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The Governor's Neighborhood Recovery Initiative will be implemented through the Illinois Violence Prevention Authority (IVPA) in twenty (20) communities in the Chicago area and three (3) regions in the South Suburbs. IVPA will work in a collaborative way with public and private agencies and systems at the State and local level to maximize the effectiveness and impact of this Initiative.

The goal of the Initiative is to reduce risk factors and promote protective factors associated with violence through:

1. Creation of jobs for community youth, adults and professionals that promote community wellness and healthy behaviors, youth and parent leadership, and healthy, caring community environments.

2. Provision of a wide range of community-based services for youth and young adults including: social, emotional and job skill development; case management, trauma-informed counseling for students in need of early intervention; mentoring; and tutoring and other school supports that enhance young people's ability to succeed in school, in their community and in life.

The grant period for the FY 11 Neighborhood Recovery Initiative grants is October 16, 2010 to October 15, 2011.

Target Communities

The Neighborhood Recovery Initiative will be implemented within a pre-selected group of specific communities, listed below. The eligible communities have high rates of poverty, violent crime, domestic distress and clear indicators of youth who are not positively engaged with their schools or communities. Target communities include:

Albany Park	Grand Boulevard	Rogers Park
Auburn-Gresham*	Greater Grand Crossing	Roseland*
Austin*	Humboldt Park*	South Shore*
Brighton Park*	Logan Square	West Chicago (Gage Park, Chicago Lawn)
East Garfield Park*	North Lawndale	West Garfield Park
Englewood*	Pilsen-Little Village*	Woodlawn
Cicero*	Maywood	South Suburbs (3)

* Existing Safety Net Work Community

Lead Community Agencies

The Governor's Neighborhood Recovery Initiative will work through lead community agencies identified by local aldermen and village/town officials (in the case of Maywood and Cicero)based on criteria provided by IVPA. The Lead Agencies are responsible for managing the Initiative in their community and partnering and subcontracting with other community organizations to implement the various program components. Considerable technical assistance and support will be provided to the Lead Agencies and their community partners to assist the communities in implementation of the various program models and components.

Program Components

The following Program Components will be implemented in each community utilizing the specified amount of funds allocated to each program component. The program design and specific budgets for each of the Program Components will be developed collaboratively with the Lead Agencies and technical assistance providers during the first 8-10 weeks of the grant period.

References below to the "MEE Model" refer to program models developed by MEE Productions (www.meeproductions.com) for urban communities that will be replicated in the participating communities. References to the "Safety Net Works Program" refer to the multi-agency, collaborative, youth violence program lead by the Illinois Department of Human Services and IVPA that provides a range of community-based youth violence prevention activities including youth development programs, case management services; skills-building programs; leadership development and other activities.

The Program Components of the Governor's Neighborhood Recovery Plan are briefly summarized as follows:

Program Component	Description
Mentoring Plus Jobs (MEE Model)	**Provides 80 youth in each community with part time jobs, mentoring and social/emotional skills and support. Mentors (16) and coordinators (2-3) would be hired part time. The youth jobs would be as Peer Leaders and Educators.**
Parent Leadership (MEE Model)	**Provides 50 parents in each community with leadership, empowerment and self-care skills that enable them to be community leaders, educators and mentors for other parents. Participating parents and 1-2 coordinators would be hired part time.**
School-Based Counseling	**Provides funds for community providers to provide school-based early intervention and trauma-informed counseling services for students. Providers would be trained in trauma counseling.**
Safety Net Works (SNW)	**Expands Safety Net Works youth violence prevention programming in existing SNW communities and adds the program in communities that do not have it.**
Reentry Programs	**Provides/expands reentry services for youth and young adults returning to the community from youth and adult correctional facilities.**

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