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8/28/2023	1	City Council Business Meeting	Approve	Pass

## FY23-24 Youth Diversion Program Grant Interlocal Agreement

### Action:

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to negotiate and execute an interlocal agreement with Mecklenburg County through its Criminal Justice Services to provide an alternative for arrest for youthful offenders while maintaining accountability for delinquent acts and providing support to redirect behavior, and**
- B. Authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute all documents necessary to complete the interlocal agreement.**

### **Staff Resource(s):**

Johnny Jennings, Police  
Martha Dozier, Police  
Cara Evans-Patterson, Police

### **Explanation**

- Each year Mecklenburg County's Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC) receives funds from the North Carolina Division of Juvenile Justice to support programs that assist youth offenders.
- The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department (CMPD) was awarded \$225,000 in funding from the JCPC to support the thirteenth year of their Youth Diversion Program.
- Funding will enable school resource officers, patrol, and court counselors, from the North Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, to refer up to 400 first time juvenile offenders to the Diversion Program.
- Program services administered by the CMPD's Youth Diversion Program will include interpersonal skill building, conflict resolution, substance awareness, academics, and career development plan workshops.
- Parental skill training will also be provided to the parents/guardians of program participants.
- Individual offenders who have committed first time offenses such as simple assault, larceny, public disturbance, trespassing, or damage to property may be referred to the program if they meet the criteria established by the CMPD and the Mecklenburg County District Attorney.
- Individuals are referred to the program in lieu of being arrested for an offense they have committed.
- Once an individual has completed the diversion program, the assigned school resource officer will engage them in weekly conversations to help apply the lessons learned through the program.
- Currently, the program has served 4,308 youth, 3,901 of whom did not commit any further

offenses 12 months after program completion.

**Fiscal Note**

Funding: General Grants Fund

**Attachment(s)**

Resolution