

# LEGISLATIVE FACT SHEET

DATE: 01/19/23

BT or RC No: BT 23-043  
 (Administration & City Council Bills)

SPONSOR: Finance and Administration/ Office of Grants and 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 for the Community-Based Violence Intervention and Prevention Initiative (15PBJA-22-GG-04710-CVIP) from the United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance for the purpose of crime prevention and intervention, improving public safety in Duval County. Programs funded by this grant serve to interrupt the transmission of violence in communities most affected by violent crime.

The grant supports the Mayor's Violence Reduction Center (MVRC) Community Based Violence Intervention and Prevention Initiative (CVIPI). Through this initiative, COJ will align violence intervention activities in a community that has a documented high level of homicides and whose members have been historically underserved, marginalized, and adversely affected by inequality.

The MVRC CVIPI 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, an international Community Violence Intervention model.

Federal assistance will unify the three existing Cure Violence Jacksonville sites and other community-wide violence intervention efforts at the MVRC. This effort will also link individual victims of transgenerational violence with assessments, referrals for wraparound services, education, work training and placement, and follow-up services for one year. Participants will learn family-sustaining lifestyles and vocational skills. A Data and Quality Improvement Partner will provide regular stakeholder reports.

Led by a multidisciplinary group, community-building and crime reduction strategies unified at the MVRC will strengthen the community's public health and safety ecosystem.

APPROPRIATION: Total Amount Appropriated \$2,000,000.00 as follows:

List the source **name** and provide Object and Subject Numbers for each category listed below:

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

Name of Federal Funding Source(s)	From: US Department of Justice	Amount: \$2,000,000.00
	To: City of Jacksonville	Amount: \$2,000,000.00

Name of State Funding Source(s):	From: _____	Amount: _____
	To: _____	Amount: _____
Name of City of Jacksonville Fundin	From: _____	Amount: _____
	To: _____	Amount: _____
Name of In-Kind 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.

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

The Community-Based Violence Intervention and Prevention Initiative funding (\$2,000,000) from the US Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance to the City of Jacksonville (COJ) for the purpose of crime prevention and intervention and improvement of public safety in Duval County. Programs funded by this grant serve communities affected by transgenerational violent crime and creates opportunities for adults and juveniles exposed to crime and violence.

This funding does not require a match and is available through the period of October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2025. Funding will support staff and programs working in conjunction with the Mayor's Violence Reduction Center. Program staff and staff within the Office of Grants and Contract Compliance will be responsible for ongoing performance and financial reporting throughout the grant period.

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

**ACTION ITEMS:**

	Yes	No	
Emergency?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Justification of Emergency: If yes, explanation must include detailed nature of emergency.
			<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 30px; width: 100%;"></div>
Federal or State Mandate?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Explanation: If yes, explanation must include detailed nature of mandate including Statute or Provision.
			<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 30px; width: 100%;"></div>
Fiscal Year Carryover?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Note: If yes, note must include explanation of all-year subfund carryover language.
			Funds will carry over to FY24 and FY25.
CIP Amendment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Attachment: If yes, attach appropriate CIP form(s). Include justification for mid-year amendment.

Contract / Agreement Approval?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	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?
			Contract Attached
Related RC/BT?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Attachment: If yes, attach appropriate RC/BT form(s).
Waiver of Code?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Code Reference: If yes, identify code section(s) in box below and provide detailed explanation (including impacts) within white paper.
			BT Attached
Code Exception?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Code Reference: If yes, identify code in box below and provide detailed explanation (including impacts) within white paper.
Related Enacted Ordinances?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	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.

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

**ACTION ITEMS:**

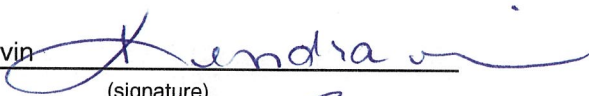
	Yes	No
Continuation of Grant?	x	

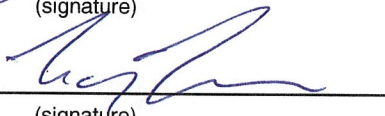
Explanation: How will the funds be used? Does the funding require a match? Is the funding for a specific time frame and/or multi-year? If multi-year, note year of grant? Are there long-term implications for the General Fund?

The funding does not require a match and will be used through the grant period of October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2025.

Surplus Property Certification?		x
Reporting Requirements?	x	

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 US Department of Justice quarterly reports. Office of Grants and Contract Compliance, Larry Finkelstein, Grants Compliance Officer, 904-255-8239.

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(signature)

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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**