



Californians for Safety and Justice Says Termination of Federal Crime Prevention and Victim Services Grants Will Imperil Public Safety

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OAKLAND, Calif. — On the heels of National Crime Victims Rights Week, the [U.S. Department of Justice on Tuesday cancelled critical federal government grants](#) that prevent violence, support survivors of crime and their families, and more.

The following statement can be attributed to Tinisch Hollins, executive director of Californians for Safety and Justice and California state director of Crime Survivors for Safety and Justice.

Hollins, herself a survivor of crime who has lost family members to gun violence, is also available for interviews about the impact of these cuts on public safety across California.

"Cutting funding for organizations that serve survivors of violent crime and their families will not improve public safety.

"The funding cuts from the Justice Department fly in the face of the essential function of our government, which is to protect victims of crime and promote public safety. Slashing funding for victim services is irresponsible and dangerous, and will impact the lives of millions of crime survivors across California. These are programs that focus on community violence intervention, mental health, and trauma recovery, which we know have contributed to record drops in violence in many cities across the state and nation.

"I have had to navigate the justice system all of my life to support family and friends who have been harmed by violence. Victim services are critical for crime survivors who need to heal. And ensuring survivors heal in the aftermath of a crime is key to interrupting generational cycles of violence and harm.

"In the face of these federal funding cuts, Californians for Safety and Justice will remain laser focused on protecting the hundreds of millions of dollars in savings achieved by Proposition 47 and ensuring a permanent funding stream for the kinds of community-based programming data makes clear works to reduce repeat crime and increase public safety.

"We all deserve to feel safe. Californians know well that in order to create safety in their homes, at school and in their daily lives, we must continue to pair accountability with approaches proven to prevent crime and harm from occurring in the first place."