

To the Mayor and Members of the City Council

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SUBJECT: VIOLENCE INTERVENTION & PREVENTION PROGRAM

The Violence Intervention & Prevention Program (VIP FW) was created out of the need to address increasing incidents of gun-related group violence. Similar programs have been developed in major cities due to similar increases across the country. One such program, Advance Peace, is dedicated to ending cyclical and retaliatory gun violence in American urban neighborhoods by investing in the development, health, and wellbeing of those at the center of this crisis.

The goal of VIP FW is to reduce gun related group violence in focused areas by providing a legitimate path for willing group members to exit the criminal lifestyle. In addition to enabling economic development and long-term revitalization strategies, VIP FW emphasizes successful re-entry of ex-offenders being released into the community. VIP FW also prioritizes prevention efforts for young people at risk of becoming involved in group violence.

Funding for this program falls under the Partners with a Shared Mission portion of the CCPD budget. The following table summarizes the FY2021 Budget Request of the VIP FW program. In FY2020, \$250,000 was made available in the CCPD budget, but the time required to set up the program and COVID-related obstacles has reduced current year expenses.

	Description	Salary	Expenses	Requested FY21 Budget	FY20 Budget Actuals
Director	Consultation fee for Director. Total includes salary and expenses.	\$52,000	\$6,000	\$58,000	\$39,000
Four part-time Program Coordinators	Consulting fees for four Program Coordinators to include salary rate and expenses.	\$124,800	\$24,000	\$148,800	\$59,000
Administrative Support	Consulting fees for an Administrative Coordinator to include salary and expenses. Admin position duties will include tracking program and financial data to report to CCPD staff.	\$30,000	\$1,000	\$31,000	\$0
Program Enhancements	Anticipated expenses as the program progresses past the development stage and without limitations caused by COVID-19. This could include additional staff as additional areas of the city are added or other required resources are identified as needed to improve results.	\$0	\$49,700	\$49,700	\$0
Requested		\$206,800	\$80,700	\$287,500	\$98,000

For questions regarding this information, please contact Neil Noakes, Police Deputy Chief, at 817-392-3654.

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