

INTRODUCED: November 8, 2021

AN ORDINANCE No. 2021-307

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to accept funds in the amount of \$25,000.00 from the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services, and to amend the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 General Fund Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the Office of the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer for Human Services by \$25,000.00 for the purpose of funding a comprehensive community assessment for the development of gun violence prevention and intervention services.

Patrons – Mayor Stoney, Ms. Lambert,
Ms. Jordan, Vice President Robertson and President Newbille

Approved as to form and legality
by the City Attorney

PUBLIC HEARING: DEC 13 2021 AT 6 P.M.

THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEREBY ORDAINS:

§ 1. That the Chief Administrative Officer is authorized to accept funds in the amount of \$25,000.00 from the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services for the purpose of funding a comprehensive community assessment for the development of gun violence prevention and intervention services.

§ 2. That Ordinance No. 2021-040, adopted May 24, 2021, which adopted the General Fund Budget for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022, and made

AYES: 9 NOES: 0 ABSTAIN: _____

ADOPTED: DEC 13 2021 REJECTED: _____ STRICKEN: _____

appropriations thereto, is hereby amended by increasing estimated revenues from the funds accepted pursuant to section 1 of this ordinance and the amount appropriated by \$25,000.00 and appropriating funds in the total amount of \$25,000.00 to the Office of the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer for Human Services by \$25,000.00 for the purpose of funding a comprehensive community assessment for the development of gun violence prevention and intervention services.

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

A TRUE COPY:
TESTE:
Amelia D. Reed
City Clerk



CITY OF RICHMOND

INTRACITY CORRESPONDENCE

O&R REQUEST

DATE: August 19, 2021

EDITION: 1

TO: The Honorable Members of City Council

THROUGH: The Honorable Levar M. Stoney, Mayor

THROUGH: Lincoln Saunders, Acting Chief Administrative Officer

THROUGH: Sheila White, Director of Finance

THROUGH: Jason May, Acting Director of Budget and Strategic Planning

FROM: Reginald E. Gordon, Deputy CAO for Human Services

RE: Appropriation of Funds for Youth and Gang Community Assessment

ORD. OR RES. No. _____

PURPOSE: To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to accept a \$25,000 grant awarded to the City of Richmond by the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services and to appropriate the grant funds received to the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 General Fund Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the Office of the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer for Human Services for the purpose of funding a comprehensive community assessment for the development of gun violence prevention and intervention services.

REASON: The City of Richmond is engaging in community-based efforts to address and reduce gun violence in the city in a way that is community-guided and community-centered. The \$25,000 grant award provided by the Virginia DCJS supports the city's efforts to assess and address community violence based upon the perspectives, experiences and input of residents directly impacted by the trauma of gun violence.

RECOMMENDATION: The City Administration recommends adoption.

BACKGROUND: Violence is a significant public health crisis in Richmond, Virginia. While violence affects citizens from all socioeconomic groups, the vast majority of violence in Richmond occurs in communities experiencing interdependent economic, educational, public health, transporta-

tion, housing, and public safety challenges and a cycle of intergenerational poverty. The City of Richmond, Virginia, is a mid-sized city with an outsized problem: intentional injury due to violence among its young people is disproportionate to its population and again on the rise. The historical and societal causes for this violence are multi-layered and complex, but the sheer numbers are straightforward and speak to the need for meaningful change.

In response to this public health crisis, the City of Richmond will work with community representatives to conduct a comprehensive Gun Violence Community assessment based on evidence-based, gun violence prevention and intervention models and practices. This assessment will be conducted over a period of three-four months and resulting data will be utilized to solidify a plan of action for implementing gun “interrupter” strategies, increasing access to positive opportunities for families, and mapping community-based programs that provide prevention and intervention services and supports, including the identification of any corresponding policies that may have a direct impact on gun violence prevention. The assessment will include city-wide data collection using existing datasets from local agencies and organizations and a combination of self-administered surveys, focus groups and interviews. Ultimately, the results of a data review will be useful to conduct the follow:

- Identify perceptions of the problem.
- Identify level of direct engagement with impacted communities on problem-framing and solution identification.
- Identify hotspot areas, territory disputes, major arrests and releases, etc.
- Identify and support high risk individuals.
- Identify current programs, activities, policies that currently address the issue, including areas of strength and opportunities for improvement.
- Create a map of neighborhoods by incidents of violence and the availability of crisis-to-thriving resources.
- Develop a strategic plan for primary information-gathering via surveys, community focus groups and interviews.

Equity, inclusion and justice will be key principles in both the assessment and resulting plan of action. The assessment will center the voices, perceptions and experiences of those most disproportionately impacted by gun violence in Richmond –youth and young adults of low socio-economic status and their families. Ensuring an equity-centered approach also involves connecting to diverse stakeholders that focus on community impact and cultural competency in order to better understand the extent of the problem and its impact on disproportionately affected members of the community, its root causes and the needed programmatic, policy and cultural responses.

The community assessment will be funded by \$25,000 in outside contributions from a Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services grant award.

SOURCE: (must select all that apply)

☒ New/increased revenue

☐ Existing general

☐ Fund Balance/Reserve/Contingency/Other Funding

FISCAL IMPACT/COST:

- **If Adopted:** Funds will be made available to conduct a community assessment on gun and gang violence
- **If Not Adopted:** The City would need to return the outside contributions and be unable to conduct the assessment.

FISCAL IMPACT / COST: No fiscal impact

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

BUDGET AMENDMENT NECESSARY: Yes, a \$25,000 increase to the Office of the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer for Human Services FY2022 general fund budget is requested.

REVENUE TO CITY: \$25,000 in outside contributions.

DESIRED EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon adoption

REQUESTED INTRODUCTION DATE: September 27, 2021

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING DATE: October 11, 2021

REQUESTED AGENDA: Consent

RECOMMENDED COUNCIL COMMITTEE: No committee referral pursuant to Rule VI(B)(3)(c).

CONSIDERATION BY OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES: None

AFFECTED AGENCIES: Human Services, Department of Finance, Budget and Strategic Planning, Department of Criminal Justice Services

RELATIONSHIP TO EXISTING ORD. OR RES.: None

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

ATTACHMENTS: Award letter from the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services

STAFF: Osita Iroegbu, Manager, Office of Equity and Inclusion, Human Services



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

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July 14, 2021

Mr. J.E. Lincoln Saunders
Acting Chief Administrative Officer
City of Richmond
900 E. Broad Street
Richmond, VA 23219

RE: Youth and Gang Violence Community Assessment

Dear Mr. Saunders:

Congratulations on being a recipient of the above referenced grant program! Your DCJS grant award number is **22-A8649YG20** and was approved for a total award of **\$25,000**. The project period is **7/1/2021** through **12/31/2021**.

Included with this letter is a Statement of Grant Award/Acceptance (SOGA). Please note hard copies of the General Special Conditions, as well as the Reporting Requirements and Projected Due Dates, are no longer included as part of the Grant Award Package. Instead, these documents have been combined and are now referred to as **Conditions and Requirements** and are posted online at <https://www.dcjs.virginia.gov/grants/grant-requirements>.

In addition to the general Special Conditions, 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 Gregory Hopkins at (804) 692-0977 or via email at gregory.hopkins@dcjs.virginia.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Shannon Dion".

Shannon Dion

STATEMENT OF GRANT AWARD (SOGA)

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

Youth and Gang Violence Community Assessment

Subgrantee: Richmond
DCJS Grant Number: 22-A8649YG20
Grant Start Date: 7/1/2021
Grant End Date: 12/31/2021

Indirect Cost Rate: _____% *If applicable

Federal Funds: \$
State General Funds: \$25,000
State Special Funds: \$
Local Match: \$ _____

Total Budget: \$25,000

Project Director	Project Administrator	Finance Officer
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***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: _____