



Allocation Advisory Committee For Prevention Programs

Program Year 2024 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 comprised of residents of unincorporated Pierce County. Committee member responsibilities include:

- Reviewing and rating applications for funding;
- A question-and-answer period 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 2024

Total Amount Requested: \$2,489,260.36

Funds Available to Allocate: \$1,374,590.00

AGENCY	Description of Project	2024 Proposed Clients	2023 Funding	2024 Funding Request	2024 Recommended Amount
<i>Amara</i>	<p>Amara’s STAR Youth Program</p> <p>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>	55-70	\$78,865	\$103,492	\$90,000
<i>Asia Pacific Cultural Center</i>	<p>Promised Leaders of Tomorrow (PLOT) Youth Program</p> <p>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>	60	\$65,881	\$112,566.60	\$50,140
<i>Big Brothers Big Sisters</i>	<p>Credible Messengers Program</p> <p>The mission of our Credible Messengers Program based in our Tacoma/Pierce County regional office is to keep participants alive & to reduce recidivism. This project aims to reduce firearm violence and “high-risk criminal activity” by delivering services to youth and young adults ages 10 - 24 and their families.</p>	75	N/A	\$202,420	\$50,140

<i>Big Homies Ministries International</i>	<p>The Big Homie Program The Big Homie Program provides 1-on-1 mentoring, group and individual counseling, prosocial activities, events, and fieldtrips for youth ages 10-24. Our stated purpose is to reduce gang involvement and violence among youth and young adults, primarily in lower income, disadvantaged and BIPOC communities.</p>	12-15	N/A	\$50,000	\$25,140
<i>Bold Solutions</i>	<p>Family, Youth & Community Outreach and Education Strategies (FYCOES) Program 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>	18	\$60,000	\$120,000	\$50,140
<i>Boys & Girls Clubs of South Puget Sound</i>	<p>Thrive: Social-Emotional Learning Program Our Thrive: Social-Emotional Learning program (Thrive) represents the new process of building social-emotional learning (SEL) throughout our footprint, incorporating SEL into the foundation of all our services and staff support. This initiative aims to prevent the short- and long-term impacts of traumatic experiences and their symptoms by providing youth with a safe, nurturing, and stable environment outside the home and school and supporting our club members in developing foundation coping skills by teaching self-regulation strategies to encourage healthy decision-making skills.</p>	160	\$45,000	\$50,000	\$37,500.00
<i>Camp Fire USA, Orca Council (aka: Camp Fire Orca)</i>	<p>Teen Outreach Program 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.</p>	15	\$66,875	\$76,100	\$38,190

<i>City of Buckley</i>	<p>Buckley Youth Activities</p> <p>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.</p>	279	\$22,125	\$60,576.79	\$54,470
<i>Communities in Schools of Peninsula</i>	<p>Site Coordination Program</p> <p>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.</p>	325	\$79,700	\$100,000	\$75,000
<i>Hopes & Dreams Foundation</i>	<p>Battle Ground & Sisterly Love Mentorship Program (Battle Ground)</p> <p>Battle Ground supports youth and young adults from frontline communities who often struggle with low self-esteem, depression, behavioral issues, negative academic outcomes, lack of support in their social and emotional development, and oftentimes have difficulty transitioning from adolescence into adulthood. We provide youth mentorship, academic assistance, while also engaging the youths’ families/caregivers in the process of supporting the youth.</p>	90	N/A	\$78,039	\$0
<i>Keithley Middle School, Franklin Pierce S.D.</i>	<p>CHAMPS After School Program</p> <p>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.</p>	150	\$60,000	\$100,000	\$75,000
<i>New Phoebe House Association</i>	<p>Phoebe Family Recovery, Reunification & Resiliency Program (PFRRRP)</p> <p>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.</p>	12	\$100,000	\$108,000	\$100,000

<i>Oasis Youth Center (Pierce County AIDS Foundation)</i>	Youth Council Support from Pierce County's Violence Prevention funds would finance a full-time Volunteer Coordinator/Violence Prevention Trainer for Oasis Youth Center. This role would focus on engaging existing volunteers while recruiting and training new volunteers to cultivate a strong volunteer base who can aid in program delivery and events while modeling healthy adult relationships, along with other pertinent roles to assist in the functions of Oasis.	75	N/A	\$100,000	\$0
<i>Our Sisters' House</i>	Healthy Relationships 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.	50	\$25,590	\$49,695	\$24,990
<i>Pierce County Parks & Recreation</i>	Pierce Outdoor/Summer LIFE The Pierce Outdoor LIFE (Leadership Instruction & Field Experiences) Program provides 6- weeks of outdoor adventure experiences. Six-hour program days occur one day per week for six weeks. Each session provides instruction to a group of teens who live in the Parkland/Spanaway area who are referred by Bethel and Franklin Pierce Schools and juvenile court. Youth are in ages 13-17. Youth are provided nature based experiential learning, leadership development, hands-on natural stewardship service projects with environmental education lessons, and outdoor adventure through a variety of recreational activities.	200	N/A	\$65,640	\$59,080
<i>Prairie Ridge Maintenance Company</i>	Prairie Ridge Connections 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.	2400 youth and community members	\$54,981	\$93,181	\$69,890
<i>Puget Sound Educational Service District (PSESD)</i>	Latinx Family Advocacy Program 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	\$60,000	\$100,000	\$60,000

<p><i>Puget Sound Educational Service District (PSESD)</i></p>	<p>Positive Steps 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 & 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>45</p>	<p>\$100,000</p>	<p>\$100,000</p>	<p>\$75,000</p>
<p><i>Recovery Café of Orting</i></p>	<p>Recovery Café Orting Valley The vision of Recovery Café Orting Valley is to provide the resources and connections for individuals in our community as they work to improve their life. We will provide peer support services through individual and group settings, educational classes and workshops, and a place for individuals to come together in community to share their gifts and know they are loved through prevention efforts, wellness initiatives, and recovery supports. The Recovery Cafe Orting Valley programs seek to provide the opportunity for youth of all ages and parents or guardians to participate in therapeutic events and activities to break the cycle of violence and teach the skills for prevention.</p>	<p>95-100</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>\$140,568.80</p>	<p>\$0</p>
<p><i>The Red Barn Association</i></p>	<p>Red Barn Youth Center 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>150</p>	<p>\$38,000</p>	<p>\$45,500</p>	<p>\$40,950</p>
<p><i>Safe Streets Campaign</i></p>	<p>Youth Leading Change (YLC) 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>940</p>	<p>\$90,000</p>	<p>\$121,000</p>	<p>\$0</p>

<p><i>Sexual Assault Center of Pierce County</i></p>	<p>Advocacy and Prevention Education 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 & Girls Club program site at Evergreen Elementary School in the Key Peninsula.</p>	<p>50</p>	<p>\$36,810</p>	<p>\$48,251.17</p>	<p>\$28,950</p>
<p><i>Tacoma Arts Live</i></p>	<p>LENS Project (Learning, Empathy, Negotiation and Self) 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"> • Improve self-understanding; • Build safe peer groups; • Activate nonviolent resolutions to conflicts; • Gain self-confidence; • Cultivate empathy for others; and • Advocate for themselves. 	<p>270 youth, 3,225 community</p>	<p>\$100,000</p>	<p>\$100,000</p>	<p>\$100,000</p>
<p><i>Tacoma Community Boat Builders</i></p>	<p>Boat Builders Program 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>	<p>80</p>	<p>\$90,000</p>	<p>\$137,000</p>	<p>\$75,000</p>
<p><i>Tacoma Community House/ REACH</i></p>	<p>Violence Prevention Outreach 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>	<p>100</p>	<p>\$62,767</p>	<p>\$65,100</p>	<p>\$39,060</p>

<i>TeamChild</i>	<p>Legal Services for Youth</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>	30	\$75,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
<i>YMCA of Pierce and Kitsap Counties</i>	<p>YMCA Youth Mentoring Initiative</p> <p>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.</p>	200	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$45,000
<i>YWCA Pierce County</i>	<p>YWCA Children's Program</p> <p>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.</p>	8	\$12,180	\$12,180	\$10,960
TOTAL					\$1,374,600