

INTRODUCED: March 25, 2024

AN ORDINANCE No. 2024-093

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to accept funds in the amount of \$3,320,000.00 from the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services, and to amend the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Special Fund Budget by creating a new special fund for the Department of Justice Services called Safer Communities Special Fund, and to appropriate the increase to the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Special Fund Budget by increasing revenues and the amount appropriated to the Department of Justice Services' Safer Communities Special Fund by \$3,320,000.00, for the purpose of funding the implementation of the Safer Community Program.

Patron – Mayor Stoney

Approved as to form and legality
by the City Attorney

PUBLIC HEARING: APR 8 2024 AT 6 P.M.

THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEREBY ORDAINS:

§ 1. That the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, is authorized to accept funds in the amount of \$3,320,000.00 from the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services for the purpose of funding the implementation of the Safer Community Program.

§ 2. That Article I, Section 2 of Ordinance No. 2023-071, adopted May 8, 2023, which

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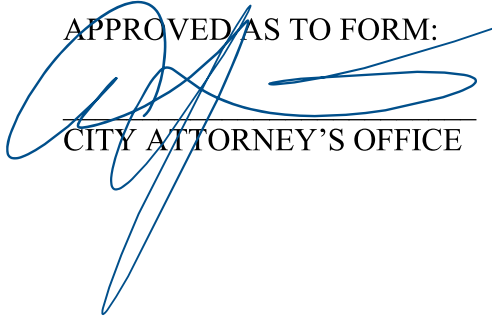
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adopted a Special Fund Budget for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, and made appropriations pursuant thereto, be and is hereby amended by creating a new special fund for the Department of Justice Services called the Safer Communities Special Fund for the purpose of funding the implementation of the Safer Community Program.

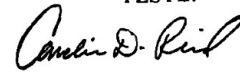
§3. That the funds received from the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services are hereby appropriated to the Special Fund Budget for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, by increasing estimated revenues by \$3,320,000.00, increasing the amount appropriated for expenditures by \$3,320,000.00, and allotting to the Department of Justice Services' Safer Communities Special Fund the sum of \$3,320,000.00, for the purpose of funding the implementation of the Safer Community Program.

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

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

A TRUE COPY:
TESTE:


City Clerk



City of Richmond

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Department: Justice Services

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Subject: DCJS Safer Communities Grant Award Acceptance

Final Action:

Title: To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to Accept \$3,320,000 from the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services and to appropriate these funds to a newly created special fund titled "Safer Communities" in the Fiscal Year 2024 budget for the Department of Criminal Justice Services for the purpose of conducting activities in collaboration with the Richmond Police Department and the YWCA to support youths and families exposed to and affected by domestic violence in the city of Richmond.

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1	4	3/15/2024	Sheila White	Approve	3/18/2024
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1	6	3/19/2024	Lincoln Saunders	Approve	3/19/2024
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Title

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Body

O & R Request

DATE: February 26, 2024 **EDITION:** 2

TO: The Honorable Members of City Council

THROUGH: The Honorable Levar M. Stoney, Mayor

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

THROUGH: Sheila White, Director of Finance

THROUGH: Megan Brown, Interim Director of Budget and Strategic Planning

THROUGH: Traci DeShazor, DCAO for Human Services

FROM: Dawn D. Barber, Director, Justice Services

RE: Adopt and appropriate funds from the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS)

PURPOSE: To amend Ordinance No. 2023-071, which adopted the annual budget for Fiscal Year 2024, by authorizing the Chief Administrative Officer to accept funds in the amount of \$3,320,000.00 from the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) and to appropriate these funds to a newly created special fund account titled “Safer Communities” in the FY24 budget for the Department of Justice Services.

On November 21, 2023, the Richmond Department of Justice Services was awarded these funds to implement Richmond’s Safer Communities Program, which involves a collaborative framework between the Richmond Department of Justice Services (DJS), Richmond Police Department (RPD), and the YWCA.

Richmond's Safer Communities Program will allow the City to enhance and improve its response to domestic violence and its short- and long-term effects. Currently, RPD has specific officers assigned to the DI-VERT Team (Domestic Intercession: Violence Elimination Response Team), who collaborate with the leasing offices and numerous services to provide resources to people involved in domestic violence to reduce future occurrences. This funding will help expand their resources to meet the needs of residents experiencing an occurrence of domestic violence.

The YWCA has been identified to assist the City provide community, mental healthcare, and resources for Richmonders that live at the intersection of poverty, violence, and systemic racism. In particular, it will allow the City to prioritize its domestic violence community response after RPD responds to calls in an effort to increase safety planning and decrease recidivism.

The planned activities by the Department of Justice Services (DJS) will be to provide family-centered case management support and therapeutic services to multi-challenged youth and their families who have had justice involvement in order to promote positive family relationships, strengthen protective factors, and reduce the likelihood of future involvement with the justice system, breaking the cycle of generational incarceration. Additionally, DJS will implement a credible messenger program. Using this people-up perspective, the credible messenger approach seeks to build trust and inspire change from within communities so that they can feel positive about possibilities rather than facing a future of frustration. Credible Messengers are often neighborhood leaders, experienced prevention and reentry specialists, and individuals with relevant life experiences (usually including their own involvement with the criminal justice system) who coach, guide and mentor.

The planned activities administered by the Department of Justice Services (DJS) and the Richmond Police Department (RPD) will commence the current fiscal year (Fiscal Year 2024) through Fiscal Year 2026. The initiatives are based on evidence-based practices targeting positive youth development, family engagement and family justice services for victims of domestic violence.

BACKGROUND: Amendments to Governor Glenn Youngkin’s approved Fiscal Year 2023 general fund budget provided \$10,000,000 the second year (Fiscal Year 2024) from the Commonwealth’s general fund for the Safer Communities Program. Created under DCJS, this program is to support holistic, community-based strategies that address the root causes and conditions of community violence. Per DCJS’s guidelines, such strategies shall be evidence-informed and/or community-driven and shall include: (i) afterschool programs and mentorships; (ii) connections to education and economic opportunities; (iii) trauma-informed mental health care; (iv) credible messengers and violence interrupters; and (v) strategies to build trust between law enforcement agencies and community stakeholders. Out of this amount, \$9,500,000 was allocated to the City of Norfolk, the City of Portsmouth, and the City of Richmond, with a minimum award of \$2,500,000 per locality and the remainder allocated to each of the three localities based on population.” On November 21, 2023, the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services awarded the City of Richmond \$3,320,000.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: N/A

STRATEGIC INITATIVES AND OTHER GOVERNMENTAL: The funds are in alignment to support the City of Richmond’s Gun Violence Prevention and Intervention Framework. The Framework, is designed to guarantee that those directly impacted by gun violence, community members, and direct service providers have an opportunity to be heard by the Mayor, the Richmond City Council, and the City’s Administration and includes key elements such as: hospital-based crisis intervention and intensive case management for families, friends, and survivors of violence; community-based credible messengers program and trauma response grassroots support to build capacity; the establishment of a shooting and homicide review board to better understand the issue of gun violence and prevent future shootings.

FISCAL IMPACT: Fiscal Year 2024 revenues will be increased by \$3,320,000. No matching funds are required for this grant award.

DESIRED EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon adoption

REQUESTED INTRODUCTION DATE: March 25, 2024

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING DATE: April 8, 2024

REQUESTED AGENDA: Consent

RECOMMENDED COUNCIL COMMITTEE: Public Safety Standing Committee (March 26, 2024)

AFFECTED AGENCIES: The Richmond Department of Justice Services (DJS), Richmond Police Department (RPD), and the Office of Budget and Strategic Planning

RELATIONSHIP TO EXISTING ORD. OR RES.: N/A

ATTACHMENTS: Grant award package to include the Statement of Grant Acceptance

STAFF: Rhonda Gilmer, Deputy Department Director Senior
Justice Services, 646-5410



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

Department of Criminal Justice Services

The Honorable Jackson H. Miller
Director

Tracy Louise Winn Banks, Esq.
Chief Deputy Director

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November 21, 2023

J. E. Saunders
Chief Administrative Officer
900 E. Broad Street, Room 1907
Richmond, Virginia 23219

RE: Safer Communities Programs

Dear J. E. Saunders:

Congratulations on being a recipient of the above referenced grant program! Your DCJS grant award number is **521805** and was approved for a total award of **\$3,320,000**, funded through Award Number **2024-SCGP-GRANT**. The project period is **1/1/2024** through **6/30/2024**.

Included with this letter is a Statement of Grant Award/Acceptance (SOGA). There may be grant specific Special Conditions related to your Grant Award called Encumbrances. If there are any, you are required to adhere to these conditions via the On-line Grants Management System (OGMS) at <https://ogms.dcjs.virginia.gov/>. If you have not previously done so, you must register in order to use this web-based system. The instructions on *Registering for a New Account* and *Submitting Action Item Encumbrances* are posted here <https://www.dcjs.virginia.gov/grants/ogms-training-resources> along with other resources and training videos. All registrants will be approved within 3 – 5 business days.

We will be happy to assist you in any way we can to assure your project's success. To indicate your acceptance of the award and conditions, please sign the included SOGA and return it electronically within the next 60 days to grantsmgmt@dcjs.virginia.gov. If you have questions, contact your DCJS Grant Monitor **Greg Hopkins** at **804-692-0977** or via email at **Gregory.Hopkins@dcjs.virginia.gov**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jackson Miller".

Jackson Miller

STATEMENT OF GRANT AWARD (SOGA)

Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services
1100 Bank Street, 12th Floor
Richmond, Virginia 23219

Safer Communities Programs

Subgrantee: Richmond City
DCJS Grant Number: 521805
Grant Start Date: 1/1/2024
Grant End Date: 6/30/2024

Indirect Cost Rate: _____% *If applicable

Federal Funds:
State Funds: **\$3,320,000**
Local Match: _____

Total Budget: **\$3,320,000**

Project Director	Project Administrator	Finance Officer
Dr. Rhonda Gilmer Deputy Director, Senior 730 E. Broad Street, 8th Floor Richmond, Virginia 23219 804-646-5410 rhonda.gilmer@rva.gov	J. E. Saunders Chief Administrative Officer 900 E. Broad Street, Room 1907 Richmond, Virginia 23219 804-646-3944 lincoln.saunders@rva.gov	David Rekas Accountant III 900 E. Broad Street, Room 1002 Richmond, Virginia 23219 804-646-6776 david.rekas@rva.gov

***Please indicate your ICR in the space provided, if applicable.** As the duly authorized representative, the undersigned, having received the Statement of Grant Awards (SOGA) and reviewing the Special Conditions, hereby accepts this grant and agree to the conditions and provisions of all other Federal and State laws and rules and regulations that apply to this award.

Signature: _____

Authorized Official (Project Administrator)

Title: _____

Date: _____