

Frequently Asked Questions

- **Who is on the ReCAST Advisory Team?**

The ReCAST Advisory Team is a community stakeholder group formed around ReCAST grant activities. The team will be comprised primarily of community stakeholders from the public schools, higher education, faith, non-profit, mental health service providers, community-organizing, culturally-specific advocacy agencies, high-risk youth and their families. The ReCAST Advisory Team will be assembled post grant award.

- **What is the purpose of the ReCAST Advisory Team?**

The ReCAST Advisory Team serves as the voice of community in defining the needs and resource assessment accompanying the ReCAST Minneapolis program. The ReCAST Advisory Team will be empowered to develop the framework by which this engagement will take place, shape the resulting RFP the City sends to solicit bids from community-based agencies to deliver services.

- **What is the role of the ReCAST Advisory Team in the strategic planning process?**

These individuals will be tasked with working alongside the ReCAST Program Manager and Director, and key City staff to develop the strategic plan. Goals, outcomes, tasks and timelines will be developed by this group. Participants on the ReCAST Advisory Team will be further charged, and supported, to engage their representative bases to capture additional community input to inform this strategic plan.

- **What is the role of the ReCAST Advisory Team in the community needs assessment phase?**

An RFP will be released for the Assessment work after the first meeting of the ReCAST Advisory Team, which will occur the first month after an award announcement is made. The City will look to these community stakeholders to work within their respective bases and organizations to determine these needs, as well as participate with City staff in developing a community engagement framework by which the work of this program will be informed and evaluated by high-risk youth and their families.

- **Once the strategic plan is complete, what is the role of the ReCAST Advisory Team in the program implementation phase?**

To identify evidence-based violence prevention and community engagement programs that can be supported and/or created from the ReCAST funds, staff will use the professional experience of the behavioral health providers on the ReCAST Advisory Team, as well as the depth of experience and knowledge from the staff of the City's Health Department and look to appropriate research and literature. The ReCAST Advisory Team will also provide oversight into the selected trauma-informed training consultant.

- **Does the ReCAST Advisory Team operate under a formal or informal partnership?**

The terms of the grant funding require ReCAST Advisory Team members to formalize their partnership with the City through a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). The MOU will clearly define the purpose of the ReCAST work, the term of the work (five years), the adherence to federal regulations, the role of the lead organization (the City), and the role of partner organizations.