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State Awards \$2 Million to California Trauma Recovery Centers

Funding will help to aid underserved victims of crime

Sacramento, CA (December 12, 2013) – The California Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board (Board) today awarded three grants totaling \$2 million to selected Trauma Recovery Centers (TRC) in California that will provide comprehensive mental health and medical services to underserved victims of crime.

The grant recipients approved by the three-member board are: Special Service for Groups, California State University at Long Beach, and University of California at San Francisco Trauma Recovery Center.

“The Board is pleased to present these grants to three deserving applicants dedicated to serving those in our communities who have suffered from violence and trauma,” said Julie Nauman, Executive Officer. “Funding will assist these Trauma Recovery Centers in facilitating the healing process and improving care, advocacy and outreach efforts in our state.”

In accordance with a law that took effect on July 1st (Government Code section 13963.1), the Board administered a grant program to evaluate applications and award funding to qualifying TRCs in California. The grant application period took place between August 19, 2013 and October 17, 2013, and applicants were subsequently evaluated against a Scoring Criteria consistent with the legislative intent. The three TRC applicants with the highest scores received funding based on the amounts requested and the dollars available.

Special Service for Groups (SSG), a community based organization (CBO) serving south Los Angeles, will receive \$611,392.07 through the grant program. The SSG TRC will provide improved access to mental health services to underserved crime victims through a partnership with the Homeless Outreach Program Integrated Care System, local service providers and the District Attorney’s Victim Assistance Center.

The California State University of Long Beach (CSULB) will receive funding in the amount of \$534,579.35. CSULB will collaborate with St. Mary’s Medical Center, local CBOs, the Los Angeles County District Attorney and mental health providers to serve the city’s poorest and most violent area.

The University of California at San Francisco Trauma Recovery Center (UCSF TRC), which serves crime victims at the San Francisco General Hospital Emergency Department, a Level 1 Trauma Center, will

receive a grant of \$854,028.57. Utilizing the latest research regarding trauma and PTSD symptoms, UCSF TRC specializes in trauma-focused mental health therapy.

Under the grant program, the Board will award TRC grants totaling up to \$2 million per year. The Board may provide funding for up to a maximum of three years and may award consecutive grants to a TRC to prevent a lapse in funding. The Board may not award a trauma recovery center more than one grant for any period of time.

The Restitution Fund serves as the single source of grant money. Any portion of funding that a TRC does not use within the specified grant period will revert to the Restitution Fund.

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The California Victim Compensation Program (CalVCP), a division of the California Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board (VCGCB), provides compensation for victims of violent crime who are injured or threatened with injury. Among the crimes covered are domestic violence, child abuse, sexual and physical assault, homicide, robbery, and vehicular manslaughter.

If a person meets eligibility criteria, CalVCP will compensate many types of services when the costs are not covered by other sources. Eligible services include medical and dental care, mental health services, income loss, funeral expenses, rehabilitation and relocation. Funding for CalVCP comes from restitution fines and orders, penalty assessments levied on persons convicted of crimes and traffic offenses, and matching federal funds. The program is not taxpayer funded.