



2026 Section 97n Community Violence Intervention Plans

Board Approval Request: Wednesday, September 9, 2026

Summary:

The School District of the City of Saginaw has been approved for the award of \$2,147,450 from the Michigan Department of Education, Office of Health and Safety, for the Section 97n – Community Violence Intervention (CVI) Plans competitive grant.

Legislation: Public Act of 94 of 1979 - Section 97n

Community Violence Intervention (CVI): is a non-punitive approach representing an evidence-informed suite of services that proactively engages individuals, groups, and/or communities with the highest likelihood of involvement in firearm violence.

The grant funds must be used to support the efforts of community violence intervention plans to reduce or prevent youth violence. School districts awarded this grant must have demonstrated an established relationship with a CVI Program(s) for a minimum of three months. The CVI Program must also have:

- implemented intervention/prevention strategies related to youth violence.
- direct experience in evidence-based CVI models
- experience in serving communities most impacted by community violence
- lived experience including but not limited to violence exposure, system involvement, recognized credible messengers, established trust and legitimacy with program participants.

Established CVI Programs were/are determined by MDE/MDHHS.

Our non-profit community-based partner is the HELP CVI Program led by Mr. Kareem Bowen, Executive Director. SPSPD will be working in partnership with HELP CVI to support our students. The grant award will continue through 9/20/2028. Reporting will be required based on the community violence intervention plan and budget proposed by the applicant. Backup for all expenditures in the form of receipts, general ledger printouts, etc., must be maintained by the district and provided to MDE/MDHHS upon request.

Board approval is being requested for the attached budget, approved by the Michigan Department of Education, Office of Health and Safety.

Please feel free to direct any questions to:

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