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Mayor's Office of Prevention, Intervention and Opportunity for Youth and Young Adults

**Administrative Ordinance Summary**  
**"Cleveland Thrive Project"**

**Background/Purpose:**

This legislation authorizes the Director of Finance to apply for and accept a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ); Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) to implement Community Based Violence Intervention and Prevention Initiative (CVIPI) grant, "Cleveland Thrive Project".

This program furthers the Office's mission by supporting community violence intervention and prevention efforts.

Goal: The overall goal of the project is to expand and enhance the City of Cleveland's community violence intervention and prevention strategy by improving coordination and collaboration between community violence intervention and prevention initiative (CVIPI) partners, which includes the city, the county, CBOs, hospital-based trauma centers, violence prevention programs and the community at large.

**Objectives:**

- coordinating violence prevention and intervention community- and hospital-based programs and organizations, as well as city-led initiatives by emphasizing shared language, evidence-based practices, outcomes, and data-informed and driven decision-making, as well as improving service provision of community violence prevention programming with best practices in trauma- and victim-centered care through shared training and practices;
- completing a community needs assessment to avoid service duplication and realign resources to best respond to community needs;
- convening a broader multidisciplinary stakeholder group to develop a new community-wide plan.

**Grant Period:** October 1, 2022 – September 30, 2025 (36 months)

**Program Funding Source:** United States Department of Justice  
Bureau of Justice (BJA)  
O-BJA-2022-171282

**BJA Amount Awarded:** \$1,994,908

**Additional Funding Support (In-Kind):** Cleveland Foundation \$ 367,954.84

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
\$173,318.28	\$97,318.28	\$97,318.28

**2023 Program Accomplishments:**

The Office of Prevention, Intervention and Opportunity for Youth and Young Adults provides a variety of high quality programs and initiatives that connect youth and young adults to support systems, jobs and recreational and educational

opportunities to reduce violence and support the development of the knowledge/skills necessary for success in school, the workforce, home and community.

- Partnered with approximately 40 providers to offer over 48 programs beyond traditional sports and recreational activities that are aimed at providing youth and the community access to center-based resources, programs and activities that address the root causes of violence; promote healing, wellness, resiliency and self-efficacy; and support our residents in developing the skills and knowledge required to thrive and live quality lives. Programming centers around six (6) areas: Youth and Adult Education; Job and Career Readiness; Health and Wellness; Youth Leadership Development, Mentorship and Community Service; The Arts; and Sports and Recreation.
- Social Support Services Specialists serving in Neighborhood Resource and Recreation Centers to connect youth and adults to community based resources and support services.
- Developed and passed legislation for the first donor advised violence prevention fund, Neighborhood Safety Fund. In partnership with the Cleveland Foundation awarded \$1 million in grants to 29 grassroots organizations and programs operating in neighborhoods across the city.

Additionally, the Office of Prevention, Intervention and Opportunity for Youth and Young Adults collaborates with the Community Relations Board to provide Diversion and Reentry programs.

- The FreshStart Reentry Mentoring Program is designed for paroled and incarcerated youth within (2) ODYS facilities, Cuyahoga Hills and Indian River Juvenile Correctional Facilities. All youth returning to the City of Cleveland from Cuyahoga Hills and Indian River Juvenile Correctional Facilities must be referred to the City of Cleveland Fresh Start Reentry Program.
- The FreshStart Diversion program is designed to provide non-adjudicated youth ages 13-15 and 16-19, referred through the courts system, with wrap-around support services and enrichment opportunities to assist them with improving life outcomes.

#### **Community Based Violence Intervention and Prevention Initiative “Project Thrive” Goals:**

This grant will work to build cohesion, collaboration, and shared practices, provide administrative and project support to CVIPI CBOs by focusing on building shared trust, outcomes, and best practices among CBO and city partners; working with trained facilitators to create a shared vision among CVI partners to enhance service provision and reduce service and programming redundancy; cultivating more CVIPI partners to participate in the community needs assessment, learning best practices, and critical trauma-informed and victim-centered care; and building a pipeline of younger, critical and credible messengers to communicate with victims of violence, improve services and provide critical incident response management. Building relationships with a multidisciplinary community group to convene systems level partners in support of the development of a community-wide plan for violence prevention. Finally, this grant will help our other planning efforts by providing critical dollars to CBOs and the city, which are designing innovative programs, and including victims of violence in both the community-wide plan and the training design, so that all partners can use helpful communication techniques to reduce victims’ traumatization and increase their access to social services.

#### **Partnerships:**

Cleveland Foundation

Mission: The Cleveland Foundation’s mission is to enhance the lives of all residents of Greater Cleveland, now and for generations to come, by working together with our donors to build community endowment, address needs through grant making, and provide leadership on key community issues.

Responsibilities: Provides an in-kind donation for the Project Manager (Micro) position for the duration of the grant period. The community project manager will build one-to-one relationships with the neighborhood partners, who are working to reduce and intervene in local conflicts that perpetuate firearm, intimate partner, and community violence. In addition to coordinating community/grassroots violence prevention and intervention organizations, the project manager

will work alongside the Project Manager I (Macro) working with the City of Cleveland on the community-wide plan, Cleveland Thrive.

**Case Western Reserve University Begun Center**

**Mission:** The Begun Center for Violence Prevention Research and Education promotes social justice and community development by conducting applied, community-based and interdisciplinary research on the causes and prevention of violence, and by educating and training social workers, teachers, law enforcement and other professionals in the principles of effective violence prevention. The Center also develops and evaluates the impact of evidence-based best practices in violence prevention and intervention, and seeks to understand the influence of mental health, substance use, youth development and related issues on violent behavior and public health. The Center seeks to advance knowledge through dissemination of information in the scientific literature and attempts to bridge the gap between science and practice to inform public policy related to violence prevention.

**Responsibilities:** Serve as the evaluation partner for the Cleveland Thrive initiative. The Begun Center is governed by Case Western Reserve University’s (CWRU) Policies on Individual Conflicts of Interest and Institutional Conflicts of Interest.

**Budget:**

The following revised budget modification was approved by the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ); Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) on Monday, May 13, 2024. This modification was in response to unused grant funds for year one and the Cleveland Foundation’s increased in-kind support. This allowed the grant funds originally allotted for year one and the Program Manager (Micro) position to be reallocated to the grant budget line items to best support CVIPI work at the community level. See attached budget approval from DOJ.

The final approved budget is reflected below:

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Total
Di minimus rate (Indirect Costs)	\$24,373.70	\$22,136.00	\$16,158.60	\$62,668.30
<b>Contracting Partners: \$1,364,674.84</b>				
Case Western Reserve University	\$56,666.00	\$56,667.00	\$56,667.00	\$170,000.00
Violence Interruption orgs (RFP)	\$0	\$501,646.34	\$283,764.00	\$785,410.34
Innovative Programming orgs (RFP)	\$0	\$247,843.00	\$161,421.50	\$409,264.50
<u>Other</u>				<u>Total</u>
FTE Program Manager I	\$0	\$97,500.00	\$97,500.00	\$195,000.00
Supplies & equipment	\$0	\$7,660.00	\$7,660.00	\$15,320.00
Training	\$0	\$77,167.00	\$39,666.00	\$116,833.00
Travel	\$636.86	\$17,847.00	\$11,428.00	\$29,911.86
Other Direct Costs	\$0	\$5,334.00	\$5,332.00	\$10,666.00
Service Coordination Planning	\$0	\$199,834.00	\$0	\$199,834.00
<b>Grant Award Total: \$1,994,908</b>				