

CVE GRANT – Quarterly Report Narrative

Performance Period: 1/1/18 – 3/31/18

Grant Execution Planning. The grant is underway. The project lead is Junaid Afeef. He continues to manage the overall grant efforts. He is assisted by colleagues at the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority in the Fiscal Department and in the Federal and State Grants Unit.

Community Partners Meetings. Dr. Megan Alderden and Lily Gleicher conducted 9 focus groups with 72 participants representing various community stakeholders and communities. These community stakeholders consisted of young adults, educators, public health professionals, faith leaders, and local government staff.

Additionally, Junaid Afeef continued meeting with individuals and organizations in and around the pilot communities to provide information on the forthcoming training. During this reporting period Mr. Afeef reached out to various individuals and groups working on public health approaches to violence prevention/reduction. This includes the City of Chicago's Office of Emergency Management and Communications as well as the Cook County Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management. The City of Chicago's OEMC is now assisting ICJIA in identifying partners in the city's public health, mental health, human rights, and social services agencies to partner with ICJIA as possible resources to be referenced in the training curriculum.

The Cook County DHSEM agreed to allow ICJIA to use its previously developed trainings on targeted violence as appropriate in this project. These previously developed training materials were also funded by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, and this will allow ICJIA to create a more effective training while maximizing the impact of federal funds.

Experts. In January Dr. Megan Alderden, Lily Gleicher, and Junaid Afeef worked with Dr. Stevan Weine, Dr. Linda Langford, and Dr. Nancy Zarse, the subject matter experts retained for this grant funded project, in a series of conference calls to cross-train the team on content to be used in the training curriculum. The same group then met together in person for two full days on February 1-2, 2018 to collaborate on the training curriculum design. The meeting was held at ICJIA. Thereafter Mr. Afeef and Ms. Gleicher worked on developing a curriculum outline. The subject matter experts were consulted and based on their feedback Mr. Afeef and Ms. Gleicher are working on developing a final curriculum outline which will then be used to create a draft curriculum.

Lessons Learned. The following are two key lessons learned thus far: (1) Develop and execute reasonably detailed letters of engagement with all partners needed for a grant project and have them executed in the project files; and (2) To better maintain participation and collaboration with the pilot communities, ICJIA organized stakeholders within the pilot communities into an ad hoc advisory group that is informed of project status from time to time and also consulted

periodically. The consultations range from small groups to individual meetings both in person and telephonically.

Miscellaneous/Other. Mr. Afeef engaged the Crisis Center of Houston and the National Governors Association during this reporting period to explore opportunities to collaborate and leverage their CVE grant funded efforts to assist with ICJIA's CVE grant project. ICJIA submitted an application to participate in the NGA's Policy Academy for Preventing Targeted Violence. ICJIA's proposal focuses on addressing the issue of making more local mental health and behavioral health resources available in the pilot communities where ICJIA's training is to be delivered during the grant performance period and in other communities beyond this grant's performance period. During this performance period Mr. Afeef also assisted the NGA in connecting with the CVE grant team in Nebraska.