



Legislation Text

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Bloomberg American Health Initiative Grant to Establish a Violence Reduction Council
Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement
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Revised

Authorizing the Mayor to accept grant funds from the Bloomberg American Health Initiative (BAHI) at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health to receive the Network of Practice Grant in the amount of \$25,000; authorizing the appropriation and expenditure of said funds; and declaring an emergency.

SUMMARY & BACKGROUND:

The City of Toledo Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Safety & Engagement (MONSE) mandate is to partner with a cross-sector of key stakeholders to address the root causes of gun violence in Toledo neighborhoods and networks through a public health approach. Toward these efforts, MONSE convenes these stakeholders under the Community Action Table (CAT). MONSE will convene a Violence Reduction Council (VRC) under CAT and partner with an appropriate, community-trusted partner to house data and recommendations. VRCs take an interdisciplinary, data-driven, and public health-focused approach to violence prevention and intervention. They're proven to prevent violence, enact sustainable improvements to reduce violence in cities, and rebuild trust among local governments, law enforcement, and community members.

The Toledo VRC review will initially focus on gun injuries and deaths among youth aged 10-24 years old. The VRC will incorporate social media conflict / "internet-banging," social network analysis to understand impacts within victim and perpetrator networks better, and built environment context - including blight and disrepair - into the community service provider reviews.

Grant funding will supplement partner efforts, material development to inform and educate key stakeholders, and support for trusted community and grassroots partners participating in the VRC.

NOW THEREFORE Be it ordained by the Council of the City of Toledo:

SECTION 1. That the Mayor is authorized to accept and deposit grant funds of \$25,000 from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health Bloomberg American Health Initiative from the Network of Practice Grant into the Operation Grants Fund Account Code 2016-10201-3G06846STDSTD.

SECTION 2. That the appropriation of \$25,000 is authorized from the unappropriated grant fund proceeds of the Operation Grants Fund to Account Code 2016-10201-3G06846STDSTD and the expenditure of the same is authorized to supplement partner efforts, material development to inform and educate key stakeholders, and support for trusted community and grassroots partners participating in the VRC.

SECTION 3. That the Mayor is authorized to enter into necessary contracts for the purposes authorized

in Section 1, upon terms and conditions acceptable to the Director of Law and the Director of the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement.

SECTION 4. That the Director of Finance is authorized to issue warrant or warrants against the above listed Account Code in an amount not to exceed \$25,000 in payment of the obligations authorized above upon presentation of the proper voucher or vouchers.

SECTION 5. That this Ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure and shall be in force and effect from and after its passage. The reason for the emergency lies in the fact that it is necessary for the preservation of public health, peace, and safety and to expedite the receipt and expenditure of grant funding.

Vote on emergency clause: yeas 12, nays 0.

Passed: May 22, 2024, as an emergency measure: yeas 12, nays 0.

Attest:

Julie A. Gibbons
Clerk of Council

Carrie Hartman
President of Council

Approved:

May 22, 2024
Wade Kapszukiewicz
Mayor