

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM TO INCLUDE MANAGEMENT OF IMPLEMENTATION OF COMMUNITY VIOLENCE INTERVENTION PROGRAMMING, PROVISION OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND TRAINING REGARDING GROUP VIOLENCE REDUCTION STRATEGIES FOR THE CITY AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS, AT A CONTRACT PRICE INCREASE NOT TO EXCEED \$519,750.00, FOR A NEW TOTAL CONTRACT PRICE NOT TO EXCEED \$826,800.00.

RESOLUTION NO: _____
Office of Community
REQUESTED BY: Safety & Empowerment
PREPARED BY: Law Department
APPROVED: _____
APPROVED AS AN EMERGENCY
MEASURE: _____
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WHEREAS, research indicates that the Group Violence Reduction Strategy (“GVRs”), also known as Group Violence Intervention, Ceasefire, or focused deterrence, has a record of success in reduced gun and group-oriented violence, while Knoxville’s problem analysis suggests that the majority of gun violence in the city involves group-affiliated individuals; and

WHEREAS, the GVRs reduces gun violence by identifying high-risk people and social networks, communicating directly to them the commitment of the police and community members to stop such violence, providing special supports and services, and deploying targeted law enforcement sanctions as a last resort; and

WHEREAS, The National Institute for Criminal Justice Reform (“NICJR”) works to reduce incarceration and violence, improve the outcomes of system-involved youth and adults, and increase the capacity and expertise of the organizations that serve these individuals; and

WHEREAS, NICJR provides technical assistance, consulting, research, organizational development, and advocacy in the fields of juvenile and criminal justice, youth development, and violence prevention. NICJR works with an array of organizations, including government agencies, nonprofit organizations, and philanthropic foundations; and

WHEREAS, on July 11, 2023, Council approved Resolution R-219-2023 authorizing an agreement with NICJR to provide training and technical assistance for City of Knoxville staff, law enforcement and community-based partners to effectively implement Group Violence Reduction Strategies (“GVRs”); and

WHEREAS, on August 1, 2023, the City and NICJR entered into such an agreement dated June 14, 2023, known as Document No. C-23-0244 (the “Agreement”); and

WHEREAS, on January 1, 2025 the parties executed a First Amendment to the Agreement to extend the term through December 31, 2025, with no additional funding, to allow the Consultant time to complete the scope of services described in the Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the parties now desire to further extend the term of the Agreement, add additional work, and increase the contract amount by \$519,700.00, for a new contract total \$826,800.00; and

WHEREAS, the proposed contract extension will support management, reporting and training for Community Violence Intervention (“CVI”) programming, including Outreach, Life Coaching and Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, as well as continued technical assistance on sustained implementation of CVI; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to enter into a Second Amendment to Agreement C-23-0244 with NICJR to provide additional management, reporting, and training as more specifically contained therein, for an amount not to exceed Five Hundred Nineteen Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$510,750.00); and

WHEREAS, NICJR has the necessary experience and expertise to provide the requested additional technical assistance and training for the Office of Community Safety and Empowerment and community stakeholders and service providers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE THAT:

SECTION 1: The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute a Second Amendment to Agreement No. C-23-0244 with the National Institute for Criminal Justice Reform in a form substantially like that attached hereto, to support management, reporting and training for Community Violence Intervention programming, including Outreach, Life Coaching and Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, as well as continued technical assistance on sustained implementation of CVI, in an amount not to exceed or an amount not to exceed Five Hundred Nineteen Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$510,750.00), for a new total contract price not to exceed Eight Hundred Twenty-six Thousand, Eight Hundred Dollars (\$826,800.00).

SECTION 2: This Resolution shall take effect from and after its passage, the welfare of the City requiring it.

Presiding Officer of the Council

Recorder