



Agenda Action Form Overview

The Board is requested to approve an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Durham for continuation of Durham's Gang Reduction Strategy (GRS) in fiscal year 2020-21.

Background/Justification

Durham's Gang Reduction Strategy (GRS) was developed as a response to recommendations from the Comprehensive Gang Assessment that was completed and adopted by the City and County in November 2007. The Gang Assessment highlighted the need for a coordinated approach that includes prevention, intervention, and suppression strategies to reduce criminal activity committed by gang members in Durham County.

Since 2011, the City of Durham and Durham County have jointly lead this effort through the Gang Reduction Strategy Steering Committee and have funded the GRS Manager position and the Project Build Program. The GRS Steering Committee is comprised of Durham's leadership. The Steering Committee conducts strategic planning and oversight of the implementation of the GRS core strategies as they relate to the Gang Assessment's recommendations.

For fiscal year 2020-21, the City agrees to fund half of the GRS Manager position (1 FTE) in an amount not to exceed \$54,782 towards personnel, training and operating expense. In order to achieve the goals set forth in the Gang Assessment and carry out the recommendation of the GRS Steering Committee, the City and County jointly fund a Gang Reduction Strategy Manager (hereinafter "GRS Manager") position tasked with coordinating the implementation of the Gang Assessment recommendations and other goals and strategies as directed by the GRS Steering Committee.

Additionally, the City and County also agreed to combine expertise and resources to collaborate on the County's Project BUILD program, with a goal of improving efficiency and effectiveness and to increase the number of at-risk youths served. To that end, the City will pay for one outreach worker position (1 FTE) and 1/3 of a bilingual outreach worker (0.33 FTE) in Project Build in an amount not to exceed \$83,098, as well as \$19,477 towards the annual cost of Project Build. The City's annual contributions to the County towards Project BUILD will not exceed a total of \$102,575.

The County is responsible for funding and supporting all additional costs associated with the GRS Manager position, as well as the Project Build Program including but not limited to salaries and benefits, operating expenditures, office space, administrative support and oversight. Future appropriations, if any, shall be approved by City Council and County Commissioners.

This interlocal agreement is a continuation of the FY19-20 agreement and has been reviewed by the County Attorney's Office. This year, the ILA also agrees to the joint funding of a consultant services contract to assist in the completion of the Updated Gang Assessment. The City of Durham will fund half (50%) of the service contract's cost, up to \$50,000.

Policy Impact

Approval of the GRS Interlocal Agreement is consistent with past Board actions, beginning with adoption of the first interlocal agreement in FY10-11.

Procurement Background

N/A



Fiscal Impact

Funding for the County's FY 20/21 portion of the Interlocal Agreement has been appropriated in the respective department's current budgets.

Recommendation

The County Manager recommends that the Board approve the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Durham for Continuation of Durham's Gang Reduction Strategy (GRS) in fiscal year 2020-21.