

  
City Attorney

# OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ C.M.S.

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**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CITY’S (1) VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAM STRATEGIES AND (2) FUNDING PRIORITIES FOR PROGRAMS FUNDED BY THE 2014 OAKLAND PUBLIC SAFETY AND SERVICES VIOLENCE PREVENTION ACT (SAFETY AND SERVICES ACT) FOR JULY 2021 THROUGH THE END OF THE SAFETY AND SERVICES ACT FUNDING PERIOD (DECEMBER 2024).**

**WHEREAS**, in November 2014, City of Oakland voters passed Measure Z, the Oakland Public Safety and Services Violence Prevention Act (“Safety and Services Act”), approving a series of taxes to support violence intervention objectives, including funding programs and services that provide support for high-risk youth and young adults to interrupt the cycle of violence and recidivism; and

**WHEREAS**, beginning in July 2020, the City’s Department of Violence Prevention (“DVP”) administers Safety and Services Act funds for violence intervention programs and services, whereby DVP prepares a spending plan to outline the strategies and services recommended for a new funding cycle; and

**WHEREAS**, the DVP developed spending plan recommendations concerning strategies to prioritize and the process for allocating funds in collaboration with community and public stakeholders that included community listening sessions and the Urban Strategies Council DVP planning process in 2018, review of local, national, and international best practices, and meetings and interviews with public and community stakeholders; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed Fiscal Years (“FY”) 2021-2022 through 2022-2023 spending plan dedicates the bulk of funds to a community-based, family-centered intervention strategy that focuses services on the people living in neighborhoods with the highest rates of shooting with injury in Oakland, as detailed in the following chart:

<b>DVP AREA TEAMS</b>  <b>62% of total DVP investment (~\$4.4 million)</b>	<b>EAST OAKLAND</b> <b>50% (~\$2.2 million)</b> 2 teams	<b>CENTRAL EAST OAKLAND</b> <b>25% (~\$1.1 million)</b> 1 team	<b>WEST OAKLAND</b> <b>25% (~\$1.1 million)</b> 1 team
	Each team includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community Violence Responders: real-time response to shootings and homicides; violence interruption and conflict mediation</li> <li>• Community Ambassadors: street outreach; service linkage; event promotion</li> <li>• Family Support Liaisons: supportive services and advocacy for families and loved ones of victims of active homicide and unsolved cold cases</li> <li>• Life Coaching: intensive case management, systems advocacy and resource linkage for those at center of violence including loved ones returning home from incarceration</li> <li>• Program Managers: supervision and oversight of team; coordination and alignment with other DVP Area Teams and with DVP staff</li> </ul>		
<b>DVP SHARED SERVICES</b>  <b>38% of total DVP investment (~\$2.7 million)</b>	<b>Specialized supportive services that prioritize referrals from DVP Area Teams</b>		
	<b>Violent Incident Response and Family Supports</b> <b>24% (~\$650,000)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hospital-based Intervention</li> <li>• Grief Counseling and Mental Health Support</li> <li>• Temporary Emergency Relocation</li> </ul>	<b>Gender-based Violence Specific Services</b> <b>50% (~\$1,350,000)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outreach &amp; Crisis Response</li> <li>• Emergency Housing</li> <li>• Wraparound Supports</li> </ul>	<b>Employment and Housing</b> <b>20% (~\$550,000)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Employment Training and Placement</li> <li>• Transitional and Permanent Housing</li> </ul>
	<b>Strengthen DVP Network Providers</b> <b>6% (~\$150,000)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Training and capacity building opportunities designed to strengthen DVP Network providers</li> </ul>		

\*all allocations are estimates and will be finalized based on actual revenue funds available ; and

**WHEREAS,** Safety and Services Act-funded services will include gun violence interventions, gender-based violence response services, reduction of cold cases, including support for homicide families, and efforts to address community trauma; and

**WHEREAS**, the Safety and Services Act established a Public Safety and Services Violence Prevention Oversight Commission (“SSOC”), whose members received the DVP priority spending plan for Safety and Services Act funds for violence prevention and intervention on October 26, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the FY 2020-2021 Adopted Budget projects total revenue from the Safety and Services Act for FY) 2020-2021 to be an estimated \$26 million, out of which an estimated \$9.5 million is available for violence intervention and prevention programs; and

**WHEREAS**, revenue projections are not yet available for FY 2021-2022, FY 2022-2023, nor for the period ending December 2024 (*i.e.*, to the end of the Safety and Services Act funding period), and if revenue projections change, either positively or negatively, staff will reflect adjustments during the grant award process; and

**WHEREAS**, the DVP intends to conduct a competitive Request for Qualifications (“RFQ”) process for the provision of most strategies and services via awards of grants (by way of a later resolution that will be presented to the City Council), with the remaining funds recommended for direct allocation for approximately nine (9) existing FTE City administrative positions and approximately eight (8) FTE in City violence intervention direct service positions allocated per current two-year budget; and

**WHEREAS**, available funding from related grants and other revenue sources may be included in the RFQ process to facilitate a more efficient allocation and award process; and

**WHEREAS**, DVP staff anticipates returning to the SSOC and City Council in Spring 2021 with recommendations concerning the proposed grant awards to specific agencies that result from the City’s aforementioned RFQ process; now, therefore be it

**RESOLVED:** That the City Council approves the violence prevention program strategies and funding priorities for the Safety and Services Act funding cycle of July 2021 through the end of the Safety and Services Act (December 2024), as set forth in the above table in this resolution, which program strategies and funding priorities set forth in the above table are hereby incorporated as if fully set forth herein.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - FORTUNATO BAS, GALLO, GIBSON MCELHANEY, KALB, REID, TAYLOR,  
THAO AND PRESIDENT KAPLAN

NOES –

ABSENT –

ABSTENTION –

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
ASHA REED  
Acting City Clerk and Clerk of the  
Council of the City of Oakland,  
California