



Legislation Text

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Fiscal Note

This grant would fully fund the costs associated with this project. No additional appropriation is required.

Title

Authorizing the Mayor, City Clerk and Chief of Police to accept a law enforcement and public health grant award from the California Endowment in the amount of \$10,000 and to utilize these funds toward increasing community safety in Madison.

Body

WHEREAS, Chief Noble Wray participated in a California Endowment Executive Session on Increasing Community Safety in March 2011 to discuss how the fields of public safety and public health can benefit from each other; and

WHEREAS, the concept of bridging public health and public safety promises to improve community engagement and vitality and public safety; and

WHEREAS, the Department has been awarded \$10,000 for its "Increasing Community Safety in Madison: The Intersection between Law Enforcement and Public Health Approaches" project; and,

WHEREAS, this project is a public health and law enforcement collaboration to addresses public safety problem that affects the physical or mental health of neighborhood residents; and

WHEREAS, this project is a low-cost, replicable, and sustainable social innovation, modeled on the Public Health - Madison and Dane County "Creating a Sense of place in Southwest Madison project, an evidence-based public health approach to community revitalization; and

WHEREAS, during the summer of 2011, the Madison Police Departments West District, Public Health Madison and Dane County, the Meadowood Neighborhood Center and Youth Services of Dane County all propose bringing drop-in park programming five days per week for elementary aged children to the Meadowood Park and broadening the Southwest Madison Youth Work Crew (the Clean and Freshies) and expanding and improving Front Yard Gardens project; and

WHEREAS, the Southwest Madison Youth Work Crew promotes respect for public and private property, helps at-risk youth obtain an employment history, addresses the issue of youth unemployment which is a correlate of delinquent behavior; and helps youth develop positive connections to their communities; and

WHEREAS, prescription fraud is an increasing public safety concern and the Departments West District has an ongoing partnership with area pharmacies to increase information sharing concerning prescription fraud suspects between the police and area pharmacies in hopes that through working together, offenders ability to illegally obtain prescription drugs will be reduced.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Madison, through the Madison Police Department, is authorized to accept a California Endowment award in the amount of \$10,000.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Common Council authorizes the expenditure of grant funds in accordance with the grant application, with modifications upon appropriate approvals from the California Endowment, as follows:

- 1) Support for drop-in park programming in Meadowood Park (\$5,000); and
- 2) Support for the Clean and Freshies work crew (\$4,000.00); and
- 3) Support for the Front Yard Gardens project (\$500.00); and
- 4) Printing, copying and postage for the law enforcement-pharmacy partnership to reduce prescription fraud (\$500).

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Finance Department and the Madison Police Department are authorized to establish and/or maintain accounts as required for the administration of the grant funds.