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Oakland Unite Receives More Than \$300,000 in Grant Funding from U.S. Department of Justice

Oakland, CA –On September 21, 2015, Oakland Unite, a division of the City of Oakland Human Services Department, was awarded a new one-year Youth Violence Prevention Enhancement Project (YVPEP) grant for \$281,880 from the Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP). This grant will be used to support an on-going community engagement and assessment process for Mayor Libby Schaaf’s comprehensive citywide strategic Violence Prevention and Community Safety Plan. The plan, created in partnership with Prevention Institute, will help guide and strengthen efforts to reduce and prevent youth and young adult violence in Oakland. In addition, the award will allow for strengthening an infrastructure of supports and protocols for young children ages 5 and under who have been directly impacted by intense violence. These services and protocols will be developed in collaboration with the Oakland Police Department and Safe Passages.

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Oakland Unite was also awarded a one-year Community-Based Violence Prevention Program Continuation grant for \$70,000 from OJJDP to sustain and expand community/faith partners engagement in Oakland Ceasefire through intentional efforts to build deeper relationships between faith/community partners and Street Outreach Workers, Case Managers, and those at the highest risk of being involved in violence in Oakland.

As a recipient of these awards, Oakland Unite is excited to be a part of the President’s National Forum on Youth Violence Prevention. The work supported by these awards will be done in coordination with ongoing violence prevention and intervention services in Oakland with the ultimate goal of reducing and preventing youth, gang, and gun violence in Oakland.

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About Oakland Unite: *Passed by voters in 2004 (Measure Y) and again in 2014 (Measure Z) raises over \$6 million each year for violence prevention programs. Administered by the City of Oakland’s Human Services Department (HSD), Oakland Unite is the collaboration of programs funded by Measure Z and other funding sources, providing over 4,000 individuals with intensive services each year, and reaching over 17,000 people through community outreach and events annually. Areas of focus include: Violent incident and Crisis Response, Focused Youth Services, Young Adult Reentry Services, and Family Violence Intervention. For more information, please visit www.oaklandunite.org.*