



Legislation Text

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ACTION REQUESTED:

Communication from the City Manager and the Chief of Police with a Request to APPROVE and ACCEPT the PARTNERSHIPS TO REDUCE VIOLENT CRIME GRANT from the ILLINOIS CRIMINAL JUSTICE INFORMATION AUTHORITY, in the Amount of \$160,983.00.00.

BACKGROUND: On November 1, 2016, the Council approved the City Manager to accept the Partnerships to Reduce Violence Crime Grant from the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority (ICJIA). This award has three phases, the first of which will end on November 28, 2017. During this time, the research team has completed the “scanning” phase of the Problem-Oriented Policing Scanning, Analysis, Response and Assessment (SARA) process, and implementing procedural justice and focused deterrence. Successes from phase one include the establishment of a Multi-Disciplinary Team to address the issue of violent crime as a collective impact group, the analysis of cross-sector data to find creative and impactful interventions, the collection and analysis of over 1700 survey responses soliciting community perceptions of crime, and hosting two community dialogues to improve police-community relations. The phase one award was for \$265,079.51

The City of Peoria applied for phase two funds in September and the award was approved by the State for \$160,983. These funds will support the Police Department capacity for data analysis and preliminary implementation of the community-approved strategies to reduce violent crime. Specifically, funds will purchase data analysis software and support a one year public health fellowship position. Additionally, contracts will be made for research to be conducted 1) analyzing the Call In process, 2) conducting and analyzing feedback from focus groups with justice-involved individuals, and 3) developing performance measures and data collection tools to evaluate the impact of the implementation plan.

Training needs have been articulated to ICJIA, who will be responsible for funding those opportunities for the community. Topics include Procedural Justice Train the Trainer for our officers, procedural justice training for the community, street outreach/ “interrupter” training for identified community members, crime analysis training for Department staff, and training on focused deterrence for stakeholder agency staff and community members.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: None, the City is not required to provide match funds

NEIGHBORHOOD CONCERNS: None

IMPACT IF APPROVED: Acceptance of this grant authorizes the City Manager, Chief Financial Officer and the Chief of Police to execute the agreement with ICJIA on behalf of the City of Peoria. The state government, through this award, would pay for a series of independent research contracts, support training as identified by the multi-disciplinary team, and support Department analytical capacity building to prevent violent crime.

IMPACT IF DENIED: Grant funds to fill gaps in the current Don't Shoot initiative model would not be available, and alternate funding sources would need to be identified. Additionally, agencies that do not receive year two funding are not eligible for implementation funds (year three) from the state.

ALTERNATIVES: None

EEO CERTIFICATION NUMBER: N/A

WHICH OF THE GOALS IDENTIFIED IN THE COUNCIL'S 2014 - 2029 STRATEGIC PLAN DOES THIS RECOMMENDATION ADVANCE?

1. Financially Sound City Government, Effective City Organization

WHICH CRITICAL SUCCESS FACTOR(S) FROM THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DOES THIS RECOMMENDATION IMPLEMENT?

1. Reduce crime.
2. Have an efficient government.

DEPARTMENT: Police