

2013 Group of Four Proposal on Coordinated Domestic CVE Grassroots Support

Overview

The Group of Four, the Department of Homeland Security, the Department of Justice, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the National Counterterrorism Center, have made significant progress in the past year regarding interagency coordination and achieving the goals outlined in the SIP. To build on this progress, Group of Four agencies will continue to coordinate research, dissemination of resources and best practices, and most importantly strategically coordinate CVE engagement with our federal, state, local, tribal, and territorial partners.

Over the past year, the Group of Four has been successful in building a foundation of partnerships, establishing a network of subject matter experts, developing a compendium of training and CVE resources, coordinating the expansion of grant guidance, and establishing a common understanding of CVE in communities around the country. The challenge for 2013 is to further empower and support our state and local partners by strategically leveraging the compendium of resources that have been developed to directly support grassroots CVE efforts while continuing to do more with less given the fiscal environment in which we are operating in.

These efforts are to be driven at the local level, such as with the US Attorney, or state and local law enforcement; the Group of Four will work to add more transparency to available resources and work with state and local partners to determine how new resources can be applied and how current resources can be maximized. This will be a fully collaborative effort with full consultation with state and local partners.

Proposed Cities/Regions and Goals

Most of the current and previous CVE engagement has been based on communities and law enforcement agencies voluntarily approaching one of the agencies asking for assistance. For 2013, the Group of Four needs to build a strategic approach so we can leverage resources efficiently to support and strengthen established efforts, provide support and guidance to newly established/budding efforts, and effectively leverage resources and relationships from existing successful local programs. Goals for proposed cities would entail the following:

- 1) **Identifying Best Practices:** highlight promising efforts, recognizing them as such, and determining how the Group of Four agencies can best support these activities.
- 2) **Institutionalizing Best Practices:** as best practices are identified from across the country the Group of Four will build a compendium of best practices while also learning how current federal, state, and local tools and resources are being leveraged and applied. For example, the National Engagement Task Force (NETF), has been charged by the SIP, to coordinate engagement efforts, share best practices, and disseminate regular reports. The NETF has created a *Catalog of Best Practices for Community Engagement*, which will be disseminated across federal, state, local, and tribal law enforcement nationwide.
- 3) **Sharing Best Practices Through Cross Pollenization:** as the compendium of best practices is being developed the Group of Four will be able to share them with other federal, state and local partners; this will be accomplished through training and via resources available to partners such as the joint DHS/FBI CVE Training and Active Shooter Resources Webportal and the NCTC Community Engagement Online Resource Center.