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RE: OJJDP Award: 2020-MUMU-0022 and Award: 15PBJA-22-  
GG-04732-CVIP

Dear Scott,

I want to document your recognition of our progress and services provided with dynamic partners, as we complete sole source steps for our new grant award, a grant in which you invited us to apply: “2022 BJA FY 22 Office of Justice Programs Community Based Violence Intervention and Prevention Initiative”.

Thanks to our 1<sup>st</sup> grant award, OJJDP FY 20 Comprehensive Anti-Gang Programs for Youth - Category 1: Intervention, 2020-MUMU-0022, Fulton County is working with partners, all of whom have been vetted, to provide services to at-risk youth.

The program providers are the following:

1. Chris 180 (Creativity, Honor, Respect, Integrity and Safety) provides children, adults, and families with high-quality,

trauma-informed behavioral health services and support systems

2. Offender Alumni Association (OAA) in partnership with the U.S. Attorney's Office, utilizes the Credible Messenger approach to mentor juveniles to heal and gain skills that will assist them to make better decisions
3. WAVE (WE ALL VALUE EXCELLENCE) are law-enforcement officers who volunteer to provide in classroom mentoring by visiting the most-at-risk students to implement gang prevention, and community engagement.
4. The At Promise Center has three locations and welcomes at-risk youth to include group therapy, educational assistance including tutoring, mentoring and GED classes, testing, workforce prep, arts instruction in music and filmmaking, as well as recreational activities.

Now that our competitive application "2022 BJA FY 22 Office of Justice Programs Community Based Violence Intervention and Prevention Initiative" is awarded, 15PBJA-22-GG-04732-CVIP, we are expanding our reach by adding two additional program providers to the providers listed above and an evaluation provider from the local university:

The Department of Criminal Justice & Criminology at Georgia State University (GSU) is led by Dr. Dean Dabney, a seasoned urban violence researcher with more than 20-years' experience working closely with metro Atlanta justice and non-profit agencies on solutions aimed at improving criminal justice outcomes in the local community. From the evaluation on the impact that different kinds of retail development have on crime and other negative public health outcomes to the auditing of racial profiling protocols of the Fulton County Police Department, these endeavors performed with justice agencies, leave him in a highly capable position to design, manage, and deliver upon a implementation, process, and outcome evaluation of the youth violence interventions to be delivered by the Fulton County District Attorney's Office.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) provides year-round leadership training for at risk youth living in gang hot spots by targeting the before and after school opportunities when students often find unhealthy extracurricular activities and weekend programming in both peer lead groups with FCA character coaches. They use sports as a common ground to teach leadership and life skills that aren't available during the traditional instructional hours.

Dr. Chanda Pilgrim has over 25 years of experience working in schools, community-based agencies, private practice and with the juvenile justice system. She received her doctorate in psychology from Fordham University and her

specialties are Mood Disorders, Trauma, ADHD and Learning Disabilities. Healthy family relationships are critical to breaking the school to prison pipeline and families need healing and a community that supports the family. Dr. Pilgrim has developed a practice on parenting without fear. Sometimes Black parents have been conditioned by their own fear and parent aggressively, tightening control to try and save a child from danger and racism. If we don't work with parents, care-givers, and mentors then we are just returning youth to the chaos.

An email confirming that it was our dynamic partners working together that added greatly to our winning the grant award is most appreciated.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

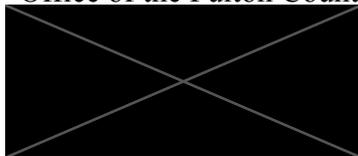
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*Be well,  
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