

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE October 9, 2020

TO Honorable Committee Members

SUBJECT **COPS Community Policing Development Micro Grant Program-Violence Interruption**

On October 28, 2020 the Dallas City Council will be asked to accept the COPS Community Policing Development Microgrant Program Grant, No. 2020-CKWX-001, CFDA No. 16.710 for fiscal year 2020-21. This grant is provided by the Department of Justice in the amount of \$100,000 for the period of October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021. This grant allows for the City to hire a program manager to coordinate the violence interrupter crime reduction strategy and provides additional money to evaluate the success of the program through a 3rd party entity.

The program manager will oversee proven violence interruption programs that provide a community-led solution to reducing gun violence in the city. These programs will focus on community engagement to stop lethal violence before it occurs, provide intervention in ongoing conflicts and offer help to individuals that are on the verge of becoming involved in the criminal justice system.

The National Network for Safe Communities (NNSC) has expressed their support of the City of Dallas implementing this program and has designated a contact person to be available for technical assistance. The grant was awarded to the Dallas Police Department but will be transferred to the Office of Integrated Public Safety Solutions who will oversee violence interruption programs in the city.

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Jon Fortune
Assistant City Manager

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