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SUBJECT: RFP NC25-0083F BRAYVE Funding Process Recommendations (25-26 Contracts)
DATE: August 14, 2025

PRESENTATION TYPE:
Informational Briefing

SUMMARY:

Staff will provide the Community Vitality and Safety Committee (CVS) an update on the Request for Proposals (RFP) NC25-0083F funding process recommendations. This process was for 2025-2026 NCS Building Resilience Against Youth Violence and Exploitation (BRAYVE) contracts utilizing money from the General Fund, Mental Health & Substance Use Disorder sales tax funds, and Criminal Justice sales tax funds. Specifically, the RFP was to solicit intervention services for youth and young adults who either are court-connected or have highest risk of perpetrating or being impacted by violence as the BRAYVE services currently funded by NCS are primarily prevention or designed for a broader population. The update will include a recap of the funding process and a breakdown of final funding recommendations.

Contracts will be effective no earlier than September 1, 2025.

BACKGROUND:

NCS released an application for funding for 2025-2026 BRAYVE contracts on May 7, 2025. The application closed on June 3, 2025. A total of 21 applications were considered for funding, including seven agencies who have never received NCS funding. The process sought to fund programs that provide intervention services for youth and young adults who are involved or directly impacted by the court system, directly impacted by gun violence, or at highest risk of perpetrating or being impacted by violence. Services solicited were to be individualized, comprehensive, and measurable.

The Selection Advisory Committee (SAC) included Human Services Commissioners, community members with expertise in youth and young adult violence prevention and reduction, and staff from both NCS and Tacoma Police Department. NCS staff rated applications but did not make funding recommendations. All applicants were invited to participate in an oral presentation. The SAC reviewed and rated applications and made recommendations for how to allocate the available funds.

ISSUE:

This is an informational briefing on the funding recommendations. Contracts will be effective no earlier than September 1, 2025.

ALTERNATIVES:

This is an informational briefing only. There are no alternatives presented.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

This is an informational briefing, however the funding recommendations presented will result in \$828,854.82 being awarded from various funding sources.

Fund Number & Name	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	Cost Element	Total Amount
0010 - General Fund	91270	5330100	\$350,000
1185 - MHCD	859250	5330100	\$66,399
1185 - CRMJS	664760	5330100	\$412,456
TOTAL			\$828,855

RECOMMENDATION:

This is an informational briefing only. There is no recommendation.



ATTACHMENT A

2025-26 BRAYVE Funding Process Recommendations

Building Resilience Against Youth Violence & Exploitation (BRAYVE) <i>\$828,855 available, \$828,855 allocated</i>				
Agency	Program	Application Score	Application Amount	Total Allocation
Big Homie Ministries International	The Big Homie Project	90.00	\$160,625	\$160,625
Consejo Counseling & Referral Service	Youth Behavioral Health Care Coordination Program (YBHCCP)	89.14	\$145,000	\$145,000
Tacoma Boat Builders	Community Opportunity Regardless of Experience (C.O.R.E.)	88.29	\$167,515	\$134,012
James Matthew Commission Foundation	Confident Youth Intervention Program	87.71	\$105,200	\$84,160
Communities in Schools of Tacoma	FREE253 Initiative	85.71	\$142,210	\$113,768
Metropolitan Development Council (MDC)	Community Court Diversion and Comprehensive Care for Youth and Young Adults	83.43	\$200,000	\$80,000
Alchemy Skate Park Education Center	METALS – Making, Exploring, Thriving, and Learning Skateboarding	83.00	\$31,716	\$31,716
Innovative Change Makers	Youth Kings Boys Group	81.71	\$200,000	\$79,574
Innovative Change Makers	Innovative Cutz	79.86	\$200,000	\$0
Justice for Girls Coalition (JFG)	One Girl Better Systems (OGBS) Program	79.71	\$167,113	\$0
Pierce County Juvenile Court	Positive Youth Development Programming	78.00	\$345,000	\$0
Multicultural Child and Family Hope Center	Hilltop BRAYVE: Youth Violence Intervention and Healing Pathways	77.14	\$189,000	\$0
Making a Difference Foundation (MADF)	Feeding Our Future BIPOC Youth Farming Program	73.43	\$200,000	\$0
Tacoma Youth for Christ	Tacoma YFC Mentor One80	73.29	\$200,000	\$0
Hilltop Artists in Residence	Arts Connect	72.00	\$87,000	\$0
Girls Hearts on Fire	TRUE Essence + Club Hearts on Fire: Community Violence Intervention for Girls and Families	69.00	\$200,000	\$0
CJK Community Homes	Roots & Wings – Lived Experience Mentorship for Violence and Exploitation Intervention	68.00	\$150,000	\$0
Safe Streets Campaign	Health is Wealth	67.43	\$200,000	\$0
Greater Destiny Ministries	H.I.M. and H.E.R. (Hope in Motion and Helping Empower and Restore)	66.86	\$196,025	\$0
PUSH for Dreams	Leadership Academy	65.57	\$80,000	\$0
Puyallup Tribe	Youth Rise: A Reclaiming Project	65.14	\$131,450	\$0
TOTAL			\$3,497,854	\$828,855