



To: Bay Area UASI Approval Authority

From: Sarah Poss, Policy Office, California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES)

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Re: Item 4: Preventing Violent Extremism Statewide Program Update

Action or Discussion Items:

Discussion

Background:

In response to the increase in domestic and internationally-inspired violent extremism cases, the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) established a Preventing Violent Extremism (PVE) Program in March 2017. The agency's approach aims to support California's communities in their efforts to build and enhance locally-led violence prevention and intervention programs.

Cal OES began supporting locally-led programs by enhancing resources in order to fill gaps in community needs in May 2018. Among other activities, Cal OES launched an interactive website for stakeholders to share best practices, knowledge, program models, and challenges. This website hosts a virtual training to assist interested communities in building program frameworks to enhance local resiliency against all forms of violence. Additionally, Cal OES will fund 5 non-profit pilot projects that support the PVE objectives outlined in California's Homeland Security Strategy.

Discussion:

Cal OES intends to report on the State's commitment to prevent violent extremism in California. This presentation will also review the State PVE Program's implementation process and provide insight on programmatic plans for the future.

Next Steps:

By December 2018, Cal OES plans to identify two pilot jurisdictions to launch the State's PEACE Plan Initiative. Cal OES intends to gauge the Bay Area UASI member's interest in collaborating with the State on this project and build a locally led violence prevention or intervention program.