

Division: Behavioral Health

Program Characteristics: Backfill Other Funds

Program Description

The Behavioral Health Gun Violence Response Team (GVBHRT) was established in 2021 to address the sharp rise in gun violence, particularly within communities disproportionately impacted by systemic inequities.

The team provides a range of culturally relevant, evidence-based mental health services for the impacted community. These trauma-informed services are provided to improve the social and emotional functioning of youth and families who are impacted by community and gang violence. The team of mental health consultants utilizes lived experience and community informed practices to provide: Outreach and Engagement, Culturally specific mental health prevention support, Culturally specific mental health treatment, and Consultation and education to schools and communities.

Equity Statement

GV-BHRT mental health consultants work with children and their families, using culturally responsive practices to mitigate and reduce the negative impact of trauma on long-term health, including mental health. Our consultants have knowledge, skills, and abilities to work with the communities that we serve both culturally and linguistically.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	2026 General Fund	2026 Other Funds	2027 General Fund	2027 Other Funds
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$541,320	\$0
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$0	\$541,320	\$0
Total Expenses:	\$0		\$541,320	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	3.00	0.00
Total Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Performance Measures

Performance Measure	FY25 Actual	FY26 Estimate	FY27 Target
Provide outreach and engagement at Community events.	N/A	N/A	20
Total # of children who received behavioral health services from the Gun Violence BH Response Team	119	150	75