



City of Cleveland Memorandum
Justin M. Bibb, Mayor

MEMORANDUM

From: **Angela Shute- Woodson, Senior Advisor Government and Community Affairs- Director of Community Relations**

Subject: **Safe Streets/ Youth Violent Interruption in High Hot Spots, Programming- Request for New Legislation**

Date: **11/4/25**

Background:

What we know due to a reports of Street Shot Spotter Reporting monthly and from the Crime Data reports, Community Relations Board has identified Wards that had high numbers. The department with the help of Violent Interrupters organization are in need of more trusted programming sources. Many youth CRB has encounter are bi-lingual and I need of translation in the west side neighborhood space. To of need of job training, education and social support. It also recognizes that the absence of violence does not result in improved outcomes for the individual youth or community, and well-being must be prioritized to provide youth with exposure to life opportunities to support antecedents of their behavior and positive decision-making.

Approach:

With the support of Councilwoman Jasmine Santana it is the goal of CRB to offer programming in the multi-cultural neighborhoods on the West Side of Cleveland. The identified organization has years of experience in the neighborhoods and is a trusted place for many youth to go to. CRB hopes to achieve better outcomes when having Esperanza as a referral source for the youth we engage.

Program:

The project is to have the following organizations and their services:

Esperanza-The Clark/Fulton Neighborhood West Side Wards 14 & 15. The focus these organizations are already working in the CMSD High Schools, with redirected Youth that are agitators, excessive detention, to chronic absence in school. Their program format is to help with after school, out of school time for youth with the need of language or comprehension help. The organizations can help with job training, placement and matching of youth under their programming. With this funding they will be able to increase their work into the K-8 CMSD Schools and can increase their presence in the high violent areas to recruit, guide to wrap around services in the area as well as to workforce development to gain a job.

Target and Performance Indicator (3 years)

Target: Services begin when in May and continue through summer till fall 2025
These are Youth ages 8-22 years of age.

Performance Indicator:

- Number of youth abstaining from acts of violence and reoffending behaviors.
- Number of youth engagement
- Number of youth of reduce arrest
- Number of youth engaged in education, programming, vocation, connected to actual workforce or Personal development services.

(*Reporting will be every month, with a monthly check-in meeting and an internal audit review every 6 months to CRB Project Manager.)



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Budget

Expense (Contractual,) Description and explanation	Amount
Esperanza	\$100,000
Other Cost	N/A
Total Budgeted Amount: (Approved)	\$100,000

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