

**City of San Diego**  
**Commission on Gang Prevention and Intervention**  
**Executive Directors Report**  
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**To: Commissioners**  
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**Subject:** Executive Directors Report

**Goal 4:** *Identify capacity-building and funding sources for agencies and organizations with existing effective and promising gang prevention and intervention programs/strategies that they can apply for on a neighborhood basis.*

#### **Grant Distribution Update**

Commission staff forwarded six grant announcements during the months of October and November. Here is a listing of the organizations that requested applications:

- Broadcom Foundation
- California Community Learning Center Funding for Teens
- Tony Hawk Foundation
- SD County Senior Employment Program
- Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation
- California Wellness Foundation

The California Endowment has announced its commitment of \$55 million to a statewide initiative called: Sons & Brothers with a focus on Fresno, Los Angeles, and Oakland. The Endowment is supporting an implementation coalition of organizations in the above mentioned cities called the Alliance for Men of Color.

In seven years, the Endowment pledges to deliver on these critical goals:

- Support development of 1000 youth leaders throughout California.
- Improve school attendance by 30% in targeted schools to improve reading proficiency.
- Cut in half the number of students suspended, using proven common-sense discipline strategies that keep kids in school and accountable.
- Train all California school police officers on youth development and trauma.
- Start 10 prosecutor programs that keep young people accountable and divert them out of the justice system by addressing the underlying need.
- Enroll all eligible children in health coverage to support their physical and mental health.

There are many projects within San Diego that could benefit from being connected to this effort. Staff has contacted former Commissioner Steve Eldred to begin a dialogue about this effort.

## **Commission Initiatives Update**

Commissioner Villarreal continues to advocate for job placements for those who are connected to AB109. He will briefly outline challenges and successes.

Attached is a grid that details other ongoing Ad Hoc Committees and their status.