



# Memorandum

**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR AND  
CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** Jon Cicirelli

**SUBJECT: MAYOR'S GANG PREVENTION  
TASK FORCE SAN JOSÉ  
BRINGING EVERYONE'S  
STRENGTHS TOGETHER  
RESOURCE ALLOCATION PLAN**

**DATE:** May 11, 2021

Approved

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## **RECOMMENDATION**

Approve the 2021-2022 Resource Allocation Plan for the Mayor's Gang Prevention Task Force San José Bringing Everyone's Strengths Together City Wide Appropriation.

## **BACKGROUND**

Established in 1991, the Mayor's Gang Prevention Task Force (Task Force) is the City's youth violence reduction initiative providing program services to at-risk, high-risk, gang-involved and gang-impacted youth and young adults ages 6 to 24. The Task Force consists of a broad coalition of local residents; city, county and state government leaders; school officials; community and faith-based organizations; and local law enforcement. The Task Force brings these diverse stakeholders together and leverages each group's expertise as part of a coordinated, interagency effort to curb gang-related activity in San José. Task Force programs are funded through the City-Wide Expenses San José Bringing Everyone's Strengths Together (BEST) Appropriation.

## **ANALYSIS**

Table A is the 2021-2022 BEST Appropriation Resource Allocation Plan and builds upon the plan that was approved in 2020-2021. Subject to City Council approval, it reflects a 3 percent year-over-year increase in the total San José BEST appropriation resource allocation plan for 2020-2021. This constitutes an overall increase of \$182,266, which is included as a Base Adjustment in the City-Wide Expenses section of the Proposed 2021-2022 Operating Budget.

**TABLE A**  
**Mayor’s Gang Prevention Task Force**  
**2021-2022 BEST Appropriation Resource Allocation Plan**

Category	2020-2021 Ongoing Base Allocation*	2021-2022 Proposed Allocation
BEST-Funded Agencies	\$2,403,999	\$2,476,118
Safe School Campus Initiative	\$1,216,852	\$1,253,358
Administrative/Program Support/Program Evaluation	\$672,332	\$692,502
Safe Summer Initiative Grants	\$546,364	\$562,755
Female Gang Intervention Unit	\$327,818	\$337,653
Digital Arts Teen Youth Program	\$327,818	\$337,653
Capacity Building	\$187,779	\$193,412
Case Management Non-Personal/Equipment Support	\$109,273	\$112,551
Emergency Fund	\$283,260	\$291,758
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,075,495</b>	<b>\$6,257,760</b>

\* This number represents the ongoing budget allocation and does not account for subsequent one-time rebudgets and clean-ups included as part of the process to adopt the 2020-2021 Operating Budget, nor any of the budget actions in the 2019-2020 Annual Report which adjusted the overall San José BEST appropriation to \$6.9 million. Funds were rebudgeted due to the COVID-19 shutdown of some programs.

Of the proposed \$6.26 million in ongoing funding, \$3.04 million is designated for grant-making programs aimed at mitigating and reducing gang-related violence among at-risk youth. Specifically, \$2.48 million is designated for distribution to community-based organizations in the form of San José BEST Program grants. The balance, \$562,755, is designated for the Safe Summer Initiative Grant program, which provides safe recreational and educational opportunities to San José youth during the summer months.

In addition to the allocation for community-based organizations, \$2.12 million is allocated to City of San José Youth Intervention Services, including the Safe School Campus Initiative, Female Gang Intervention Unit, Digital Arts Teen Youth Program and Capacity Building. It is important to note that, even during the shelter-in-place order resulting from the COVID-19 outbreak, these programs continued to operate using digital resources and also pivoted from a focus on schools, which have been closed due to the outbreak, to street outreach in San José’s hot spot neighborhoods. Staff from these programs also made major contributions to other pandemic-related or pandemic-impacted City programs, including food distribution and U.S. Census outreach.

Other funding areas include \$692,502 for ongoing San José BEST administrative staff and San José BEST and Youth Intervention program evaluation services performed by a consultant, along with \$112,551 that will fund case management and non-personal/equipment support. Of the remaining funding, \$291,758 is set aside in an Emergency Fund that may be used to fund services that address specific ad hoc community and program needs as they arise, and when they are justified by the PRNS’ written determination in accordance with Municipal Code 4.12.235.

Impacts of COVID-19 have delayed preparation of a new Strategic Work Plan for the Task Force, which continues to carry out the goals and objectives of the Strategic Work Plan 2018-20, and other

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initiatives as directed by City Council. Newly begun is an evaluation of Youth Intervention Services (YIS) programs funded by the BEST appropriation, to match the ongoing evaluation of BEST grant programs. The YIS evaluation is projected to be completed in April 2022. PRNS will continue to coordinate the wide variety of programs and services that fall under, or closely align with, the Task Force's Strategic Plan and Council direction.

### **COORDINATION**

This memorandum was coordinated with the City Attorney's Office and the City Manager's Budget Office.

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