

# Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE August 5, 2022

TO Honorable Members of the Public Safety Committee  
Adam McGough (Chair), Cara Mendelsohn (Vice Chair), Tennell Atkins, Jesse Moreno, Jaime Resendez, Casey Thomas, Gay Donnell Willis

SUBJECT **August 24, 2022, City Council Draft Agenda Item #40; 22-1704 Municipalities Reimagining Community Safety Initiative Grant**

The following agenda item is scheduled to go before City Council on August 24, 2022.

## **Draft Agenda Item #40; 22-1704**

Authorize the **(1)** application for and acceptance of the 2022 Municipalities Reimagining Community Safety Initiative Grant in the amount of \$700,000.00 from the National League of Cities Institute (NLCI) for the purpose of creating a formal program that will focus on youth violent crimes to reduce the recidivism rates for the period June 1, 2022 through June 30, 2024; **(2)** receipt and deposit of funds in an amount not to exceed \$700,000.00 in the FY22 Community Policing Municipalities Reimagining Community Safety Initiative Grant Fund; **(3)** establishment of appropriations in an amount not to exceed \$700,000.00 in the FY22 Municipalities Reimagining Community Safety Initiative Grant Fund; **(4)** funding for one community outreach manager during the two year period and **(5)** execution the grant agreement and all terms, conditions, and documents required by the agreement - Not to exceed \$700,000.00 - Financing: National League of Cities Institute (NLCI) Grant Funds

## **Background**

The NLC Municipalities Reimagining Public Safety Initiative will provide pass through grants totaling \$700,000.00, tailored technical assistance, and evaluation support to advance city efforts to rethink local systems of public safety and move toward more equity and community driven safety/violence prevention plans in order to:

- Help local leaders advance the creation or updating and implementation of a comprehensive safety/violence prevention plan
- Develop, implement, or scale up a set of programs and policies that align with the safety/violence prevention plan and reflect local priorities including but not limited to:
  - Violence Interruption or other Community Violence Interventions via Credible Messengers
  - Youth and Young Adult Justice Initiatives
  - Reentry Offices and Initiatives
  - Community responder/alternative response methods and models

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This two-year initiative brings together elected leaders and staff, residents, and local organizations to pursue coordinated, equitable, community-centered safety efforts. Funded initiatives are intended to spur local action and implementation of recommendations and plans that are established in partnership with Black and Brown communities.

This item will fund one community outreach manager position within the Dallas Police Department (DPD) and allow the Dallas Police Department to create a formal program that will focus on youth violent crimes to reduce the recidivism rates by collaborating with other city departments in this unified initiative with empathy, ethics, excellence and equity as a baseline. This position will actively collaborate with internal and external city partners to stop the cycle of youth violence by reducing the number of youth victims of violent crimes and to reduce the recidivism rate of youth offenders. This will be accomplished through education & prevention, outreach, and community engagement of target youth and target high youth crime hotspots.

### **FISCAL INFORMATION**

Fund	FY 2022	FY 2023	Future Years
National League of Cities Grant Funds	\$475,000.00	\$225,000.00	\$0.00

Should you have any questions regarding this item, please contact me at (214) 670-5299.



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