



City of Columbus

Legislation Report

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File Name: Contract with The Research Foundation of the City University of New York for Group Violence Intervention (GVI) Project in Columbus.

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Auditor Cert #: ACPO009900

Auditor: When assigned an Auditor Certificate Number I , the City Auditor, hereby certify that there is in the treasury, or anticipate to come into the treasury, and not appropriated for any other purpose, the amount of money specified hereon, to pay the within Ordinance.

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Floor Action (Clerk's Office Only)

Mayor's Action

Council Action

Mayor

Date

Date Passed/ Adopted

President of Council

Veto

Date

City Clerk

Title: To authorize the Director of the Department of Public Safety to enter into contract with The Research Foundation of the City University of New York on behalf of the National Network for Safe Communities at John Jay College to work with the Columbus Violence Reduction team and other Columbus officials and community leaders to advance the Group Violence Intervention implementation and strengthen police legitimacy; to authorize the expenditure of \$59,700.00 from the General Fund; to waive the competitive bidding provisions of the Columbus City Codes; and to declare an emergency (\$59,700.00)

Sponsors:

Attachments: Expenditure-Accounting String.xlsx, Bid Waiver - GVI.

2023doc.doc

Related Files:

History of Legislative File

Ver.	Acting Body:	Date:	Action:	Sent To:	Due Date:	Return Date:	Result:
1	Columbus City Council	12/04/2023	Approved				Pass
1	COUNCIL PRESIDENT	12/04/2023	Signed				
1	ACTING MAYOR	12/06/2023	Signed				
1	CITY CLERK	12/07/2023	Attest				

ODI: Following the review and approval, when required, the Office of Diversity and Inclusion certifies compliance with Title 39 as of date listed.

City Attorney: Following review and approval, when required, this ordinance has been reviewed by the City Attorney's Office as to its form and legality only.

Explanation

BACKGROUND: This legislation authorizes the Director of the Department of Public Safety to enter into contract with The Research Foundation of the City University of New York on behalf of the National Network for Safe Communities (NNSC) at John Jay College to work directly with the Columbus Violence Reduction (CVR) team and other Columbus officials and community leaders to advance the Group Violence Intervention (GVI) implementation and strengthen police legitimacy. Through regular strategic advising, NNSC will support Columbus' efforts to increase number and regularity of custom notifications to get GVI message out and effectively decrease group violence.

CVR, with active support and guidance from NNSC, will collectively lead and ensure the success of the GVI implementation. NNSC will serve as national experts on the GVI framework and will work with CVR to adapt the framework to the unique local conditions in Columbus. Columbus -through the local Project Manager-will manage all major implementation efforts, act as the "local expert" on the ground, and be responsible for ensuring participation and engagement by local partners and stakeholders in scheduled NNSC activities. To ensure the effectiveness of these efforts, Columbus will:

- Continue to include the CVR Project Manager in shooting reviews for appropriate feedback about the shooting reviews effectiveness. CPD will prepare a synopsis of the Shooting Review to NNSC advisors on at least a quarterly basis.
- Share appropriate information about custom notification recipients with NNSC advisors. This information includes what incidents people were recently involved in, what group they are associated with, what previous incidents they have been involved with, etc. CPD will not disclose details that could impede the active investigations.

This legislation seeks a waiver of the competitive bidding provisions of the Columbus City Code. National Network for Safe Communities, a project of John Jay College of Criminal Justice is uniquely well-suited to

serve as consultants to Columbus' law enforcement and community partners in their implementation efforts. David Kennedy and the National Network is also the only entity that can offer access to scores of jurisdictions across the country that are implementing its violence intervention strategies, providing Columbus the opportunity to directly collaborate with and learn from peers doing this work. The city worked with this group in 2020, 2021, and 2022.

Term: The agreement shall be for the period covering October 4, 2023 and ending August 31, 2024.

Fiscal Impact: This legislation authorizes the expenditure of \$59,700.00 from the General Fund with the Research Foundation of the City University of New York to support a comprehensive problem analysis of serious violence in the City of Columbus. The City contracted with the Research Foundation for \$80,000.00 in 2020 and \$195,000.00 in 2021 and \$150,000.00 in 2022. Funding is available in Public Safety's 2022 General Fund Budget for this contract.

Emergency action is requested so that a contract can be entered into immediately and project activities can begin without delay.

Title

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Body

WHEREAS, the City has a need to reduce violence and improve public safety, minimize arrest and incarceration, strengthen communities, and improve relationships between law enforcement and the communities it serves; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus has identified the National Network for Safe Communities, a project of John Jay College of Criminal Justice as a group that supports cities implementing proven strategic interventions to reduce violence; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. David Kennedy and the National Network's operational approach includes working with cities to identify serious violent crime problems; assembling partnerships of law enforcement, community leaders, and social service providers; conducting crime analyses to identify the conditions driving the majority of serious offending; and devising a response that uses enforcement strategically to reduce collateral consequences; and,

WHEREAS, a waiver of the competitive bid provisions of the Columbus City Code is necessary as the National Network for Safe Communities, a project of John Jay College of Criminal Justice is uniquely well-suited to serve as consultants to Columbus' law enforcement and community partners in their implementation efforts; and,

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Public Safety in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the Director to enter into contract with The Research Foundation of the City University of New York on behalf of Criminologist David Kennedy and the National Network

for Safe Communities at John Jay College to support a comprehensive analysis of serious violence in the City of Columbus, so that project activities can begin without delay, for the immediate preservation of the public health, peace, property, and safety; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:

SECTION 1. That the Director of the Department of Public Safety is hereby authorized to enter into contract with The Research Foundation of the City University of New York on behalf of Criminologist David Kennedy and the National Network for Safe Communities at John Jay College to support a comprehensive analysis of serious violence in the City of Columbus, contingent upon The Research Foundation becoming registered to transact business within the State of Ohio, as required by Ohio Revised Code Chapter 1703.

SECTION 2. That this Council finds it is in the best interests of the City to waive the competitive bidding provisions of Chapter 329 of the Columbus City Codes to enter into this contract, and hereby waives such provisions.

SECTION 3. That the expenditure of up to \$59,700.00, or so much thereof as may be needed pursuant to the action authorized in SECTION 1, is hereby authorized in the General Fund 1000, in Object Class 03 - Contractual Services, per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

SECTION 4. That the funds necessary to carry out the purpose of this ordinance are hereby deemed appropriated, and the City Auditor shall establish such accounting codes as necessary.

SECTION 5. That the monies appropriated in the foregoing sections shall be paid upon the order of the Director of the Department of Public Safety, and that no order shall be drawn or money paid except by voucher, the form of which shall be approved by the City Auditor.

SECTION 6. That the City Auditor is authorized to make any accounting changes to revise the funding source for all contracts or contract modifications associated with this ordinance.

SECTION 7. That for the reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is hereby made a part thereof, this ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval by the Mayor, or ten days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.