

# CP3 Public Safety Violence Prevention Program Evaluation



Science and Technology

## ABOUT THE GRANT PROGRAM

Starting in December 2015, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has made millions of dollars available through the Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention (TVTP) Grant Program to help communities across our country develop innovative capabilities to combat terrorism and targeted violence. The DHS Science and Technology Directorate (S&T) works closely with the DHS Center for Prevention Programs and Partnerships (CP3), which administers TVTP grants to conduct evaluation research on selected grant recipients through an independent contractor. This objective assessment ensures DHS and other locally based TVTP programs can continually improve and build upon the lessons learned derived from these evaluations.

The goal of these evaluations is to:

1. Provide assessment of program implementation and goal achievement among grantees.
2. Conduct an evaluation to measure objective's grantees aimed to accomplish at the onset of the grant.
3. Develop a set of recommendations for DHS and state, local, tribal and territorial (SLTT) partners, and TVTP practitioners.

## EVALUATING THE PROGRAMS

S&T will conduct process and outcome evaluations on a diverse set of programs—from locally based to online prevention programs. The purpose of a process evaluation is to understand development decisions, and provide a description of programmatic operations, activities, and functions. An outcome evaluation will focus on change and effectiveness of an intervention on a target population, with a goal of understanding what (if any) difference a program made.

**Evaluation of the TVTP Grant Program:** Develop an evaluation framework, conduct an initial program-level evaluation based on available evidence, and develop a maturity model for continuous program evaluation and enhanced effectiveness.

**Evaluation of TVTP Grantee Awardees:** Conduct an impact and outcome evaluation on a subset of fiscal year 2021 (FY21) and FY22 grantees. S&T will provide recommendations on how to better define effective programs, create useful tools, and understand the impacts stemming from TVTP programs.

## Development of Data Infrastructure Toolkit for TVTP

**Grantees:** Design and develop a proof-of-concept data capture system that can be used by locally based prevention program grantees to assist in collecting, reporting, and analyzing program outputs. The toolkit will focus on training and education prevention programs to start.

**Evaluation of Intent2Prevent (I2P):** Conduct an evaluation of the I2P Student Innovation Lab to Prevent Targeted Violence, with the goal of identifying the impact of the training program while producing a toolkit that can be used for future I2P engagements. The toolkit will include guidance on factors associated with project success and suggestions on how to build more competitive and robust products, tools, or initiatives aimed at reducing terrorism and targeted violence.

## IMPACT

These evaluations will enhance DHS capacity by informing the selection of current and future fiscal year grant program applications. Evidence from these evaluations will enable CP3, and other domestic prevention programs, to better define and design effective programming, while incorporating research-based evidence into the implementation of these programs.

## MILESTONES

- **FY23 Q3:** Evaluability Assessment for FY21/22 Grantees
- **FY23 Q4:** Final Report on FY20 TVTP Grantee Evaluation
- **FY23 Q4:** Sustainability Literature Review
- **FY23 Q4:** Data Infrastructure Sample Assessment Tools
- **FY24:** Data collection and analysis for FY21/22 Grantees
- **FY24 Q2:** Final Report on FY21 TVTP Grantee Evaluation
- **FY24 Q3:** Outcome Evaluation on I2P
- **FY24 Q3:** Final Report on Grant Program Evaluation
- **FY25 Q1:** Impact Evaluation on I2P
- **FY25 Q2:** Final Report on FY22 TVTP Grantee Evaluation
- **FY25 Q4:** Final Report on I2P

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