

Legislation Text

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Violence Interruption Services

Action:

- A. Approve contract amendment #1 to the contract with Youth Advocate Programs, Inc. for the provision of violence interruption services to add \$31,000 and to renew the contract for a one-year term, and**
- B. Authorize the City Manager to renew the contract for up to two additional one-year terms with possible price adjustments and to amend the contract consistent with the purpose for which the contract was approved.**

Staff Resource(s):

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Explanation

- In May 2021, the city contracted with Youth Advocate Programs, Inc. (YAP) to implement the Cure Violence Global Violence Interruption Model in the Beatties Ford Road area. The initial \$394,000 contract was established for a one-year term.
- The Cure Violence Global Violence Interruption program focuses on youth ages 14-25 that are at risk of perpetrating or becoming a victim of a violent incident.
- Program activities include:
 - identifying potential conflicts and individuals/groups at risk for violence,
 - mediating disputes between individuals,
 - interceding in group disputes to prevent acts of violence,
 - meeting with individuals/groups at risk for retaliation,
 - providing information regarding available resources (e.g., job trainings, education, substance abuse treatment, etc.), and
 - partnering with community groups to promote nonviolence and change community norms.
- Annual expenditures are estimated to be \$400,000.

Background

- The city and Mecklenburg County endorsed an interdisciplinary public health approach to violence prevention, with an initial focus on the Beatties Ford Road corridor.
- On February 12, 2021, the city issued a Request for Proposals for violence interruption services. Four proposals were received. Cure Violence Global (CVG) was selected to provide technical assistance, and YAP was selected to implement the Cure Violence Global Violence Interruption Model in the Beatties Ford Road area.
- On February 22, 2021, Council ratified an interlocal agreement between the city and county in which the county provided a one-time payment of \$250,000 to the city to implement a violence interruption program.
- On August 9, 2021, Council accepted a grant in the amount of \$1,200,000 from GreenLight Fund Charlotte to support the Alternatives to Violence work, which serves to fund the city's YAP contract expense.

Charlotte Business INclusion

Per Charlotte Business INClusion Policy: Part C Section 2.1 (a) The city shall not establish Subcontracting Goals for Contracts where (a) there are no opportunities identified for the Contract; or (b) there are no SBEs, MBEs, or WBEs (as applicable) certified to perform the scope of work that the city regards as realistic opportunities for subcontracting.

This contract meets the provisions of (a) - no subcontracting opportunities.

Fiscal Note

Funding: Neighborhood Development Grants Fund