

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2023-188

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council President at the request of the Mayor

Date of Introduction: March 14, 2023

Committee(s) of Reference: NCSPHS, R, F

Date of Analysis: March 14, 2023

Type of Action: Appropriation, position authorization, agreement authorization, *Ordinance Code* exemption and designation of oversight agency

Bill Summary: This bill is an appropriation of \$2,000,000 in grant funds from the United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, to support the Mayor's Violence Reduction Center Community-Based Violence Intervention and Prevention Initiative. The grant period commenced on October 1, 2022 and continues through September 30, 2025, with opportunity for a no cost extension by the grantor. Five positions (project manager, 2 program managers, 2 human services planners) are authorized to support the program. Agreements between the City and 2 service providers (Justice & Security Strategies, Inc. and Family Foundations of Northeast Florida, Inc.) are authorized. The Exemption in Section 126.107(g), *Ordinance Code* is invoked to exempt the competitive procurement process because both service providers were identified in the grant application. The Grants and Contract Compliance Division will provide oversight.

Background Information: The purpose of the appropriation is to fund several positions to administer the Violence Reduction Center Community-Based Violence Intervention and Prevention Initiative, and for related contractual services. Justice & Security Strategies, Inc. will receive \$450,000 over three years to provide data collection, analysis, and a final report. Family Foundations will receive \$568,331 over three years to provide standardized trauma assessments and vouchers for emergency housing, addiction/mental health, childcare, education, training, and transportation.

Programs funded by this grant will serve communities affected by transgenerational violent crime and create opportunities for adults and juveniles exposed to crime and violence. This initiative is designed to align community violence intervention assets at a central hub, increasing protective factors and reducing shootings in one of the deadliest communities in the country. The proposed project also expands and enhances the current violent crime intervention strategy, Cure Violence.

Policy Impact Area: Mayor's Violence Reduction Center Community-Based Violence Intervention and Prevention Initiative

Fiscal Impact: Appropriation of \$2,000,000 as initiated by B.T. 23-043; no local match required

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