



Item Number: 1

CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS AGENDA ACTION REQUEST

DATE: July 16, 2024

TO: Mark Washington, City Manager

COMMITTEE: Fiscal Committee

LIAISON: Molly Clarin, Chief Financial Officer

FROM: Doug Matthews, Assistant City Manager
Executive Office

SUBJECT: **Resolution approving execution of a contract with City of Rest in the amount of \$150,000 for support of community-based violence reduction in the Third Ward**

As part of the 2022 Participatory Budgeting initiative, Third Ward residents supported the implementation of community-based violence reduction initiatives for those living in the ward. Under this proposal, City of Rest will be expanding implementation of their GRACE correctional diversion program. This program provides alternative correctional measures for youth and young adults in the local criminal justice system in partnership with the Kent County Prosecutor's Office, GRPD and the Kent County Sheriff.

Objectives of the program are to:

1. Provide a structured intervention program for youth offenders to address the root causes of their criminal behavior;
2. Reduce recidivism rates among youth by providing the necessary support and resources;
3. Facilitate the reintegration of youth offenders into society through skill-building, education and mentorship;
4. Offer a viable alternative to sentencing youth offenders as adults, promoting restorative justice principles; and
5. Reduce crime and violence across the community committed by youth and young adult offenders.

Participants in the program receive one-on-one mental health support vocational and life skills training, mentoring, community service and personal improvement plans designed to redirect their lives toward a positive trajectory.

Execution of this contract will result in \$65,000 remaining from the total allocation, which will be directed towards additional targeted projects identified through the RFP process.

Work on this project will commence upon contract execution through December 2026.

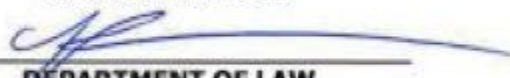
Your FISCAL COMMITTEE recommends the adoption of the following resolution approving execution of a contract with City of Rest for implementation of a community-based violence prevention initiative in the amount of \$150,000

WHEREAS:

1. The City established a Participatory Budgeting process, allocating \$1 million toward projects in the Third Ward; and
2. Third Ward residents voted to fund a community-based violence prevention initiative; and
3. Third Ward residents dedicated \$205,000 to execute said project; therefore

RESOLVED:

1. That the City will contract with City of Rest to execute the GRACE criminal justice diversion program in an amount not to exceed \$150,000; and
2. That the term of the contract shall extend from contract execution through December 31, 2026; and
3. That upon approval as to form by the City Attorney, the Mayor is authorized to execute said contract and related documents, necessary modifications, or extensions of time; and
4. Following execution of the contract, the Comptroller is hereby authorized and directed to issue payments consistent with this Resolution.

CORRECT IN FORM

DEPARTMENT OF LAW