



Legislation Text

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Fiscal Note

MPD staff time spent related to this grant will be covered with existing resources. There is no impact on the levy.

Title

Authorizing the Mayor, City Clerk and Chief of Police to accept a FY2015 Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation grant award in the amount of \$155,522 and to utilize these funds to support the Raymond Road Corridor Neighborhood Public Safety Planning Project; and amend budgets accordingly

Body

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Justice Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation (BCJI) Program is a part of the President's larger Neighborhood Revitalization Initiative (NRI) that supports local communities in developing place-based strategies to change neighborhoods of distress into neighborhoods of opportunity; and

WHEREAS, recognizing that interconnected solutions are needed in order to resolve the interconnected problems existing in distressed communities, BCJI is designed to provide neighborhoods with coordinated federal support in the implementation of comprehensive place-based strategies to effectively reduce and prevent crime by connecting this support to broader comprehensive neighborhood revitalization efforts. This coordinated federal support includes integrated training and technical assistance resources for federal grantees involved in planning a neighborhood revitalization project; the coordination and alignment of performance metrics and reporting requirements across agencies; and

WHEREAS, the goal of BCJI is to improve community safety by designing and implementing effective, comprehensive approaches to addressing crime within a targeted neighborhood as part of a broader strategy to advance neighborhood revitalization through cross-sector community-based partnerships; and

WHEREAS, the BCJI Program may fund implementation of particularly successful planning process strategies, up to \$1,000,000; and

WHEREAS, the Madison Police Department submitted an application on behalf of its community partners, to use planning funds to: identify, verify, and prioritize crime hot spots within an identified neighborhood; work with cross-sector partners/management team to develop a strategy, drawing on a continuum of approaches to address crime drivers; pursue community partnerships and leadership, building support to ensure the community and residents are active in the process; collaborate regularly with a research partner and the community to conduct analysis of crime drivers and an assessment of needs and available resources; and support planning and proactive outreach to garner new and/or leverage resources or funding, necessary to implement strategies identified in the strategic plan; and

WHEREAS, the Southwest neighborhoods along the Raymond Road Corridor, including Teresa Terrace, Balsam-Russett, Meadowood, Greentree, Orchard Ridge and Prairie Hills, as are Falk and Orchard Ridge Elementary Schools and Meadowood and Teresa Terrace neighborhood Centers, have been identified as an area with crime hot spots and in need of revitalization; and

WHEREAS, the initial organizational partners (to be expanded) for Raymond Road Corridor Neighborhood Public Safety Planning Project include:

- Madison Police Department (fiscal agent)
- Common Wealth Development (project manager)
- Dr. Kimberly A. Hassell, Associate Professor of Criminal Justice, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (researcher)
- Teresa Terrace Neighborhood Center / Wisconsin Youth Company
- Meadowood Neighborhood Center
- Mellowood Foundation
- The Road Home
- Joining Forces for Families
- Madison Metropolitan School District
- Orchard Ridge United Church of Christ Church
- Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
- Meadowood and Prairie Neighborhood Associations
- City of Madison Neighborhood Resource Teams
- Meadowridge Library; and

WHEREAS, neighborhood residents, MPD, Common Wealth Development, neighborhood centers, public schools, faith institutions and other nonprofit and public agencies will jointly plan an 18-month comprehensive neighborhood safety strategy to enhance and improve crime reduction and prevention efforts to achieve measurable objectives:

- Support emerging neighborhood leaders who will help build social cohesion and collective efficacy within the community
- Improve public safety through building trust and collaborative problem-solving among MPD officers, residents and community organizations
- Create a durable framework of residents and community organizations to support grassroots leadership and sustain momentum
- Identify action projects to meet a community goal using available and leveraged resources to achieve them to achieve positive improvements; and

WHEREAS, neighborhood resident leaders will receive a small stipend and small action projects will be implemented to achieve resident-determined goals.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the the Mayor and Chief of Police are authorized to accept an FY2015 Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation grant award in the amount of \$155,522. [\$106,122 31102-54820; \$48,000 31102-54810; \$1,400 31102-54520; (\$155,522) 31102-49123]

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any grant funds received are appropriated to the Madison Police Department to be used for the purposes of the grant.

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