

LEGISLATIVE FACT SHEET

DATE: 05/03/21

BT or RC No: _____
(Administration & City Council Bills)

SPONSOR: Finance & Administration/Office of Grants & Contract Compliance
(Department/Division/Agency/Council Member)

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PURPOSE: White Paper (Explain Why this legislation is necessary? Provide: Who, What, When, Where, How and the Impact.) Council Research will complete this form for Council introduced legislation and the Administration is responsible for all other legislation.

(Minimum of 350 words - Maximum of 1 page.)

This legislation appropriates grant funding (\$470,000) from Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) to the City of Jacksonville (COJ) for expansion of COJ's local Cure Violence initiative to a third operating site. The Cure Violence Program is a nationally recognized anti-violence, public health program that reduces gun violence and changes community norms. The goal of the Cure Violence program is to reduce murders and shootings by approaching violence as an epidemic process, able to be stopped by employing the same health strategies used to fight all other public health epidemics. The program utilizes carefully selected, trained workers, who are trusted members of the community to change the behaviors of high-risk individuals while raising the accepted norms within the community. Multiple cities that have implemented this model have seen over a 40% reduction in shootings and murders. The City's two existing sites, in Eastside Jacksonville and Moncrief Park, are demonstrating success, conducting community engagement activities, responding to shootings, mediating conflicts, and working directly with high-risk individuals to change their behaviors. Both sites are aligned with Cure Violence's indicators for success.

Based upon data showing the location of murders and shootings in Jacksonville and building on the success of the Cure Violence programs at the two existing Jacksonville locations, a third, complementary operating location, The Potter's House Christian Fellowship, Inc., in westside Jacksonville Zone 4 (west of I295), was specifically chosen to have the highest impact for our community. Over the past three years, Zone 4 has had the second highest number of firearm incidents in Jacksonville and has suffered dozens of murders and shootings. Despite this fact, the area experiences strong community engagement and outreach through The Potter's House Christian Fellowship, Inc. that would also be supportive to the current Cure Violence sites.

This project supports the City's efforts to establish a third Cure Violence site, recruit and train staff, and secure the services necessary for implementation of the Cure Violence model. The selected community partner meets the criteria for the COJ application process and the Cure Violence Global criteria. This grant will also provide training for program staff with the unique knowledge, skills, and experiences necessary to create change in high-risk individuals. Additionally, funding from this grant will support program implementation through June 2021, including responses to shootings, mediations, and connections to necessary services. Finally, this funding supports extensive data collection and analysis as well as the creation and maintenance of interactive dashboards to monitor progress.

APPROPRIATION: Total Amount Appropriated: _____ as follows:
 List the source name and provide Object and Subobject Numbers for each category listed below:

(Name of Fund as it will appear in title of legislation)

Name of Federal Funding Source(s)	From: Florida Department of Law Enforcement	Amount: \$470,000.00
	To: City of Jacksonville	Amount: \$470,000.00
Name of State Funding Source(s):	From: _____	Amount: _____
	To: _____	Amount: _____
Name of City of Jacksonville Funding Source(s):	From: _____	Amount: _____
	To: _____	Amount: _____
Name of Contribution(s):	From: _____	Amount: _____
	To: _____	Amount: _____
Name & Number of Bond Account(s):	From: _____	Amount: _____
	To: _____	Amount: _____

PLAIN LANGUAGE OF APPROPRIATION / FINANCIAL IMPACT / OTHER:

Explain: Where are the funds coming from, going to, how will the funds be used? Does the funding require a match? Is the funding for a specific time frame? Will there be an ongoing maintenance? ... and staffing obligation? Per Chapters 122 & 106 regarding funding of anticipated post-construction operation costs.

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This is a grant award from FDLE in the amount of \$470,000 to the City of Jacksonville for expansion of the City's Cure Violence initiative to a third site. The funding period is 7/1/2020 to 6/30/2021 and the funding does not require a match. FDLE will fund the City for allowable expenditures incurred during the eligible reporting period according to the terms and conditions, subject to the availability of funds and satisfactory performance of all terms by the COJ.

Tasks and activities to be performed include:

- Using data sources to identify and select a target area
- Utilizing criteria to select the best local partner, with the assistance of the Cure Violence Global
- Completing an award process to select the community partner
- Hire and train staff using Cure Violence Global interview process and background checks
- Respond to and provide mediation services for murders and shootings occurring within the target area
- Conducting community engagement activities and providing services directly to high-risk individuals
- Developing interactive dashboards and conducting data analysis
- Providing professional services for trauma-informed support, including mental health and financial wellness services
- Providing additional social services, including but not limited to job preparation and housing support for the target community

The following contracts will be paid through this grant:

- The Potter's House Christian Fellowship, Inc. (Local Cure Violence Partner) - Approx. \$60,000/month x 6 months - \$360,000
- Justice & Security Strategies (data analytics) - \$150/hour x approx. 200 hours - \$30,000
- Family Foundations of Northeast Florida - \$70/hour x approx. 425 hours - \$30,000
- Builders of the Faith Christian Center and Day Care, Inc. - Based on contract with City of Jacksonville - \$50,000

The City will provide monthly Claim Reports to FDLE, due 30 days after the end of each reporting period. All Claim Reports must be approved and signed by the City's Chief Financial Official or financial designee and include a certification that costs claimed are true and valid costs incurred in accordance with the agreement. This funding expires 6/30/2021. Any costs associated with continuing the tasks listed above beyond 6/30/2021 will not be covered by this funding.

ACTION ITEMS: Purpose / Check List. If "Yes" please provide detail by attaching justification, and code provisions for each.

ACTION ITEMS:	Yes	No	
Emergency?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Justification of Emergency: If yes, explanation must include detailed nature of <u>emergency</u>.</p> <p>The City received the grant award on December 2, 2020 and the contract was executed January 14, 2021. The grant period ends June 30, 2021</p>
Federal or State Mandate?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p>Explanation: If yes, explanation must include detailed nature of mandate including Statute or Provision.</p>
Fiscal Year Carryover?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p>Note: If yes, note must include explanation of all-year subfund carryover language.</p>
CIP Amendment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p>Attachment: If yes, attach appropriate CIP form(s). Include justification for mid-year amendment.</p>
Contract / Agreement Approval?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Attachment & Explanation: If yes, attach the Contract / Agreement and name of Department (and contact name) that will provide oversight. Indicate if negotiations are on-going and with whom. Has OGC reviewed / drafted?</p> <p>GC-#1408125-v1-FLORIDA_DEPARTMENT_OF_LAW_ENFORCEMENT_#NONE_GRANT_AWARD_2021-SFA-GAA-15-RD-002_\$470_000_00 - Fully Executed</p>
Related RC/BT?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Attachment: If yes, attach appropriate RC/BT form(s).</p>
Waiver of Code?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p>Code Reference: If yes, identify code section(s) in box below and provide detailed explanation (including impacts) within white paper.</p>
Code Exception?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p>Code Reference: If yes, identify code in box below and provide detailed explanation (including impacts) within white paper.</p>
Related Enacted Ordinances?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p>Code Reference: If yes, identify related code section(s) and ordinance reference number in the box below and provide detailed explanation and any changes necessary within white paper.</p>

ACTION ITEMS CONTINUED: Purpose / Check List. If "Yes" please provide detail by attaching justification, and code provisions for each.

ACTION ITEMS:

	Yes	No
Continuation of Grant?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>


Explanation: How will the funds be used? Does the funding require a match? Is the funding for a specific time frame and/or multi-year? If multi-year, note year of grant? Are there long-term implications for the General Fund?

Surplus Property Certification?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Reporting Requirements?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Attachment: If yes, attach appropriate form(s).

Explanation: List agencies (including City Council / Auditor) to receive reports and frequency of reports, including when reports are due. Provide Department (include contact name and telephone number) responsible for generating reports.

Report Development: Kendra Mervin, 255-5026. The Grants Compliance Office shall provide monthly Performance Reports to the Department attesting to the progress towards deliverables and to validate the required minimum acceptable level of service performed.

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Date: 5/3/2021

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Date: 5/3/2021

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Legislation from Independent Agencies requires a resolution from the Independent Agency Board approving the legislation.

Independent Agency Action Item: **Yes** **No**

Boards Action / Resolution? Attachment: If yes, attach appropriate documentation. If no, when is board action scheduled?

FACT SHEET IS REQUIRED BEFORE LEGISLATION IS INTRODUCED