

# Community Gang Based Intervention Section-by-Section Summary

## Title VI- Community-Based Gang Intervention Grants

### Sec 601. Purpose

Community-based gang intervention involves responses on several levels including:

- The regional level to promote and coordinate peace truces and cease-fires
- The State and local level including jails, prisons and juvenile justice facilities
- The neighborhood and street level including with active gang members individually

### Sec 602. Support for Community Based Gang Intervention Agencies

The administrator shall award grants to eligible entities (a community-based gang intervention agency that is a nonprofit organization with a proven track record and expertise) to carry out the following activities:

- Conduct street mediation to defuse and de-escalate potential and actual violence internally
- Develop local and regional truces by creating cease-fires and nonaggression agreements
- Serve as conduits who facilitate dialogue and maintenance between gangs/neighborhoods
- Provide services that respond to anxiety experienced by gang members
- Provide 24-hour, 7-day-a-week crisis intervention services
- Provide targeted training and technical assistance to violence plagued communities
- Facilitate the development of a community response plan
- Make a reasonable effort to prevent hang-related rumors from intensifying tensions
- Establish relationships with community stakeholders to engage them in quality of life activities
- Serve as intervention representatives in communities by attending local meetings
- Develop conflict resolution skills and techniques to address and resolve community concerns
- Work with schools to respond to gang-related issues and crises
- Provide support services for youth and families affected by gang violence and other victims
  - Including public and private sector assistance in grief counseling and referrals to treatment and rehabilitation
- Provide comprehensive mental health services to youth and families affected by gang violence including
  - Integrated services comprised of individual, family and group therapy and psychological education
  - Gang responsiveness services including skills training, behavioral modification etc.
- Provide public and private sector career job training development and placement including
  - Job-finding and job-maintaining skills including resume writing, problem solving, etc.
  - Information about legal rights in the workplace
  - Financial literacy

- Assistance with substance use and abuse treatment, domestic violence victims, and gang tattoo removal

#### Sec 603. Definitions

- Community
- Community –Based Gang Intervention Agency
- Community-Based Gang Intervention Model
- Evidence-based
- Gang
- Promising
- Youth

### **Title II- Amendments to the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention**

#### Sec.201. Definition of Community-Based Gang Intervention

Community-Based Gang Intervention means a two prong approach to reducing gang violence that

- Provides specialized gang-specific mediation and mitigation to stop or prevent violence
- Provides the redirection of individual gang members and their families through proactive efforts that increase peace and safety for members, their families and communities