



Legislation Text

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Fiscal Note

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WHEREAS the City accepted a \$750,000 grant from the US Department of Justice-Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (RES-16-00776) to conduct a 2-year youth violence prevention project on Madison's Northside; and

WHEREAS the Community Development Division completed an extensive planning phase utilizing a planning group of 37 community stakeholders comprising individuals with diverse expertise and lived-experiences, more than 60% Northside residents and more than 50% people of color and this process resulted in a community-driven strategic plan to address violence and the impact of violence on Madison's Northside that was approved by the USDOJ; and WHEREAS more than 50 Northside youth were also engaged in the strategic planning process through activities involving at-risk youth, the North Police District, community center staff, neighborhood navigators, and other partners; and

WHEREAS the community planning group worked together to complete the strategic planning process using information gathered from more than a dozen meetings with community stakeholders, 6 focus groups, 80 formal community surveys, and hundreds of informal conversations; and

WHEREAS, the approved plan is called “Madison’s Northside: A Safe and Thriving Community Strategic Plan” (hereafter, “Strategic Plan”); and

WHEREAS the strategic planning group was tasked with identifying strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats and priorities to address violence prevention and the impact of violence to create the specific goals, outputs and outcomes for the Strategic Plan; and

WHEREAS the Community Development Division issued a Request for Proposals that included three program types identified in the Strategic Plan, including community-based wellness, strengthening community and increasing trust, and the Youth Peace Project for a total of \$140,000; and

WHEREAS the Division received a total of \$387,675 in proposal requests including two for the area of Strengthening Community and Increasing Trust, three to complete a Youth Peace Project, and four for Community Based Wellness work.

WHEREAS a review group made-up of community stakeholders who developed the Strategic Plan, including residents and representatives from county government and staff from three different City Departments/Divisions read the proposals and submitted their scores to the City; and

WHEREAS City staff from CDD, MPD and PHMDC, taking into consideration the aforementioned scores, federal guidelines for intended populations, and data reporting requirements, recommends the award of the following contracts:

Anesis Therapy, LLC: up to \$40,000 to engage youth ages 11-14 years, with a priority on youth of color who face multiple barriers to success at school and in the community, in a bi-weekly group with goals of increasing communication, supporting positive peer and family relationships, decreasing oppositional defiant behaviors, promoting problem solving.

Forward Learning Youth & Young Adult (FLYY): up to \$40,000 to provide a series of professional trainings in de-escalation, Peacekeeping Circles, nonviolent communication, and conflict mediation for youth and adults to create a change in community culture that moves Northside youth away from firearms and antisocial behavior, while simultaneously engaging adult leaders who will mentor the youth-led initiative of leading a sustainable Peace Program.

Zeidler Center for Public Discussion: up to \$40,000 to repair relationships between law enforcement and communities of color in Madison’s Northside through trauma-informed group processes, youth leadership training, youth and adult facilitator trainings, and trust building and humanizing through deep listening and communication in safe spaces. This will prepare a cohort of trained, professional Northside adult and youth facilitators to lead trauma-informed group processes.

Bicycle Federation of Wisconsin: Up to \$10,000 to utilize community bicycling as a way to build cohesion, improve relationships amongst Northside residents and other stakeholders. This work will address cultural norms related to violence and firearms, improve trust and foster community through the Restorative Community Bike Rides and Conversations. The rides and conversations will promote social justice and equity, repair historical harms, and increase community safety.

Community Coordinated Child Care (4-C): up to \$10,000 to expand a community based approach to supporting social emotional wellbeing and mental health families and young children through facilitated support networks, addressing the factors that mitigate the negative effects of trauma, reduce abuse and neglect among children, encourage parents to become more involved in their child’s development, and to seek support for a number of different barriers that they experience.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that that the Mayor and City Clerk are authorized to enter into agreements with the five organizations listed above (or their fiscal agents) for the services described, with such contracts to have a term not longer than June 1, 2018 to September 30, 2019; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that any unspent Federal funds may be allocated by the Community Development Division in accordance with any requirements of the grant and applicable City purchasing policies.