



# City of Columbus

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## Legislation Text

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This ordinance authorizes the Director of Finance and Management to enter into a grant agreement with End the Violence in support of their community violence intervention program.

End the Violence (ETV) is a crisis management and intervention organization that leverages the widely-recognized “credible messengers” approach to stemming violence before it escalates. ETV utilizes a team of community-based interventionists to provide alternative activities for residents who may otherwise engage in criminal and/or violent activity. ETV’s goals are to engage underserved hotspots in a culturally-informed manner, provide close-to-home work opportunities with pay, and to expose residents to opportunities for sustainable employment paying a living wage. In addition, ETV interventionists provide continuity and connections to supportive services to residents needing additional ongoing assistance.

This funding is expected to support community interventionists working throughout Columbus neighborhoods, as well as the funding necessary to support the activities that engage youths and residents most at-risk of engaging in violence.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** The funding of \$500,000.00 is available within the Public Safety Initiatives subfund.

**EMERGENCY ACTION** is requested in order to immediately address neighborhood violence in the remainder of the summer in Columbus.

To authorize the Director of Finance and Management to enter into a grant agreement with End the Violence in support of community violence intervention; to authorize an appropriation and expenditure of \$500,000.00 within the Public Safety Initiatives subfund; and to declare an emergency. (\$500,000.00)

**WHEREAS**, End the Violence (ETV) is a crisis management and intervention program that leverages the widely-recognized “credible messengers” approach to stemming violence before it escalates; and

**WHEREAS**, ETV utilizes a team of community-based interventionists to provide alternative activities for residents who may otherwise engage in criminal and/or violence activity; and

**WHEREAS**, this funding will support community interventionists, as well as the activities that ETV provides as alternatives to engaging in violent behavior; and

**WHEREAS**, an emergency exists in the daily operations of the Department of Finance and Management such that it is necessary to authorize the Director to enter into a grant agreement with End the Violence in order to immediately address neighborhood violence in Columbus; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

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

**SECTION 1.** That the Director of the Department of Finance and Management is hereby authorized and directed to enter into a grant agreement with End the Violence in support of community violence intervention.

**SECTION 2.** That the Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to appropriate \$500,000.00 to the Department of Finance and Management within the Public Safety Initiatives subfund, per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

**SECTION 3.** That per the action authorized in Section 1 of this ordinance, the expenditure and advanced payment of \$500,000.00, or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized 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 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 6.** That for the reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is hereby made a part hereof, 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.