

## **Violence Prevention Coalition of Greater Los Angeles Online Challenge Grant Application Form**

**Challenge Grants:** The Violence Prevention Coalition (VPC) envisions bringing together multi-cultural groups/agencies to work in collaboration to educate the community about the public health approach to violence prevention. Grants of \$2,500 will be awarded to 10 VPC member agencies that serve or work with youth. The grant encourages collaboration between youth agencies to create and implement youth developed projects. All projects must promote peace in Los Angeles communities.

**The Selection Process:** To be considered for funding, the projects must be discussed and developed by the youth from the applying agencies. The awards will be determined by the VPC Challenge Grant Committee. The VPC will provide examples and support to the candidates who apply for the funding.

**Application Criteria:** The applying non profit organization must be a member of the VPC. Each applicant is encouraged to partner with another agency that serves a dissimilar population, thereby providing opportunities for youth from diverse backgrounds and neighborhoods to collaborate. Examples of activities to be funded are: Days of Dialogue, art projects, speak outs, educational forums, recreational and sporting events, marches, and facilitated discussion groups and activities. Applicants are encouraged to be creative and come up with innovative ideas. The primary focus of the activity must be preventing violence.

**Development:** The VPC is planning a youth summit that will involve the member agencies' projects and ideas. Each successful applicant agency must commit to selecting one or two youth to participate in a planning group for the Youth Summit to be held approximately 6 months following the challenge grant events.

The VPC is interested in establishing a youth coalition from its members. Two representatives from the youth serving agencies awarded the Challenge Grants will be asked to participate in the VPC youth coalition. The mission of the Youth VPC is to have the youth develop strategies, ideas, and solutions to violence in their communities. This will be the charge of the Youth Action Group to lead the effort and go forward with the VPC's public health approach to violence prevention. Youth will be trained on skills like conducting presentations, advocacy, and outreach. The goal of this project is to develop leadership and strengthen and empower the youth.

<b>Organization Name:</b>	
<b>Contact Person:</b>	
<b>Phone number:</b>	<b>Fax:</b>
<b>Email Address:</b>	
<b>VPC Member as of: (Month/Year)</b>	
<b>Partner Organization Name:</b>	
<b>Contact Person:</b>	
<b>Phone number:</b>	<b>Fax:</b>
<b>Email Address:</b>	
<b>Name of Project:</b>	
<b>Projected Number of Youth Involved per Agency:</b>	

**Application Checklist:** Please include the following in your application.

? Application Form

? Written Grant Proposal (see below)

? Proof of Nonprofit Status

? Budget (with budget description of how the funding will be used)

**Please send the application by January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at noon to:**

ATTN: Violence Prevention Coalition

c/o Community Partners

1000 N. Alameda Street, Suite 240

Los Angeles, CA 90012

**For Questions or assistance contact:** Gilbert Salinas ♦ Outreach  
Coordinator

**Project Proposal:** In 3-5 pages please address the following points in your written proposal.

**1. Description of project: (30%)**

(project goal; who will be involved; what activity/event will take place; where and when will it take place; who will it impact)

**2. Description of organizations: (10%)**

(brief background about both organizations, the communities they work in and the populations served ♦ also include description of the partnership and letter for support from the partner organization)

**3. Description of how the community will become aware of and/or involved with the project. (30%)**

**4. Describe how the project promotes peace by using the public health approach. (30%)**