



# Allocation Advisory Committee For Prevention Programs

## Program Year 2023 Funding Recommendations for Youth Violence Prevention

### Youth Violence Prevention Grant Program

Created by Ordinance 2001-82, the Allocation Advisory Committee for Prevention Programs (AAC) was established as a partial replacement for the Tacoma-Pierce County Commission on Children, Youth, and their Families (Children's Commission) after that body was dissolved in 2001. Chapter 4.28 of the Pierce County Code (PCC) sets forth that at least 20 percent of Pierce County's tax revenues received annually because of the authority granted in RCW 82.14.340, pursuant to PCC 4.28.110, shall be expended on prevention and related preventative children's services. The responsibility for overseeing the operation of the Youth Violence Program was assigned to the Department of Human Services.

Funded activities may include prevention, intervention, and community mobilization. The Council's authorizing Ordinance established the following requirements for projects to be funded under this program. These requirements apply only to activities funded in whole or in part with county funding.

- *Activities must serve unincorporated areas and the residents of those areas.*
- *Activities must be sustainable.* They must create a long-term reduction, elimination, or prevention of actual or potential violence, not just a transitory condition that will end after their participation in the activity is finished.
- *Activities must focus to the greatest extent possible on children and youth.* While family participation is important, activities targeting children and youth should have the greatest emphasis.
- *Activities must be demonstrable.* They must have clear and concise goals, objectives, and outcomes.
- *If possible, activities identified as 'best practices' should be funded.* It is important for the long-term benefit of the community that activities funded have the greatest opportunity for success. Accordingly, activities identified in this or other jurisdictions as a 'best practice' are to be encouraged.

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### Allocation Advisory Committee for Prevention Programs

The AAC is presently comprised of nine members (with a maximum committee size of 15 members), all of whom must be residents of unincorporated Pierce County. Committee member responsibilities include:

- Reviewing applications for funding;
- Hearing testimony from applicants; and
- Recommending to the County Executive and County Council activities to be funded in the next fiscal year.

# Youth Violence Prevention Program

## Funding Recommendations for Program Year 2023

Total Amount Requested: \$1,891,885.93

Funds Available to Allocate: \$1,434,050.00

AGENCY	Description of Project	2023 Proposed Clients	2022 Funding	2023 Funding Request	2023 Recommended Amount
<i>Amara</i>	<p><b>Amara Youth and Family Wellbeing Program</b>                      The purpose of Amara's Youth and Family Wellbeing Program is to help kids and families who have experienced the child welfare system to build healthy relationships, heal from past trauma, and develop strong social and emotional skills. The program will offer youth specific training and trauma-informed Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) activities, caregivers will participate in workshops to boost parenting skills, and all program participants will build a network of support with people who have shared life circumstances.</p>	New Program, Not provided	N/A	\$105,154.00	\$78,865.00
<i>Asia Pacific Cultural Center</i>	<p><b>Promised Leaders of Tomorrow (PLOT) Youth Program</b>                      The PLOT Youth Program wholistically approaches our work with Asian and Pacific Islander (API) and their families to help them overcome barriers such as gangs, violence, drugs or alcohol, behavior problems and other issues so that they stay in school and graduate. By providing wrap-around services, mentorship, and cultural connections and activities, the PLOT program helps at-risk people to turn their lives around, graduate from High School, and to plot a course for their future.</p>	~100-225	N/A	\$84,150.00	\$65,881.00
<i>Bold Solutions</i>	<p><b>Family, Youth &amp; Community Outreach and Education Strategies (FYCOES) Program</b>                      The FYCOES Program provides intensive case work and evidence-based training to youth and their families referred by the Pierce County Juvenile Court because they have been identified as having aggressive family conflict and/or violent behavior in the home. Through this targeted 3-month intervention, youth risk factors for continuing violence and juvenile court involvement are reduced in over 90% of youth served, according to the Year Three FYCOES Program Evaluation Report (Geo Education and Research, 2020).</p>	20	\$100,000.00	\$120,000.00	\$60,000.00

<i>Boys &amp; Girls Clubs of South Puget Sound</i>	<b>Positive Action at Cheney Family Branch</b> The program is bridging the academic achievement gap in youth at risk of falling behind their peers by providing high-impact, evidence-based programs in Academic Success, Character & Leadership, and Healthy Lifestyles (including violence prevention programming, Positive Action). They also help alleviate childhood hunger with healthy snacks and meal programs offered at no additional cost.	75	\$25,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$45,000.00
<i>Camp Fire USA, Orca Council (aka: Camp Fire Orca)</i>	<b>Teen Outreach Program</b> The Teen Outreach Program provides outreach and drop-in services to youth ages 12-21 who are experiencing homelessness. Youth receive assistance to meet their basic needs such as safety, food, health, hygiene, and clothing; connect with supportive adults; gain critical access to services via direct connections to education, employment, healthcare, behavioral health services, and transportation; and receive case management where they develop and carry out plans to become self-sufficient, self-reliant, and productive adults.	15	\$72,030.00	\$74,305.00	\$66,875.00
<i>City of Buckley</i>	<b>Buckley Youth Activities</b> The Buckley Youth Activity Center provides for a safe, structured, and supervised place for youth ages 8 – 18 during non-school hours in a community where there are fewer opportunities for pro-social involvement and places for youth to socialize in a positive and healthy manner outside of school. They achieve this by providing a Youth Center supervisory and program staff who plan and coordinate meaningful and positive year-round programs that promote healthy purpose and clear standards for youth residing in the White River School District.	255	\$34,010.00	\$29,499.44	\$22,125.00
<i>Communities in Schools of Peninsula</i>	<b>Site Coordination Program</b> For many students, challenges inside and outside of the classroom create barriers to success. The Site Coordinator Program allows the agency to provide, coordinate, and broker a range of services for students in grade 1-12 across the Peninsula School District.	250 case managed, 2,800 student community	\$79,140.00	\$79,700.00	\$79,700.00
<i>Communities in Schools of Puyallup</i>	<b>Site Coordination Program</b> CIS sees potential in every student regardless of race, zip code, or history of marginalization. This program fosters relationships that empower students to break through any personal challenges in their lives so they can define the future they want.	1571	\$45,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00

<i>Keithley Middle School, Franklin Pierce S.D.</i>	<b>CHAMPS After School Program</b> CHAMPS is an expanded learning opportunity available to all students grades 6-8 at Keithley Middle School. The program provides enrichment activities, academic support, and opportunities for family and community engagement.	30	N/A	\$111,300.00	\$60,000.00
<i>New Phoebe House Association</i>	<b>Phoebe Family Recovery, Reunification &amp; Resiliency Program (PFRRRP)</b> The PFRRR Program addresses parenting issues that contribute to abuse, neglect, and abandonment of children in Pierce County, providing a means for compromised families to safely reunify by addressing behavioral health needs, skill development, and multiple other risk factors. These interventions mitigate trauma, repair damage, and build effective coping mechanisms and life skills in both parent and child, equipping them for productive future relationships and life-long success that breaks past generational cycles of violence and addiction.	10	\$99,520.00	\$104,000.00	\$100,000.00
<i>Our Sisters House</i>	<b>Healthy Relationships</b> Healthy Relationships Program is a teen dating violence prevention and intervention program to help teens navigate and learn the importance of a healthy relationship that does not involve domestic violence, victimization, and inappropriate boundaries.	45	N/A	\$42,650.49	\$25,590.00
<i>Prairie Ridge Maintenance Company</i>	<b>Prairie Ridge Connections</b> The Prairie Ridge Connections program reduces risk factors and increases protective factors by providing youth with safe environments for play & physical activities, along with opportunities to learn and practice prosocial relationships, problem solving, and conflict resolution. Prairie Ridge increases community cohesion, provides support to parents, connections to community, and a support net of resources and resource connections.	125 youth, 90 Fam. Opp. Ctr., 2,375 community	\$58,160.00	\$61,090.00	\$54,981.00
<i>Puget Sound Educational Service District (PSESD)</i>	<b>Latinx Family Advocacy Program</b> The Latinx Family Advocacy Program will provide a bi-lingual, bi-cultural Family Advocate to build connections between school and home, and home and community, and to increase the resiliency of families as they support struggling Latinx students and increase protective factors associated with violence prevention. Relationship building is key – and especially critical in cultural-specific family advocacy.	400	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$60,000.00

<p><i>Puget Sound Educational Service District (PSESD)</i></p>	<p><b>Positive Steps</b> Positive Steps aims to reduce violence, reduce youth incarceration rates, and increase graduation rates by providing culturally responsive social supports and opportunities to students. Positive Steps provides strength-based relational centered assessments &amp; family-centered case management, skill building, and advocacy services to reduce risk factors of youth violence for truant and at-risk youth living in unincorporated Pierce County.</p>	<p>50</p>	<p>\$100,000.00</p>	<p>\$100,000.00</p>	<p>\$100,000.00</p>
<p><i>The Red Barn Association</i></p>	<p><b>Red Barn Youth Center</b> As the only daily afterschool program on Key Peninsula, Red Barn Youth Center staff and volunteers focus on providing 6th through 12th grade students with a safe environment where they can engage in healthy, positive relationships with their peers and caring adults. Their afterschool program enables youth to receive additional homework support, healthy food, school supplies and clothing, and provides opportunities where they can develop their skills and interests.</p>	<p>200</p>	<p>\$38,000.00</p>	<p>\$38,000.00</p>	<p>\$38,000.00</p>
<p><i>Safe Streets Campaign</i></p>	<p><b>Youth Leading Change (YLC)</b> YLC is an out-of-school-time program for middle and high school students that uses evidence-based strategies to prevent violence, mental illness, and substance use disorder. Participants build leadership and social-emotional learning skills while implementing youth-led projects to improve their school and larger communities.</p>	<p>38 youth, 1,188 community</p>	<p>\$100,000.00</p>	<p>\$100,000.00</p>	<p>\$90,000.00</p>
<p><i>Sexual Assault Center of Pierce County</i></p>	<p><b>Advocacy and Prevention Education</b> The purpose is to provide evidence-based comprehensive, effective sexual violence prevention education and support that is developmentally appropriate and culturally sensitive for audiences in unincorporated Pierce County communities. This program adheres to state (Child Advocacy Centers of Washington) and national (Centers for Disease Control) recommendations to reduce instances of children and youth sexual assault and abuse by providing specialized prevention education and service support to 1) children and youths, 2) parents, guardians, and caretakers, and 3) professionals who work with children and youths. Rebuilding Hope will offer evidence-based and-informed sexual assault and abuse primary prevention interventions to three key populations at a new Boys &amp; Girls Club program site at Evergreen Elementary School in the Key Peninsula.</p>	<p>800</p>	<p>\$45,390.00</p>	<p>\$45,390.00</p>	<p>\$36,810.00</p>

<i>Tacoma Arts Live</i>	<p><b>LENS Project (Learning, Empathy, Negotiation and Self)</b></p> <p>The LENS Project is a rigorous violence prevention program designed to empower students and families and build community. The program uses creative projects and art-based activities to teach positive social skills and foster empathy for others. In the LENS Project, students develop the skills to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve self-understanding;</li> <li>• Build safe peer groups;</li> <li>• Activate nonviolent resolutions to conflicts;</li> <li>• Gain self-confidence;</li> <li>• Cultivate empathy for others; and</li> <li>• Advocate for themselves.</li> </ul>	270 youth, 3,225 community	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00
<i>Tacoma Community Boat Builders</i>	<p><b>Boat Builders Program</b></p> <p>Tacoma Community Boat Builders pairs young people with caring adults who then engage together in a learn-by-doing process that is organized around woodworking and boatbuilding. This relationship between the youth and mentor has the power to transform how both parties see themselves. Within this relationship, both learn decision-making, cooperation, reciprocity and giving to others.</p>	68	\$92,530.00	\$132,000.00	\$90,000.00
<i>Tacoma Community House</i>	<p><b>Violence Prevention Outreach</b></p> <p>The proposed project is a new program which will deliver outreach to youth and young adults involved in gang or street culture and/or violent behaviors. The proposed project will serve youth and young adults ages 13 to 21 in the Bethel and Franklin-Pierce school districts and the unincorporated areas of Parkland.</p>	New Program, Not Listed	N/A	\$171,607.00	\$62,767.00
<i>TeamChild</i>	<p><b>Legal Services for Youth</b></p> <p>TeamChild uses three mutually reinforcing program strategies to improve the long-term outcomes of juvenile court-involved youth, including direct legal services, community training and consulting, and policy advocacy. TeamChild’s core program is the provision of direct civil legal services to young people who are involved or at risk for involvement in the juvenile court system. Our legal services program provides advocacy to these youth to address barriers they face to being safe and healthy, successful in school, and supported at home and in the community with the goal of reducing subsequent juvenile court contacts.</p>	35	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$75,000.00

<i>YMCA of Pierce and Kitsap Counties</i>	<b>YMCA Youth Mentoring Initiative</b> The YMCA Youth Mentoring Initiative is a collection of afterschool, evening, and weekend programs designed to engage young people in positive, pro-social out-of-school time activities that provide positive adult mentoring and coaching to help prevent and intervene in youth violence. Youth engaged in activities will learn communication, conflict resolution, team building, leadership, and other life skills that will support them in leading healthy and productive lives.	200	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
<i>Young Life</i>	<b>Anderson Island Young Life</b> Young Life is a relationship driven organization that wants all teens to be seen and feel valued. The program works to help teens feel accepted by their peers and to develop a sense of ownership for their community.	55	\$15,440.00	\$15,440.00	\$13,896.00
<i>Young Life</i>	<b>South Central Pierce Young Life</b> Too many young people that are victims of systemic abandonment, toxic stress, and Adverse Childhood Experiences are trapped in the generational cycle of violence. Young Life proposes to break that cycle through safe relationships and act as a buffer against toxic stress by providing fun, engaging, spiritual, and life-giving experiences.	275	\$34,500.00	\$27,300.00	\$16,380
<i>YWCA Pierce County</i>	<b>YWCA Children's Program</b> The purpose of the YWCA Children's Program is to provide violence prevention and intervention programming to children, youth, and families that have been primarily impacted by domestic violence. The essential strategies of the program are to provide information and safe spaces needed to understand and heal from the trauma they experience, to further develop the skills needed to safely navigate their lives in self-determined, healthy, and non-violent ways, and to have access to the resources they need to move forward and thrive.	9	\$13,950.00	\$20,300.00	\$12,180.00
				<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,434,050.00</b>