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Columbus City Attorney's Office
77 North Front Street, 4th Floor
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Letter of Notice of Award: Columbus City Attorney Elevating Trust and Legitimacy for Prosecutors Project, \$5,500

Dear City Attorney Zach Klein,

In November of 2021, the Association of Prosecuting Attorneys (APA), in partnership with Yale Law School's Justice Collaboratory and LaGratta Consulting selected the Columbus City Attorney's Office as a pilot site for the Elevating Trust and Legitimacy for Prosecutors Project. The goal of the Elevating Trust initiative is to create a model for prosecutors' offices across the country that builds on the premise that these offices belong to the community, rather than to any elected official or government employee.

Through the 24-month Elevating Trust project period, the APA team assessed how Columbus City Prosecutors interacted with the surrounding community then worked hand in hand with the Prosecution Unit to develop and implement evidence-based practices for increasing public safety and trust. Based on the lessons learned through assessment period and the public safety strategies identified, the Association of Prosecuting Attorneys wishes to award the Columbus City Attorney's Prosecution Unit a small private grant to support activities identified under unit's Elevating Trust- Gun Safety strategy (\$5,500). The Association of Prosecuting Attorneys funds will support the following project expenses:

- 1) Food costs for two community impact panel discussions on gun safety.
- 2) Expenses associated with sending twenty-four Columbus residents through certified firearm safety courses.

The panel discussions will include representatives from Columbus Division of Police, Columbus Public Health's Care Coalition, The Ohio State University Star Program, community corrections, the faith community and local neighborhood associations to discuss gun violence, accidental gun deaths and the traumatic impacts that these types of incidents have on individuals and neighborhoods. Panelists will also discuss best-practices for safe gun handling and storage. These community conversations in tandem with firearm safety trainings will cultivate a deeper understanding of the impact of gun violence on communities (and families) and promote responsible gun ownership. These activities foster public trust and increase safety--directly supporting our Elevating Trust and Legitimacy for Prosecutors Project goal.



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By accepting this investment, the City Attorney agrees to keep and maintain efficient, complete, and separate books and records concerning any and all expenses incurred as they relate to the Association of Prosecuting Attorney funded activities listed above. Such books and records shall be kept available for examination by an independent auditor at all reasonable times and places for seven years from the date of this Letter of Notice and cash award.

The Association of Prosecuting Attorneys looks forward to continuing our partnership with the City of Columbus team.

Sincerely,

Marlene Biener

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General Counsel