



Legislation Text

File #: 22-3947, **Version:** 1

Department: Public Health Services

Department Head/Elected Official: Barbie L. Robinson, MPP, JD, CHC – Executive Director

Regular or Supplemental RCA: Regular RCA

Type of Request: Grant

Project ID (if applicable): N/A

Vendor/Entity Legal Name (if applicable): U.S. Department of Justice

MWDBE Contracted Goal (if applicable): N/A

MWDBE Current Achievement (if applicable): N/A

Justification for 0% MWDBE Participation Goal: N/A - Goal not applicable to request

Request Summary (Agenda Caption):

Request by Public Health Services for approval to submit an application to the U.S. Department of Justice for grant funds in the amount of \$2,000,000, with no required match, for the Community Based Violence Intervention and Prevention Initiative Program.

Background and Discussion:

On August 10, 2021, Commissioners Court directed Harris County Public Health to establish a new division to implement new and innovative public health approaches that addressed the root causes of violence in order to prevent community violence. The focus of the Community Health and Violence Prevention Services Division aligns with this funding opportunity from the U.S. Department of Justice, which seeks to prevent and reduce violent crime in communities by supporting comprehensive, evidence-based violence intervention and prevention programs.

Expected Impact:

The grant will lead to improved community impact. If awarded, these funds will be used to increase internal capacity for a new pilot community violence intervention program within one of the high-risk zip codes in Harris County. In addition, this grant brings an opportunity to work with a research partner in determining effective implementation strategies and infrastructure setup for a potential future formal evaluation. This also allows us to contribute to the growing knowledge base of research around community violence intervention. Lastly, the funds within this grant will allow for HCPH to provide additional direct support to at-risk populations by ensuring access to services (transportation and dedicated mental health) that these populations would otherwise not have access to.

Alternative Options:

N/A

Alignment with Goal(s):

- ☒ Justice and Safety
- ☐ Economic Opportunity
- ☐ Housing
- ☒ Public Health
- ☐ Transportation
- ☐ Flooding
- ☐ Environment
- ☐ Governance and Customer Service

Prior Court Action (if any):

Date	Agenda Item #	Action Taken
N/A		

Location:

Address (if applicable): N/A

Precinct(s): Countywide

Fiscal and Personnel Summary

Service Name			
	SFY 22	FY 23	Next 3 FYs
Incremental Expenditures (do NOT write values in thousands or millions)			
Labor Expenditures	\$	\$179,352.00	\$358,702.40
Non-Labor Expenditures	\$	\$487,219.90	\$974,725.70
Total Incremental Expenditures	\$	\$666,571.90	\$1,333,428.10
Funding Sources (do NOT write values in thousands or millions)			
Existing Budget			
	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$
Total Current Budget	\$	\$	\$
Additional Budget Requested			
Grant	\$	\$666,571.90	\$1,333,428.10
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Total Additional Budget Requested	\$	\$666,571.90	\$1,333,428.10
Total Funding Sources	\$	\$666,571.90	\$1,333,428.10

Personnel (Fill out section only if requesting new PCNs)			
Current Position Count for Service	-	-	-
Additional Positions Requested	-	-2	-2
Total Personnel	-	-2	-2

Anticipated Implementation Date: June 28, 2022

Emergency/Disaster Recovery Note: Not an emergency, disaster, or COVID-19 related item

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Attachments (if applicable): Grant Opportunity Document, Court order