence prevention in Arizona, Georgia, and North Carolina. These bipartisan labs will develop innovative, community-driven strategies that will identify risk factors for antisocial behavior, radicalization, and violence in select counties; form teams to devise and test solution strategies; and, through the process, improve local trust, collaboration, and accountability. Each lab will include approximately 50 participants, including, for example, grassroots activists, civic groups, non-profit service providers, local employers, school personnel, and faith leaders. The labs will provide bipartisan grassroots input and support to community-based targeted violence and terrorism prevention efforts and serve as a transferrable community model that could be scaled nationwide.

#### International Center for Religion and Diplomacy

\$750,000.00

The purpose of SPARC is to inculcate resilience against the spread of disinformation and its divisive effects by making faith actors a part of the solution. SPARC proposes pilots in the Pacific NW, a region identified to be the most uniquely affected in terms of rising white supremacist threats and violent extremism. 10 initial churches will be the focus of the program, and the lessons learned will directly inform future programming that can be scaled out to include other faith communities in Portland and across the country. Moonshot will provide insight on specific trends around disinformation and the spread of violence inciting narratives which will be used to design the capacity building workshops. Through the application of dynamic trends around disinformation in shaping the religious engagement of communities with their faith leaders, ICRD expects to develop societal resilience which is antifragile and transcends beyond mere fact checking. With the collation of data from the four pilot capacity building workshops, and community-engagement activities, ICRD aims to scale the application of societal resilience, where target communities are able to evaluate the meaning of religious disinformation for their future.



# Homeland Security

## **DHS Provides \$20 Million to Local Communities to Prevent Targeted Violence and Terrorism**

September 27, 2021

**WASHINGTON** – Today, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) announced the awarding of 37 grants, totaling \$20 million, under the Fiscal Year 2021 (FY21) Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention (TVTP) Grant Program. The TVTP Grant Program is managed by DHS's [Center for Prevention Programs and Partnerships \(CP3\)](#) and is the only federal grant program dedicated to enhancing the capabilities of local communities to prevent targeted violence and terrorism. This year's grant program prioritized the prevention of domestic violent extremism, including through efforts to counter online radicalization and mobilization to violence.

“Domestic violent extremism and targeted violence pose significant and persistent threats to our homeland,” said Secretary of Homeland Security Alejandro N. Mayorkas. “Attacks on schools, houses of worship, workplaces, and public gatherings threaten Americans’ lives and inflict trauma on our communities. The Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention Grant Program prioritizes investments that empower and equip communities across our country to prevent acts of violence before they occur.”

The FY21 TVTP grants expand on the Department’s new approach to prevention, which centers on providing local communities with evidence-based tools to help prevent violence, while protecting civil rights and civil liberties and privacy rights. These grants will help local communities strengthen online and in-person prevention efforts, including by addressing early-risk factors that can lead to radicalization and violence.

The FY21 TVTP Grant Program is open to state, local, tribal, and territorial government agencies; institutions of higher education; and nonprofit organizations. DHS anticipates the next round of funding will become available for competition in late Winter/early Spring 2022. To ensure more equitable access to this grant program, CP3 provides technical assistance to interested applicants who seek to better understand requirements for applying for federal grants.

For more information, including a full list of grant awards, please visit the [TVTP Grant Program website](#).

For Fiscal Year 2021, the Center for Prevention Programs and Partnerships (CP3) assessed various gaps in the nation's targeted violence and terrorism prevention capabilities. CP3 established the following FY2021 TVTP Grant Program priorities:

- Preventing Domestic Violent Extremism
- Enhancing Local Threat Assessment and Management Capabilities
- Implementing Innovative Solutions for Preventing Targeted Violence and Terrorism
- Challenging Online Violence Mobilization Narratives

### Promising Practices

University of Southern California

Threat Assessment and Management Teams

\$298,488.00

The University of Southern California will expand both its threat assessment and management training and services as well as its active shooter training program throughout the Keck Medical system. This will be accomplished through the creation of certified Threat Assessment Liaisons who are selected from key roles throughout the Keck Medical system to learn about threat assessment and management. Additionally, the Threat Assessment Liaisons and Threat Assessment Team will attend behavior-based threat assessment and targeted violence prevention training, verbal de-escalation training, and active shooter preparedness and response training. Ultimately, the University of Southern California will develop a threat assessment and active shooter prevention tool kit specific to the healthcare setting and that can be utilized by local and national healthcare systems. This applicant was selected based on merit criteria and fulfills the TVTP program priority of establishing local threat assessment and management capabilities.

The Mediation Center of The Coastal Empire, Inc

Raising Societal Awareness

\$140,936.00

The Mediation Center will develop a curriculum based on the Department of Homeland Security's Community Awareness Briefing (CAB) and Law Enforcement Awareness Briefing (LAB), localized for contextual relevance. The Mediation Center will deliver this training to 440 local community leaders and law enforcement personnel. Participants' knowledge and awareness of these issues will increase after training and they will be equipped to train others, building local resiliency against targeted violence, terrorism, and radicalization. This applicant was selected based on merit criteria and fulfills the grant program priority to achieve geographic diversity.

Howell Township Police Athletic League, Inc:

Youth Resilience Programs

\$85,000.00

Howell Township Police Athletic League (HPAL) will implement a comprehensive program to engage youth, youth development staff, teachers, and parents to build youth resilience against engagement in violent extremist ideologies, groups and activities. This will be accomplished by providing training and programming to a core group of middle and high school youth who will serve as advocates for inclusion and adoption of community-wide anti-bias values. Key adults from within the community will also participate in trainings on identifying youth who are

vulnerable to recruitment by hate groups and violent extremists, or who have radicalized to violence. This applicant was selected based on merit criteria and fulfills the grant program priority to achieve geographic diversity.

Boise State University

Raising Societal Awareness, Media Literacy and Online Critical, Youth Resilience Programs Thinking Initiatives

\$130,964.00

This project brings together an interdisciplinary team of scholars from Boise State University and the Wassmuth Center for Human Rights to develop a pilot program that builds an alternate reality game (ARG) that engages users in the democratic values underlying a number of historical markers and public exhibits in the State of Idaho. Building on the existing education program at the Wassmuth Center for Human Rights, Boise State University proposes to increase local individual resilience to recruitment narratives for hate and violence-based ideologies by strengthening the human rights educational outcomes and media literacy skills among 12–25-year-olds. Boise State University will also establish a Media Literacy Reference Desk that will be accessible to public and secondary education students. This applicant was selected based on merit criteria and fulfills the grant program priority of implementing innovative solutions to preventing targeted violence and terrorism, while also achieving geographic diversity.

North Dakota Department of Emergency Services (NDDDES)

Raising Societal Awareness, Civic Engagement, Threat Assessment and Management Teams, Referral Services

\$160,000.00

The North Dakota Department of Emergency Services proposes to establish a local prevention framework across North Dakota by leveraging existing contacts within law enforcement and the public sector and training these key partners on the Department of Homeland Security's existing LAB. This applicant was selected based on merit criteria and fulfills the grant program priority to achieve geographic diversity.

County of Los Angeles

Recidivism Reduction & Integration

\$200,000.00

The Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office proposes to establish the Reconciliation Education and Counseling Crimes of Hate Program (REACCH), an innovative public safety restorative justice probationary model. REACCH is offender-centric by focusing on counseling and anti-bias education; victim centric because it promotes victim reconciliation in a safe and controlled setting; and community centric by inviting community-based organizations to join in the development, facilitation, and implementation of an anti-bias education curriculum designed to reduce xenophobia. Ultimately, REACCH is a response to an unprecedented increase in hate crimes seen throughout the country, as well as an attempt to weave together the unparalleled tapestry of diversity in Los Angeles County. This applicant fulfills the grant program priority to achieve diversity of applicant type.

Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency

Raising Societal Awareness

\$100,000.00

The Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency (GEMA/HS) will design a local prevention framework aimed at awareness, identification, and reporting of radicalized behavior. GEMA/HS will focus its efforts on training law enforcement to ultimately distribute materials and engage with community partners such as correctional facilities, schools, and civic groups. These partnerships will build transparent and trusted relations among the whole of society and ultimately reduce risk, enhance resilience, ensure information sharing, and provide requested services. This applicant fulfills the grant program priority to achieve geographic diversity.

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Inc  
Media Literacy and Online Critical Thinking Initiatives  
\$232,720.00

This project proposes a train-the-trainer professional development program for Volusia county's secondary school educators to co-opt pedagogical tools and methods that challenge online violence mobilization narratives, increase awareness of violent extremist messaging and recruiting, and increase the capabilities of targeted populations to resist and counter messaging. Participants of Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University's train-the-trainer seminars will identify problematic online and media messages that could lead to radicalization to violent extremism, critically evaluate the problematic assumptions, data, or logic of those messages, and develop pedagogical strategies for teaching their own students to recognize and critically evaluate those messages. This applicant fulfills the grant program priority to achieve diversity of project type.

Global Peace Foundation  
Raising Societal Awareness  
\$157,630.00

The Global Peace Foundation (GPF) will provide a series of in-person and digital train-the-trainer sessions community and faith leaders in Prince George's County, Maryland on recognizing risk factors for radicalization to violence. On a larger scale, GPF will conduct outreach and engagement through existing relationships and social media to run a state-wide awareness campaign on the prevalence of this threat. The project builds on an extensive network of stakeholders and experience implementing similar projects to achieve local interest and capacity to prevent targeted violence and terrorism. This applicant fulfills the grant program priority to achieve geographic diversity.

Upland Police Department  
Raising Societal Awareness, Threat Assessment and Management Teams  
\$160,000.00

This project aims to provide police officers, public safety dispatchers, and public safety employees with an overview and understanding of domestic violent extremist groups. The eight-hour course will be accessible by California's 100,000 + police officers and 6,500 dispatchers and has a goal of initially reaching 1,350 students. This course is designed for members of the public safety community to have a basic understanding of the history of violent domestic extremism, why it is a growing movement, and to recognize common tactics used when they are in contact with law enforcement. This applicant fulfills the grant program priority to prevent domestic violent extremism.

Counter Extremism Project  
Recidivism Reduction & Integration  
\$279,290.00

The Counter Extremism Project (CEP) aims to establish “The Radicalization, Rehabilitation, Reintegration and Recidivism Network” by constructing a national ecosystem of at least 150 multiagency and multisectoral stakeholders to facilitate a whole-of-society approach to extremist offender reintegration and recidivism reduction in the U.S. To do so, the Counter Extremism Project (CEP), will assemble key stakeholders involved in the extremist offender reintegration and recidivism reduction arena, enhance knowledge of best practices, connect professional practitioners with expertise in deradicalization-oriented programming, and establish a sustainable community of practice with cross-cutting relationships. This applicant was selected based on merit criteria and fulfills the grant program priority to achieve diversity of project type.

Michigan State Police Emergency Management & Homeland Security  
Threat Assessment and Management Teams  
\$451,255.00

The Michigan State Police (MSP) Michigan Intelligence Operations Center (MIOC) will implement a statewide Fusion Liaison Officer program to provide training for law enforcement, first responders and private sector partners across the state and to enhance awareness and strengthen collaboration and information sharing. Additionally, Michigan State Police will establish a regional and multi-disciplinary threat assessment team to identify, assess, implement, and manage intervention and support strategies for individuals mobilizing to violence. This fulfills the grant program priority to achieve geographic diversity.

Music in Common  
Youth Resilience Programs  
\$400,000.00

Music in Common’s Black Legacy Project aims to prevent targeted violence and terrorism by promoting social cohesion and integration through meaningful dialogue and sustained partnership between Americans across religious, cultural, ethnic, socioeconomic, gender, and sexual orientation backgrounds and identities. The Black Legacy Project is an innovative musical collaboration that strengthens resistance to violent extremism by fusing music, multimedia, conflict transformation, and person to person dialogue and collaboration to foster a multi-generational exchange of perspectives. Throughout the project, participants will reimagine songs central to and centered around the Black American experience, write new songs that speak to modern day issues connected to racism, conduct live release events to share collaborative songs with the public, and hold virtual roundtables to discuss the impact of the program. This applicant fulfills the grant program priority to implement innovative solutions to preventing targeted violence and terrorism and to achieve diversity of applicants in the arts and entertainment sector.

Middlebury’s Center on Terrorism, Extremism and Counterterrorism (CTEC) in collaboration  
with iThrive Games Foundation  
Youth Resilience Programs, Raising Societal Awareness, Media Literacy and Online Critical  
Type, Civic Engagement Thinking Initiatives  
\$629,533.00

This joint project from the Center on Terrorism, Extremism, and Counterterrorism and iThrive

Games Foundation aims to create a novel, game-based curriculum that educates and empowers adolescents to become more aware and more resistant to radicalization, thus building resilience within their local networks. In addition, this project will build capacity at the high school and district level for P/CVE program administration. This applicant was selected based on merit criteria and fulfills the grant program priority to implement innovative solutions to preventing targeted violence and terrorism.

#### Search for Common Ground

Raising Social Awareness, Civic Engagement, Youth Resilience Programs, Threat Assessment and Management Teams, Bystander Training  
\$949,338.00

In Tarrant County, Texas., the STAR team will support religious leaders and other key stakeholders across civil society and government to collaboratively design and implement an evidence-based, whole-of-society local prevention framework. The STAR team will equip county leaders and residents to address violence by raising societal awareness, launching community-led initiatives, developing threat assessment and management teams, and supporting bystanders to prevent violence in Tarrant County. This applicant was selected based on merit criteria and quality of program design.

District of Columbia Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency  
Raising Societal Awareness, Threat Assessment and Management Teams  
\$735,600.00

The District of Columbia Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency will launch the Targeted Violence Prevention Center to proactively engage communities as trusted partners and increase communications addressing mobilization to violence by educating community members on risks and protective factors of violence. The Targeted Violence Prevention Center will unify violence prevention efforts and convene stakeholders engaged in threat assessments to automate reporting between different agencies, optimize case management, and record-keeping. The project will continue to expand its Mobilization to Violence Awareness Training to enhance the ability of local law enforcement, faith-based institutions, schools, and higher education institutions to recognize and report concerning behavior before it escalates to violence. This applicant fulfills the grant program priority and is selected based on merit and the quality of the application.

#### Los Angeles Police Department

Raising Societal Awareness, Threat Assessment and Management, Bystander Training Teams, Referral Services  
\$250,000.00

The program seeks to utilize risk assessment to identify and assess prospective individuals, address their specific needs, link them to appropriate services across agencies and community resources, as well as follow up contacts to determine if the interventions have reduced the risk of their reactivation on a trajectory or pathway to violence. Related training will support the objectives of a comprehensive approach to (1) raising awareness of radicalization to violence and (2) ensuring that targeted members of the Los Angeles region have the ability to act on their awareness training by knowing how to contact, and understand the role of, threat assessment and

management teams. This applicant fulfills the grant program priority and is selected based on merit and the quality of the application.

#### Case Western Reserve University

Raising Social Awareness, Threat Assessment and Management Teams, Bystander Training  
\$530,000.00

The goals of this project are: (1) to increase societal awareness of risk factors and indicators of radicalization and targeted violence in small to midsize rural and suburban communities; (2) leverage innovative partnerships to address gaps in detection, reporting, and intervention of suspicious behavior; and (3) assess community capabilities and resources to identify opportunities to facilitate development of threat assessment and management services focused on potential extremism and radicalization. To achieve those goals, this project establishes an interconnected continuum of processes and relationships anchored by the creation of a Regional Violent Extremism Specialist position at the Northeast Ohio Regional Fusion Center (NEORFC) and leveraging the unique partnership between the Case Western University Begun Center for Violence Prevention Research and Education and the NEORFC. This applicant fulfills the grant program priority and is selected based on merit, diversity, innovation, and the quality of the application.

#### Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services

Raising Societal Awareness, Civic Engagement, Threat Assessment and Management Teams, Bystander Training  
\$714,850.00

To establish, expand, and enhance local targeted violence and terrorism prevention frameworks in Virginia through enhanced communication with and training for the broader community as well as development of community behavioral threat assessment management teams and training for law enforcement and citizens. This applicant fulfills the grant program priority and is selected based on merit and the quality of the application.

City of Houston Mayor's Office of Public Safety and Homeland Security (MOPSHS) Raising Societal Awareness, Media Literacy and Online Critical Thinking, Civic Engagement, Youth Resilience Programs, Threat Assessment and Management Teams, Bystander Training  
\$603,855.00

The City of Houston will use this grant to reengage our community partners to form a coalition that will share information, assess threats, and be a resource to the community. The City will work with the Texas Educational Service Center to develop a curriculum to educate students about radicalization to violence, media literacy, and bias. These same programs will be changed for the after-school context at community centers and places where teens gather. Then the project team will create an outreach program for teachers and parents—using a whole-of-society approach—informing them of what to do when they see radicalization happening. These efforts will be integrated with other prevention programs already underway in our city. This applicant fulfills the grant program priority and is selected based on merit, diversity, and the quality of the application.

#### Tuesdays Children

Raising Societal Awareness, Media Literacy and Online Critical Thinking Initiatives, Civic

Engagement, Youth Resilience Programs  
\$598,421.00

Tuesday's Children will enhance local and regional prevention frameworks by building resilience, common bonds and long-term healing in families and communities impacted by and at risk for radicalization to terrorism and targeted violence. To accomplish this, Tuesday's Children will leverage an evidence-based Long-Term Healing Model, TuesdaysChildrenHeals.org online toolkit for community resilience, and the peacebuilding initiative "Project COMMON BOND" to promote peer-to-peer support, amplify survivor narratives and share best practices and lessons learned in community-based disaster preparedness, response and recovery. This project will also build the capacity of community and civic leaders, service providers, public and private sector stakeholders, academic institutions, volunteers and activists to prepare resilient responses to mass-scale and targeted violence, including mass shootings and domestic terrorism. Additionally, a combination of professional forums, speaker series, train-the-trainer sessions, virtual programming, public education campaigns, and conflict resolution programming for youth will enhance critical thinking and civic engagement among communities at-risk for and recovering from terrorism and targeted violence. This applicant fulfills the grant program priority of preventing domestic violent extremism and was also selected based on merit, diversity, and the quality of the application.

The University of Texas at El Paso

Raising Societal Awareness, Media Literacy and Online Critical Thinking Initiatives, Civic Engagement, Youth Resilience Programs, Threat Assessment and Management Teams, Referral Services  
\$750,000.00

The University of Texas at El Paso proposes to prevent terrorism and targeted violence through education, outreach, and community capacity building aimed at identifying and deterring radicalization, reducing the short-term and long-term impacts of violence, and preventing its re-occurrence of terrorism. This project includes a Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention (TVTP) Symposium Series, capacity building trainings for professionals and community members, a Peer2Peer educator program, a youth leadership program, town hall meetings, a civic engagement day, media campaigns, implementation of a referral services system, and health promotion fairs. This applicant was selected based on merit criteria and the panel noted the strength of the project's focus on a public health approach to violence prevention.

The Regents of the University of Colorado

Raising Societal Awareness, Media Literacy and Online Critical Thinking Initiatives, Civic Engagement, Threat Assessment and Management Teams, Bystander Training, Referral Services  
\$1,183,411.00

The University of Colorado Boulder's (CU) Center for the Study and Prevention of Violence (CSPV) will partner with the university's police department (CUPD) to strengthen the local framework for preventing targeted violence and terrorism on campus and in the community. The project will reduce risk and enhance protective factors for targeted violence and radicalization to terrorism by educating and empowering citizens to report concerns (e.g., training, social media) and by building the local capacity to address those concerns through investigation, threat assessment, and threat management. The five main goals for the project include: (1) enhancing community awareness of warning signs; (2) enhancing community engagement in violence

prevention; (3) increasing awareness of and training on bystander reporting and response; (4) enhancing threat assessment and management capabilities; and (5) developing and implementing two strategies to support threat identification, referral, and case management. This applicant was selected based on merit criteria.

#### University of Hawaii

Threat Assessment and Management Teams, Bystander Training

\$780,671.00

The University of Hawaii, West O'ahu intends to create and build Behavior Intervention and Threat Assessment Teams (BITATs) and a bystander intervention program designed specifically for the needs of the diverse population, culture and environment of Hawaii. Additionally, training programs, ongoing collaboration, networking with other teams, and programming to help encourage the community to safely intervene, when necessary, will build a "spider's web" of threat assessment and capacity that stretches across the state. Building, strengthening and supporting BITATs within schools, along with localized bystander intervention programming that promotes the sharing of information and positive intervention within the community, will serve as the basis for the catalyst that propels the state threat assessment efforts forward. This applicant fulfills the grant program priority to achieve geographic diversity and the panel review noted the expertise of the applicant and the strength of the program design.

#### Jeffco Deangelis Foundation

Raising Societal Awareness, Threat Assessment and Management Teams, Bystander Training

\$565,600.00

The Frank DeAngelis Center for Community Safety will partner with Nicoletti Flater Associates to bring violence prevention training and consultation to the state of Colorado. This project proposes to provide awareness training to professionals and community members of the risk factors for and the protective factors against radicalization to violence. Additionally, the Frank DeAngelis Center for Community Safety will train professionals and community members who serve as the most likely detectors and disruptors on developing multi-disciplinary threat assessment and management teams and provide education on the variety of community resources available for addressing risk factors. This applicant was selected based on merit criteria.

#### Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office

Threat Assessment and Management Teams, Bystander Training, Referral Services, Recidivism Reduction & Reintegration

\$750,000.00

The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office (PBSO), in partnership with Southeast Florida Behavioral Health Network (SEFBHN) and 211 HELPLINE, proposes to expand the Palm Beach County School and Community Violence Prevention Project (PBC Project). The PBC Project is a direct response to the rising rate of school and community mass violence incidents through which a formalized task force has been established; enhanced collaboration among criminal justice, behavioral health, school district, and other, essential community stakeholders has been realized; increased access to critical community resources has been provided; and opportunities for community awareness around identification of persons at risk have increased. This project will increase the PBC Project's current capacity by expanding threat assessment capabilities, incorporating bystander training, fortifying referral services, and increasing access

to recidivism reduction programs. This applicant fulfills the grant program priority to achieve geographic diversity.

The Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois - Chicago  
Raising Societal Awareness, Youth Resilience Programs, Threat Assessment and Management Teams, Bystander Training, Recidivism Reduction & Reintegration  
\$846,851.00

The University of Illinois at Chicago's program focuses on reducing the risk for future violence for youth and young adults who are either convicted of crimes related to TVT, at-risk for involvement in TVT, or vulnerable to involvement due in part to mental health or psychosocial problems. It does so through engaging mental health and psychosocial specialists, other frontline practitioners, and lay adult and youth gatekeepers. This project entails; 1) training & capacity building for mental health and psychosocial specialists, other frontline practitioners, and organizational leaders in TVT prevention and care; 2) implementing the CARE bystander engagement intervention, and; 3) mobilizing youth and caregivers to strengthen protective factors in youth. These projects will ultimately contribute to a public health framework for targeted violence and terrorism prevention in Illinois. This applicant fulfills the grant program priority to achieve geographic diversity.

California Bay Area Urban Area Security Initiative  
Raising Societal Awareness, Media Literacy and Online Critical Thinking Initiatives, Threat Assessment and Management Teams  
\$1,060,924.00

The Bay Area Urban Areas Security Initiative (Bay Area UASI) assists high threat urban areas to prevent terrorism and build community resilience. The Bay Area UASI seeks to expand current FY20 projects to additional high schools, faith-based organizations, and counties, and to expand local targeted violence and terrorism prevention frameworks by broadening services to whole community stakeholders, while adding new and innovative strategies. In doing so, the Bay Area UASI will strive to raise awareness of threats and prevention strategies, provide lines of communication to report what is observed, help communities and threat assessment teams effectively assess information received, and connect those at risk with resources to mitigate their current situation. As an USAI organization, the applicant fulfills the grant program priority to achieve diversity in eligible applicant type.

Missouri State University  
Civic Engagement, Youth Resiliency Programs  
\$645,775.00

Missouri State University will implement Fuse, a comprehensive campaign that prevents and protects against radicalization to white supremacist violent extremism through education, bystander empowerment, and community support. Fuse aims to strengthen protective factors against radicalization to violence through an informational podcast, an online training toolkit, and a conversational card game. These initiatives encourage university students to engage in meaningful conversations on difficult topics and form connections with peers. Fuse counters the "Us vs. Them" mentality by providing tools for individuals to identify and minimize their biases and raise awareness of "othering" tendencies. Additionally, online and in-person training resources will build protective measures like digital literacy and provide tools for parents, peers,

and mentors of at-risk individuals to become informed and engaged bystanders. This applicant fulfills the grant program priority of implementing innovative solutions to targeted violence and terrorism prevention, while also achieving geographic diversity

## Innovation

### Cure Violence Global

\$749,974.00

This project will interrupt violence in the Pacific Northwest with a focus on Portland, Oregon. The project aims to prevent violence from both far left and far right extremist populations, combining Cure Violence Global's (CVG) "epidemic playbook" with sophisticated and targeted data analytics. The approach is based on CVG's proven health approach to violence prevention. The project includes a suite of online and offline activities and will work with community leaders and credible messengers in Portland and in at-risk exurban areas in the Pacific Northwest to increase understanding of the contagious nature of violence and radicalization to violence, enhance community resilience to radicalization to violence, decrease violent extremist recruitment, mitigate the spread of violence, and establish a sustainable local prevention framework that is scalable and replicable. Applicant was selected based on merit criteria and fulfills the grant program priority to achieve geographic diversity.

### Arizona State University – McCain Institute

\$710,451.00

Parents must understand the threat of targeted violence and terrorism and know where to turn for help for their youth. To meet this need, this project will build a campaign site that educates parents, caregivers, and concerned adults on how the internet can be used to target and recruit youth into extremist movements and empower them to protect their children from harmful content. The program will amplify access to a directory of vetted service providers so that concerned adults may connect individuals with risk factors to local resources. Arizona State University's McCain Institute is also an FY20 grantee whose current program seeks to develop a nationwide network of prevention practitioners. Their FY21 application is appropriately distinct from their FY20 program, while building on the foundation that that program has established. Applicant was selected based on merit criteria and fulfills TVTP program priorities.

### Boston Children's Hospital

\$480,780.00

The primary goal of this project is to build capacity of mental health practitioners (MHPs) to assess and manage risk for targeted violence and terrorism in collaboration with local multidisciplinary threat assessment teams through: (1) the development of a clinically useful risk assessment/management tool; and (2) tool training and consultation for community-based MHPs across the country, in collaboration with the DHS-funded McCain Institute's Prevention Practitioners Network. This initiative will (1) develop a semi-structured, patient-centered approach to assessing strengths/needs; (2) offer concrete guidance on modifications to the assessment based on age, gender, and cultural background; (3) directly link assessment results to treatment planning and intervention; and (4) build in a systematic re-evaluation process for managing and responding to risk that is informed by an evidence-based treatment framework. Boston Children's Hospital is also an FY20 grantee whose FY20 program aims to develop a

local prevention framework in Massachusetts that targets the reduction of mental health problems and an increase in social belongingness among adolescents. Their FY21 application is reasonably distinct from this program. Applicant was selected based on merit criteria and fulfills TVTP program priorities.

#### Life After Hate

\$684,781.00

White supremacist prison gangs are the fastest-growing segment of the white supremacist movement in the U.S. and directly threaten the Department of Homeland Security's goal to prevent targeted violence and terrorism. This applicant seeks to define the foundational elements of a successful local prevention framework that would provide comprehensive support for these individuals. Proposed project includes: enhanced outreach to build awareness of available pre- and post-release support available in correctional facilities; implementing risk assessments to create tailored release plans for individuals with risk factors for violent white supremacist extremism targeted violence and terrorism; providing direct pre- and post-release support to these individuals looking to disengage and/or de-radicalize; and conducting a pioneering local prevention framework training to enhance local capacity to identify and respond to individuals at risk of mobilizing to violence. Life After Hate is also an FY20 grantee whose FY20 program seeks to provide intervention and aftercare services for individuals with risk factors for violent white supremacy and for individuals seeking disengagement, de-radicalization and re-integration assistance from this ideology. Life After Hate's FY20 program does not work with prison populations and as such their FY21 application is reasonably distinct from their FY20 program. Applicant was selected based on merit criteria and fulfills TVTP program priorities.

#### Teachers College, Columbia University

\$748,277.00

Project addresses the gap in professional development for high school and college educators in countering biases as a method to mitigate risks and amplify protective factors against targeted violence and the radicalization of students in U.S. classrooms. Project aims to (1) better understand which risk and protective factors increase or mitigate a student's pathway to radicalization and targeted violence; (2) inform how educators can accelerate or arrest radicalization; and (3) improve ways of countering biased behaviors and speech in educational institutions as a protective strategy against the radicalization of students. Applicants propose to demonstrate how non-inclusive pedagogies and curricula can instigate educational displacement, isolation, and othering. The team will launch a multi-module professional training program for educators to help prevent and interrupt radicalization in U.S. schools. Applicant was selected based on merit criteria and fulfills TVTP program priorities.

#### University of Nebraska, Omaha, NCITE

\$715,102.00

Program proposes multi-pronged approach to improve terrorism and targeted violence (TTV) tips reporting. Program will combine real-world online tips reporting data in Sarpy County, Nebraska, focus groups with threat assessment team members locally, regionally, and nationally, and lab-based studies to understand gaps in the current TTV tips reporting framework. The proposed innovation project will then create and test an intelligent chatbot for TTV tips reporting that can be used either as a stand-alone tool or be integrated into existing tips reporting

platforms. Applicant was selected based on merit criteria and fulfills the grant program priority to achieve geographic diversity.

#### One World Strong Foundation

\$749,300.00

Program will create the One World Online Resilience Center (OWORC) which will serve as a one-stop shop for local terrorism prevention and victim services. One World will use its existing resources and those provided by partner organizations to create this online support ecosystem that features terrorism prevention materials, terrorism victims' services, and shareable content from survivors and former extremists that will bolster resilience among local communities and undermine domestic violent extremist (DVE) narratives. One World will create a virtual repository of terrorism prevention resources for stakeholders and assess the effectiveness of counter-messaging content featuring the perspectives of terrorist attack survivors and former extremists. Platform will bring together victim services and terrorism prevention resources with an emphasis on local prevention. Applicant was selected based on merit criteria and fulfills TVTP program priorities.

#### Citizens Crime Commission of New York City

\$770,222.00

Citizens Crime Commission's "Signals" project aims to reach these isolated individuals who are at risk of radicalization to violence with effective, tailored online outreach that offers online and offline resources to disengage from extremist content through long-term, sustained behavioral change. The uniqueness of the Signals project is threefold. First, Citizens Crime Commission will use carefully tailored online ads that appeal to the psychosocial drivers behind mobilization to violence that are geographically concentrated in areas of need, as determined by publicly available, per-capita concentration of at-risk search traffic. Second, the program will reach individuals seeking help for loved ones online and equip them with appropriate online and offline resources. Third, the program will utilize data on online search traffic to develop accompanying on the ground outreach campaigns, capacity building, and trainings for mental health workers. This applicant was selected based on merit criteria and the panel review noted the applicant's expertise in threat assessment and management capabilities, as well as the strengths of their online and offline resources for individuals at risk of mobilization or radicalization to violence.

Additional resources can be found on the [OTVTP FY21 Grants Resources page](#).



## **DHS Provides \$10 Million to Local Communities to Prevent Targeted Violence and Terrorism**

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**WASHINGTON** – The Department of Homeland Security has awarded \$10 million to 29 select projects to support the development of a nationwide Terrorism and Targeted Violence Prevention (TVTP) Framework. These awards were made through a competitive process under the Fiscal Year 2020 Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention Grant Program.

“With these grants, DHS has prioritized programs aimed at improving communities’ ability to prevent individuals from mobilizing or radicalizing to violence. These programs will create or enhance locally-based prevention frameworks to address these emerging threats,” said Acting Secretary of Homeland Security Chad F. Wolf. “DHS stands in absolute opposition to violent extremism, no matter its motivation or form. We will continue our constant efforts to combat all forms of domestic terror.”

These projects address the wide range of violent ideologies and mobilization factors that lead to targeted violence. This Fiscal Year’s program prioritized countering domestic terrorism. The TVTP Grant Program builds on the promising practices in the field of prevention. It is the only federal grant program dedicated to enhancing prevention capabilities in local communities.

Projects selected under the TVTP Grant Program cover many aspects of prevention, including building resilience, intervention, recidivism prevention, and reintegration programs at the local level. The projects selected directly support the objectives of the September 2019 [DHS Strategic Framework for Countering Terrorism and Targeted Violence](#). Making these funds available for local prevention partners is a key milestone in the implementation of the Strategic Framework.

DHS evaluated 95 eligible applicants based on selection criteria, prioritization of grant program objective, and diversity of applicant types, activities, and geographic distribution as outlined in the FY20 Notice of Funding Opportunity. TVTP Grant Program funds support the development of local prevention capabilities at a time when DHS is observing an uptick in online efforts for terrorism recruitment and radicalization from a variety of sectors.

For more information, including full list of grant awardees, please see the TVTP Grant Program site at <https://www.dhs.gov/tvtpgrants>.

Through a competitive process, DHS selected 29 projects that best met the competitive scoring criteria and selection factors utilizing the \$10 million available this year. These projects will have activities in at least 15 states and D.C. organized in three application tracks.

#### Local Prevention Framework

##### *Boston Children's Hospital*

Youth Resilience, Civic Engagement, Threat Assessment and Management Team, Recidivism Reduction and Reintegration

\$749,995

Boston Children's Hospital will develop the Massachusetts Area Prevention (MAP) framework that will target the reduction of mental health problems and increase the social belongingness among adolescents through a multipronged, evidence-informed, and community-based program. This proposal builds on the trauma and resilience work currently based out of Boston Children's Hospital and on the existing capacity of the MassBay Threat Assessment Team.

##### *Bay Area Urban Area Security Initiative*

Training and Awareness, Youth Resilience Programs, Threat Assessment and Management Team

\$830,242

The Bay Area Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) proposes a multi-faceted approach to prevent targeted violence in schools and houses of worship in the 12 counties and three major cities that comprise the Bay Area UASI. The project follows a building-block approach, is a blend of in-person and online training, organizational enhancements, and technologies meant to standardize threat assessments to prevent targeted violence and enhance the resiliency of 55 high schools and 100 houses of worship.

##### *Chatham County, GA*

Threat Assessment and Management Team, Hotline

\$430,000

Chatham County will establish a coordinated Homeland Security Program inclusive of a county-wide multi-disciplinary threat assessment and management network which will utilize standardized protocols regarding violent crime, increase awareness and competencies through

multi-jurisdictional training sessions, and increase community-based efforts and awareness to encourage reporting threats.

#### *County of Bexar, TX*

Training and Awareness, Civic Engagement, Youth Resilience Programs, Bystander Training

\$175,613

The Bexar County Sheriff's Office plans to implement a local prevention framework that focuses on community engagement with law enforcement to enhance resilience to individuals mobilizing to violence. The Sheriff's Office will also enhance trainings for service providers, other law enforcement agencies, and the general public in identifying individuals with risk factors for targeted violence and increase outreach efforts to enhance protective factors for local youth, utilizing partnerships with local service providers.

#### *Hawaii Department of Defense*

Threat Assessment and Management Team

\$302,169

The Hawaii Department of Defense proposes to expand Threat Team Oahu (TTO), a collaborative platform developed in 2017 that assesses risks of targeted violence. The TTO analyzes the unique factors in each case, and accesses and leverages an effective combination of multidisciplinary capabilities to address and mitigate the potential for targeted violence. The threat team assessment funded by this initiative will continue to expand TTO to the neighbor islands, bringing together the collaborative efforts of law enforcement, mental health, and human services professionals to address the threat of violence in communities.

#### *Kentucky Office of Homeland Security*

Bystander Training

\$250,000

The Kentucky Office of Homeland Security will enhance two existing counterterrorism and public safety trainings with existing TVTP training made available by DHS, the Law Enforcement Awareness briefing (LAB) and Bystander Training. Training audiences include first responders, school safety personnel, and middle, high, and college students who will receive the information alongside information about their school safety tip line.

*Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency*

Youth Resilience, Threat Assessment and Management Team, Bystander Training, Hotline

\$524,547

The Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency proposes to advance threat assessment and management practices and increase awareness and utilization of bystander trainings and hotlines within Southwestern Pennsylvania through a comprehensive pilot program. The panel noted the strong program design of the regional threat assessment hub approach and the strong support from various state offices.

*Simon Wiesenthal Center*

Training and Awareness, Recidivism Reduction and Reintegration, Preventing Targeted Violence, Preventing Domestic Terrorism, Online to Offline Intervention

\$225,692

The Simon Wiesenthal Center-Museum of Tolerance proposes to expand an existing program for individuals who have committed a hate/extremist crime or have risk factors for targeted violence and terrorism. The proposal includes a private facilitated museum experiences, meetings with “credible messengers”, and goal-setting and facilitation and coaching with reintegration professionals.

*The Citizens Crime Commission on New York City*

Threat Assessment and Management Team, Recidivism Reduction and Reintegration

\$741,878

The Citizens Crime Commission proposes to pilot a long-term intervention and recidivism reduction capability building upon previous testing of various intervention models. The project would receive referrals and provide services to individuals and organizations in the New York City area.

*University of Denver Graduate School of Professional Psychology*

Training and Awareness, Civic Engagement, Threat Assessment and Management Teams, Bystander Training

\$491,865

The University of Denver Graduate School of Professional Psychology proposes to expand the Colorado model by increasing the capacity of the Colorado Resilience Collaborative (CRC). The CRC will provide training and educational resources on threat assessment and prevention of targeted violence, facilitate expert consultation and networking events for professionals and organizations, and develop an online resource library to promote sustainable training and technical assistance materials for the prevention of targeted violence.

#### *University of Central Oklahoma*

##### Youth Resilience Programs

\$657,281

The University of Central Oklahoma proposes to utilize a series of class modules that address prejudice in pre-K and elementary schools throughout the state. The module will assess the effectiveness of early interruption on the evolution of violence. The project will also evaluate the impact of the training in urban, rural, and suburban areas. The project is adapted from a prior Peer-2-Peer: Challenging Extremism contest winner.

#### *Utah Department of Public Safety*

\$205,850

##### Training and Awareness, Threat Assessment and Management Team

The Utah Department of Public Safety proposes a framework that will provide training and awareness to public safety and community leaders, enhance multidisciplinary threat assessment and management teams, and implement a statewide process for threat assessment teams to document and share threat assessments and management information.

#### *Replication*

#### *Case Western Reserve University*

##### Training and Awareness

\$184,981

The Begun Center for Violence Prevention Research and Education at Case Western Reserve University will work with the Northeast Ohio Regional Fusion Center (NEORFC) to provide training to identify and report violent extremism in rural areas and create a local, scalable threat assessment tool specific to the rural communities of Northeast Ohio.

### *District of Columbia Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency*

#### Training and Awareness

\$150,000

The District of Columbia Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency (DC HSEMA) will provide mobilization to violence awareness training to schools, faith-based institutions, higher education institutions, and local law enforcement agencies. The DC HSEMA will stand up a Task Force to review and revise training materials to meet local needs and provide standard operating procedures for a sustainable program. Local training will inform community members on how to identify and report individuals or groups mobilizing to violence and provide local resources for outreach and referrals.

### *Florida International University Police Department*

#### Threat Assessment and Management Team

\$7,001

The Florida International University Police Department (FIUPD) will provide the Advanced Violence Risk Assessment Certification Course for the entire department to help standardize and professionalize their threat assessment and management case process. The training will enhance the engagement tools of FIUPD that will help build community trust and relationships and provide resources to network across stakeholders through training, awareness programs, education, and other community resource points.

### *Greenlight Project, Inc. - The Counter Extremism Project*

#### Recidivism Reduction and Reintegration

\$277,755

Greenlight Project, Inc. will enhance the capacity of an in-community reentry and recidivism reduction initiative at the Donovan Correctional Facility. Greenlight Project, Inc. will design and deliver curriculum to individuals of terrorism-related offenses prior to release or individuals vulnerable to the risk factors of radicalizing to violence, and also provide post-release support programming. The project will also help identify important risk and protective factors that might inform further recidivism reduction and reintegration programs nationally.

### *Muflehun*

#### Bystander Training

\$77,025

Muflehun, with support and commitment from the American Jewish Committee (AJC), will utilize existing training developed by the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority under the FY16 Countering Violent Extremism Grant Program. The training for bystanders and gatekeepers: Communities Acting to Refer and Engage (CARE), will be piloted online for select community leaders. Training will be customized to each community leader and their local referral networks with the assistance of AJC's 22 U.S. regional offices.

*Muscogee (Creek) Nation Lighthouse Police Department*

Youth Resilience Program

\$28,994

The Lighthouse Police Department (LHP) will host a youth police academy and launch a youth mentoring program that will help implement a day-to-day trust and engagement strategy with youth community members. The LHP proposal fulfills the diversity of applicant criteria, as the DHS CVE and TVTP have yet to award a tribal authority with funds.

*New York Presbyterian Hospital*

Threat Assessment and Management Team

\$149,985

The New York Presbyterian Hospital (NYP) will provide train-the-trainer awareness briefings and threat assessment and case management to staff leaders, who can train all security and hospital employees in threat assessment, mental health first aid, and targeted violence awareness trainings. NYP will also create a threat assessment and management team to accept case referrals from hospital staff and help mitigate potential threats of targeted violence and terrorism.

*New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services*

Threat Assessment and Management Team

\$164,850

The New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (NYS DHSES), with commitment and support from the Monroe County Sheriff's Office (MCSO), will enhance the development of the Rochester Threat Advisory Committee (ROCTAC) throughout Upstate New York. The ROCTAC will manage information flow for situations where the risk to violence is assessed to be imminent or the cluster of risk factors and warning signs commonly associated

with elevated risks for targeted violence are present, and provide information coordination to the necessary community leaders, including mental health professionals, community outreach partners, law enforcement agencies, human resources, schools and school districts, and further supported by the various federal, state, and local authorities and public outreach centers.

#### *Operation250: Prevention Through Education*

Media Literacy and Online Critical Thinking

\$121,278

Operation250 will implement an online safety workshop for teachers and students in New Hampshire and Massachusetts to increase the resilience of young individuals online to violent extremist material. The workshop is skills-based learning program that addresses student decision-making online, risk-inducing online behaviors, in- and out-group attitudes, and critical problem-solving capabilities.

#### *Philadelphia Police Department*

Training and Awareness

\$43,300

The Philadelphia Police Department will conduct training and outreach with their Fusion Liaison Officers to identify violent extremism indicators as well as behavioral indicators of targeted violence. Training and awareness programs will focus exclusively on the tactics, techniques, and procedures of domestic terrorist groups known to operate in Philadelphia and any emerging violent risks.

#### *The National Governors Association's Center for Best Practices*

Preventing Targeted Violence

\$435,000

The National Governors Association (NGA) will assist states and territories in adopting comprehensive, data-driven approaches to prevention by assisting those authorities with the implementation of replicative, locally-based prevention framework programming. NGA will conduct a policy academy in five states, which will help identify, develop, and implement essential prevention programming. This proposal builds upon NGA's FY16 CVE grant with additional outreach to different states that will provide a library of performance metrics, key indicators, lessons learned, and a messaging toolkit that can be adapted nationwide.

### *Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians*

#### Training and Awareness

\$149,882

The Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians will onboard and dedicate Tribal Public Safety Department Captains to raise awareness of targeted violence and terrorism prevention issues on the Reservation. The dedicated Captains will receive train-the-trainer programs and provide additional training to Tribal members and employees through Community Awareness Briefings (CABs) in both English and Spanish.

### *Xavier University*

#### Training and Awareness

\$124,817

Xavier University Police Department, in conjunction with Norwood Police Department and Cincinnati Police Department, will provide training and awareness programs to community partners to help identify individuals radicalizing to violence, encourage community resilience against the mobilization to violence, and help to enhance or establish programming to develop protective factors in youth communities.

### *Innovation*

#### *American University*

#### Preventing Domestic Terrorism

\$568,613

The School of Communication at American University will define and describe the growing threat of violent white supremacist extremist disinformation, evaluate attitudinal inoculation as a strategy for communication to combat the threat, and develop a suite of operational tools for use by practitioners and stakeholders. With commitment and support from Google Jigsaw, American University will develop evidence-based methods for undermining the persuasive appeal of disinformation-based messaging and facilitate on- and offline inoculation campaigns.

### *Arizona State University*

#### Sector Engagement

\$433,141

The AZ Board of Regents on behalf of Arizona State University, under the McCain Institute, will work with local prevention and intervention practitioners to assist in conducting outreach across the mental and behavioral health sectors to grow prevention and intervention referral networks. The McCain Institute will develop a framework for referral program designs that will feature resources and recommendations to build upon existing or new prevention referral networks.

### *Life After Hate Inc.*

Online to Offline Intervention

\$749,996

Life After Hate, in collaboration with and support from Moonshot CVE, will uniquely provide program management to target individuals online to disengage from violence, further support their deradicalization from violent extremist movements, and sustain their ability to reintegrate from violent extremist lifestyles. Life After Hate programming fulfills the priorities of combating the threat of domestic terrorism and mobilizing threat assessment and management teams through evidence-based disengagement and demobilization tools.

### *Muflehun*

Preventing Domestic Terrorism, Preventing Targeted Violence

\$748,250

The Muflehun Community Resilience Early Warning System (CREWS) will create a data-driven vulnerability risk map to help inform local-level, whole-of-society prevention frameworks of gaps in non-criminal justice sectors in Connecticut, Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, and Virginia. CREWS will work with State, Local, Tribal, and Territorial (SLTT) authorities and other community stakeholders to recommend budget allocation and programming priorities along with other prevention network essentials, all supported by letters of recommendation from federal, state, and local officials and letters of commitment from local organizations.