

## Legislation Text

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### Hospital-Based Violence Intervention Program

**Action:**

- A. Approve a contract amendment for two years to the contract with Atrium Health for management of the hospital-based violence intervention program, and**
- B. Authorize the City Manager to renew the contract for up to two, one-year terms and to amend the contract consistent with the purpose for which the contract and this amendment were approved.**

**Staff Resource(s):**

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**Explanation**

- In January 2021, the City of Charlotte partnered with Atrium Health on a hospital-based violence intervention program (HAVI).
- The initial contract amount was \$490,394.30 for two years.
- The program is an evidence-based model to address community violence whose goals are:
  - Reduce or eliminate future involvement in violent activity as a victim or perpetrator, among current victims of violence treated in Atrium's Level 1 Trauma Center,
  - Provide violence intervention services to victims of violence treated at Atrium, and
  - Hire and train violence interventionists with background and experiences similar to that of victims of violence.
- Through May 31, 2023, 91 patients have been enrolled in the program:
  - 96 percent of patients are male,
  - 40 percent are under the age of 18,
  - 79 percent of patients are Black or African American, and
  - 91 percent of patients were injured via firearm.
- This contract amendment will extend the contract for an additional two years and focus on key areas including:
  - Strengthening connection to the community-based violence interruption program, Alternatives to Violence,
  - Adding peer support specialists to increase connectivity to patients,
  - Continuing with technical support with the goal of received accreditation, and
  - Establishing a trauma-informed referral network in collaboration with community partners.
- This amendment is funded through \$250,000 from the city provided in the FY 2024 budget.
- Atrium Health Foundation's Community and Social Impact Fund is matching the city's investment by providing an additional \$250,000 directly to the program.
- Waiver of a competitive solicitation process for services may be granted on a limited basis when deemed appropriate and in the city's best interest. A waiver has been approved for these services based on continuity of service and limited vendors with required qualifications. Atrium is the only provider of this model in the city and is home to the only level one trauma center.
- The new estimated value of the contract is \$740,394.

**Charlotte Business Inclusion**

This is a contract with a waiver of solicitation for services and is exempt (Part A: Appendix 1.27 of the

Charlotte Business INClusion Policy).

**Fiscal Note**

Funding: General Capital Investment Plan