



Recommendation for Action

File #: 21-1782, **Agenda Item #:** 15.

5/6/2021

Posting Language

Approve negotiation and execution of an agreement with the National Institute for Criminal Justice Reform to provide consulting services for the strategic focus and programming efforts of the Office of Violence Prevention, in an amount not to exceed \$190,000 for the term May 10, 2021 through September 30, 2022.

Lead Department

Austin Public Health.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$190,000 is included in the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Austin Public Health Department's Operating Budget.

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Additional Backup Information:

This action will authorize the negotiation and execution of an agreement with the National Institute for Criminal Justice Reform to conduct a gun violence analysis and develop violence prevention reports and trainings for nonprofit and governmental organizations, including ongoing technical assistance.

In August of 2019, Council adopted Resolution No. 20190822-069, which established a Task Force on Gun Violence, sponsored by Council Members Alter, Tovo, Ellis, Renteria, and Kitchen. The purpose of the Task Force was to advise Council on potential actions the City can take to reduce gun violence at the local level, and to make recommendations for enhancing existing resources and campaigns, such as safe storage education, community and domestic violence intervention, and gun surrender programs. The Task Force's key suggestion was to create an appropriately resourced Office of Violence Prevention.

Council Member Alter submitted a budget amendment to establish funding to create the new Office of Violence Prevention within the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 budget, with Council Members Casar, Ellis, and Tovo as co-sponsors. The initial funding will focus on outside technical assistance for strategic planning to develop and build-out a successful office, and will also initiate immediate violence reduction and prevention contracts.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Safety; Culture and Lifelong Learning.