

## Legislation Text

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### Grant for Alternatives to Violence Program Expansion

#### **Action:**

- A. Authorize the City Manager or his designee to accept a grant in the amount of \$1,000,000 from the United States Department of Justice to expand the implementation of the Alternatives to Violence Program in Charlotte, and**
- B. Adopt a budget ordinance appropriating \$1,000,000 from the United States Department of Justice in the Neighborhood Development Grants Fund.**

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

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#### **Explanation**

- Each year the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department (CMPD) applies for and receives the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG Grant) from the United States Department of Justice to fund programs and expenses that support CMPD's approved operating budget.
- This year, Housing and Neighborhood Services also applied for and received a JAG Grant to fund the expansion of the Alternatives to Violence program, implemented along the Beatties Ford Road corridor in Council District 2 in August 2021, to new service sites.
- The new service sites will be selected in coordination with the city's technical assistance partner for the program, Cure Violence Global, with input from community partners and stakeholders.
- A Request for Proposal will be issued to identify an implementation partner for the new sites.
- The grant project period lasts from October 1, 2022, to March 31, 2024.

#### **Background**

- The city and Mecklenburg County have 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 Youth Advocate Programs, Inc. (YAP) was selected to implement the Cure Violence Global Violence Interruption Model along the Beatties Ford Road corridor.
- On February 22, 2021, City Council ratified an interlocal agreement between the city and Mecklenburg County in which Mecklenburg County provided a one-time payment of \$250,000 to the city to implement a violence interruption program.
- On August 9, 2021, City Council accepted a grant in the amount of \$1,200,000 from GreenLight Fund Charlotte to support the Alternatives to Violence program, which serves to fund the city's contract expense with YAP.

#### **Fiscal Note**

Funding: Neighborhood Development Grants Fund

#### **Attachment(s)**

Budget Ordinance