

INTRODUCED: November 14, 2022

AN ORDINANCE No. 2022-309

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to accept funds from the U. S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, in the total amount of \$1,966,278.00; to amend Ord. No. 2022-056, which adopted the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Special Fund Budget, by (i) creating one new special fund for the Department of Justice Services and two new special funds for the Office of the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer for Human Services called the CVIPI Justice Services Special Fund, the CVIPI Steering Committee Special Fund, and the We Matter CVIPI Special Fund, respectively, and (ii) increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the new CVIPI Justice Services Special Fund by \$1,094,716.00, the new CVIPI Steering Committee Special Fund by \$95,470.00, and the new We Matter CVIPI Special Fund by \$551,040.00; and to amend Ord. No. 2022-055, which adopted the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 General Fund Budget and made appropriations pursuant thereto, by creating a new line item in the Non-Departmental agency to be called the Virginia Commonwealth University’s Survey and Evaluation Research Lab grant for evaluation of gun violence prevention initiatives line item and to increase estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to such new line item by \$225,052.00, all for the purpose of funding City of Richmond gun violence prevention initiatives.

Patron – Mayor Stoney

Approved as to form and legality
by the City Attorney

PUBLIC HEARING: DEC 12 2022 AT 6 P.M.

THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEREBY ORDAINS:

§ 1. That the Chief Administrative Officer is authorized to accept funds for the City of Richmond in the amount of \$1,966,278.00 from the United States Department of Justice, Office

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ADOPTED: DEC 12 2022 REJECTED: _____ STRICKEN: _____

of Justice Programs, for the purpose of funding gun violence prevention initiatives in the city of Richmond.

§ 2. That Ordinance No. 2022-056, adopted May 9, 2022, which adopted the Special Fund Budget for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023, by:

(a) Creating a new special fund for the Department of Justice Services called the “CVIPI Justice Services Special Fund;”

(b) Creating a new special fund for the Office of the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer for Human Services called the “CVIPI Steering Committee Special Fund;”

(c) Creating a new special fund for the Office of the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer for Human Services called the “We Matter CVIPI Special Fund;”

(d) Increasing revenues from the funds accepted pursuant to section 1 of this ordinance by \$1,094,716.00 and increasing the amount appropriated to the Department of Justice Services’ new CVIPI Justice Services Special Fund by \$1,094,716.00;

(e) Increasing revenues from the funds accepted pursuant to section 1 of this ordinance by \$95,470.00 and increasing the amount appropriated to the Office of the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer for Human Services’ new CVIPI Steering Committee Special Fund by \$95,470.00; and

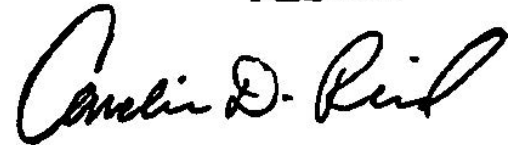
(f) Increasing revenues from the funds accepted pursuant to section 1 of this ordinance by \$551,040.00 and increasing the amount appropriated to the Office of the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer for Human Services’ new We Matter CVIPI Special Fund.

§ 3. That Ordinance No. 2022-055, adopted May 9, 2022, which adopted the General Fund Budget for the for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 and made appropriations pursuant thereto, is hereby amended by increasing revenues from the funds

accepted pursuant to section 1 of this ordinance by \$225,052.00 and appropriating these funds in the amount of \$225,052.00 to a new line item in the Non-Departmental agency called the “Virginia Commonwealth University’s Survey and Evaluation Research Lab grant for evaluation of gun violence prevention initiatives” line item for the purpose of making a grant to Virginia Commonwealth University’s Survey and Evaluation Research Lab for the evaluation of gun violence prevention initiatives.

§ 4. This ordinance shall be in force and effect upon adoption.

**A TRUE COPY:
TESTE:**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carolin D. Reed". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'C'.

City Clerk



City of Richmond

Intracity Correspondence

O&R REQUEST

DATE: October 14, 2022 **EDITION:** 1

TO: The Honorable Members of City Council

THROUGH: The Honorable Levar M. Stoney, Mayor 

THROUGH: J.E. Lincoln Saunders, Chief Administrative Officer 

THROUGH: Sabrina Joy-Hogg, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer for Finance and Administration 

THROUGH: Sheila White, Director of Finance 

THROUGH: Jason May, Director of Budget and Strategic Planning 

THROUGH: Reginald E. Gordon, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer for Human Services 

FROM: Dominic Barrett, Strategic Projects and Grants Advisor – Office of Human Services

RE: Department of Justice Community Based Violence Intervention and Prevention Grant 

ORD. OR RES. No. _____

PURPOSE: To Authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to accept funds in the amount of \$1,966,278.00 from the U.S. Department of Justice and to appropriate it as follows:

- \$95,470 to a new special fund in the Office of the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer for Human Services called the CVIPI Steering Committee Special Fund
- \$1,094,716 to a new special fund for Department of Justice Services called the CVIPI Justice Services Special Fund
- \$551,040 to a new special fund in the Office of the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer for Human Services called the We Matter CVIPI Special Fund
- \$225,052 to a new line item in the non-departmental agency for a grant to Virginia Commonwealth University's Survey and Evaluation Research Lab (SERL) to evaluate the project.

REASON: The U.S. Department of Justice approved the City of Richmond’s proposal to the FY 22 Office of Justice Programs’ Community Based Violence Intervention and Prevention Initiative and awarded the city \$1,966,278.00. The Office of the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer for Human Services is seeking approval for the Chief Administrative Officer to accept the \$1,966,278.00 to fund the Gun Violence Prevention initiatives proposed within the grant.

RECOMMENDATION: The City Administration recommends adoption.

BACKGROUND:

In 2021, Mayor Levar Stoney formally announced an effort to bring a diversity of stakeholders around the table to collaborate on solutions to reduce gun violence in the city, resulting in the Richmond Gun Violence Prevention and Intervention Steering Committee and their subsequently developed “GVPI Framework.” Richmond’s first Community Safety Coordinator is in place to help coordinate the GVPI Steering Committee and to support the fundamentals of the city’s GVPI Framework. The City’s successful proposal to the U.S. Department of Justice titled “Youth Shape the Future: Enhancing Richmond VA’s community-centered framework for reducing gun violence” seeks to build on these existing efforts through the following initiatives:

- 1) Enhance the Framework and support the steering committee with a rigorous strategic plan.
- 2) Enhance, expand, and integrate key youth prevention and intervention strategies of the framework including: Youth Justice, We Matter, and a new LIFT Messenger program for youth.

Residents were clear during the development of the framework: young people and those that care for them are looking for more positive youth development activities. The programs presented within this application focus on supporting young people at great risk of engaging in negative behaviors and supporting them so that they are able to have productive, thriving lives outside of the justice system. The City intends to leverage this grant opportunity to deepen the scope of programs that are working; implement a new, evidence-based program; and ensure that all components and the agencies that manage them are integrated and supporting one another. The project includes a three year independent evaluation of these Gun Violence Prevention initiatives to be led by VCU’s Survey and Evaluation Research Lab (SERL).

FISCAL IMPACT / COST: The project will be paid for by grant funds from U.S. Department of Justice, not to exceed \$1,966,278.00

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS: N/A

BUDGET AMENDMENT NECESSARY: Yes, the establishment of new Special Funds and amendment of the Special Fund Budget.

REVENUE TO CITY: \$1,966,278.00

DESIRED EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon adoption

REQUESTED INTRODUCTION DATE: November 14, 2022

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING DATE: December 12th, 2022

REQUESTED AGENDA: Consent

RECOMMENDED COUNCIL COMMITTEE: Education and Human Services Committee

CONSIDERATION BY OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES: None

AFFECTED AGENCIES: Human Services, Office of Children and Families, Department of Justice Services

RELATIONSHIP TO EXISTING ORD. OR RES.: None

REQUIRED CHANGES TO WORK PROGRAM(S): N/A

ATTACHMENTS: Notice of Award Letter, Grant Agreement

STAFF: Dominic Barrett, Strategic Projects and Grants Advisor – Office of Human Services, 646-5861. Samuel Brown Sr.– Community Safety Coordinator, 646-0586