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Greetings, everyone. I'm writing to let you know that the Governor's Office, IVPA and other State leaders met with a large group of area ministers this afternoon, all of whom are very interested in being involved in the Governor's Neighborhood Recovery Initiative. They are interested in being involved in the local Advisory Committees and in recommending partner organizations to assist in implementing the Initiative. They expressed concern about "lead agencies picking their same old friends" to be part of the Initiative, to which we responded that we have and will continue to encourage the lead agencies to be broadly inclusive and that the local Advisory Committees will be working with the lead agencies over the first 8-10 weeks of the Initiative to identify funded (and non-funded) partners to ensure broad based participation and engagement in the Initiative. We told them that you are not making any commitments now and that once you convene your Advisory Committee in October, the real work will begin of developing the models, identifying partner agency criteria and selecting partners. In addition to encouraging them to participate on advisory committees, we provided a form for them to submit to IVPA to recommend potential partners.

We told them that we will inform them as to who the lead agencies are in mid October once we have received and approved your proposals. Many of them will reach out to you at that time to be involved, and some may have heard from you or already figured out who the lead agency is and may contact you sooner. We will also forward to you any written recommendations we have received from the ministers once your lead agency status has been finalized..

We encourage you to welcome their involvement and urge you to be careful not to make any partner commitments at this time. Please be receptive to the input from the ministers in your community so that we can forge new and lasting partnerships to assist in the critical work of saving our youth and communities from violence.

Don't hesitate to call me if you have any questions.

We look forward to receiving your proposals.

Best,
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