



MEMORANDUM

TO: Trustees

FROM: Julia López, Program Committee Member **BOARD ACTION REQUIRED**

DATE: June 13, 2025

SUBJECT: Authorization to Accept Third-Party Funding as Fiscal Sponsor for the St. Louis Area Violence Prevention Commission

The attached resolution authorizes MHB to accept the following third-party funding as reflected in the FY 26 proposed operating budget.

CITY OF ST. LOUIS BOARD OF ALDERMAN BOARD BILL 12
(Subject to negotiation of intergovernmental cooperative agreement)

The St. Louis Area Violence Prevention Commission is the Action Team Lead for the violence prevention strategy of the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) for the St. Louis City and St. Louis County Health Departments. This partnership has been in place for seven years. Using the intergovernmental cooperative agreement process, the City Department of Health provided \$1,000,000 (up-front) in ARPA funding to MHB as fiscal sponsor for VPC as approved by Board Bill 2 in 2021. For the past five years, VPC has managed community youth violence prevention projects in partnership with the City Department of Health. For FY 26, the City of St. Louis would like to continue that successful partnership with a continued focus on community projects that advance the public health approach to violence prevention.

On June 2, 2025, Mayor Cara Spencer approved Board Bill 12 which authorizes the Director of the Department of Health, or his or her designee, to execute on behalf of the City, an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement with MHB, pursuant to which the City shall transfer up to \$74,500 to MHB during the initial term of the STLMHB Cooperative Agreement to support community projects and events addressing Action Team Implementation Plans needs in furtherance of the Community Health Improvement Plan. The STLMHB Cooperative Agreement may be renewed for up to an additional two years, subject to the availability and appropriation of additional funding. The Cooperative Agreement will require MHB to comply with all applicable City, State, and Federal laws and regulations, including the recordkeeping and reporting requirements of the Local Public Health Agency Accreditation Assistance (LPHAAA) grant funding. Funding for the Cooperative Agreement

will contain terms and conditions approved by the City Counselor and requires approval of the MHB Board of Trustees prior to execution.

MISSOURI FOUNDATION FOR HEALTH

The Missouri Foundation for Health (MFH) has funded the VPC since the inception of the coalition. Last year, MFH made a five-year funding commitment to provide \$150,000 annually for unrestricted operating support. On June 2, 2025, the MFH Board of Directors approved an unrestricted grant of \$25,000 in recognition of the VPC's efforts to assist in tornado response in impacted communities. This support is intended to help VPC continue to address the immediate and evolving needs of individuals and families affected by the disaster. VPC street outreach teams and partners were among the first on the ground to begin canvassing and helping residents in North City. The outreach teams helped install tarps, deliver food, and clean-up homes damaged by the storm. At the same time, they also continued to respond to shootings and deescalate violence that threatened to disrupt recovery efforts.

ST. LOUIS COUNTY CHILDREN'S SERVICE FUND

This fiscal year, the St. Louis County Children's Service Fund (CSF) awarded a pilot grant to VPC to implement youth events in St. Louis County based on the success of the youth safe spaces strategy in the City of St. Louis. For FY 26, CSF has deepened its investment in the youth violence prevention strategy by approving a two-year funding commitment of \$250,250 annually. The additional investment will allow VPC to continue supporting youth events in St. Louis County as well as introduce the New Opportunities for Wellness neighborhood healing initiative to two communities in North St. Louis County that are disproportionately impacted by gun violence.

CITY OF ST. LOUIS MENTAL HEALTH BOARD OF TRUSTEES

**AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT THIRD-PARTY FUNDING AS FISCAL SPONSOR
FOR THE ST. LOUIS AREA VIOLENCE PREVENTION COMMISSION**

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the St. Louis Mental Health Board serves as the fiscal sponsor and backbone organization for the St. Louis Area Violence Prevention Commission (VPC); and

WHEREAS, the City of St. Louis Department of Health through an intergovernmental transfer intends to provide \$74,500 in funding to VPC to carry out its role as Action Team Lead for the City of St. Louis Department of Health’s Community Health Improvement Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Missouri Foundation for Health desires to recognize the role that VPC has played in responding to the May 16 tornado relief efforts through a \$25,000 unrestricted funding award; and

WHEREAS, the St. Louis County Children’s Service Fund has extended its commitment to expand the availability of youth safe space programming for St. Louis County residents by awarding VPC a two-year grant in the amount of \$250,250 per year; and

WHEREAS, the St. Louis Area Violence Prevention Commission has developed successful partnerships with external funding partners to advance its mission and Action Plan.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

The Board of Trustees agrees to accept up to \$349,750 of third-party funding as fiscal sponsor for the St. Louis Violence Prevention Commission (VPC), to enable VPC to continue its community-centered violence prevention work during FY 26.

Furthermore, the Board authorizes the Executive Director and Board Chair to execute an intergovernmental cooperative agreement with the City of St. Louis Department of Health to meet the specific requirements of Board Bill 12.

APPROVED THIS 18th DAY OF JUNE 2025

Board Chair/Officer Name (printed):	Signature:
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Board Officer Name (printed):	Signature:
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