

Region secures anti-gang funding

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Yuba and Sutter counties are home to 1,500 gang members, according to a grant application that will bring \$400,000 to help in gang prevention.

The funds from the California Gang Reduction, Intervention and Prevention program — Cal GRIP — will go to Yuba and Sutter along with Colusa, Glenn and Lake counties.

Funds will provide job training and education for at-risk youths and young adults as a deterrent to gang life, according to the North Central Counties Consortium in Yuba City. The consortium submitted the grant.

Many gang members believe their only ticket out of their lives is a good job, the application states.

The five-county region lacks community or clubs as well as programs or activities to keep youth out of trouble, according to the grant application.

Grant funding has also gone to Visalia and Bakersfield.

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