



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Trustees

**FROM:** Donna Schmitt, Finance Committee **BOARD ACTION REQUIRED**

**DATE:** August 11, 2022

**SUBJECT:** Request from City's Office of Violence Prevention to Serve as a Fiscal Sponsor for \$700K in Grant Funding from the National League of Cities

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The MHB Finance Committee met on August 9, 2022, to review and discuss a request from the Director of the Office of Violence Prevention to serve as a fiscal sponsor for a Municipalities Reimagining Community Safety Grant through the National League of Cities (NLC).

Funding from the NLC grant will be used to:

- Create the infrastructure for the newly established Office of Violence Prevention (Office) including hiring a consultant to seek and acquire continuation funding beyond ARPA
- Develop and implement a data collection and measurement system to track and report the impact of the Office's efforts
- Fund the expansion of key violence prevention programs to serve new neighborhoods
- Provide funding for professional development and travel for Office staff
- Include 10% indirect cost for MHB's administrative services as a fiscal sponsor for the private grant funding

The two-year grant will provide \$465K in year one and \$235K in year two. Participation in the NLC cohort will include support and technical assistance based on the strategies and activities articulated in two reports released by the task force. The release of year two funding is contingent upon demonstrated progress toward meeting established goals and metrics articulated in the grant agreement.

Through the Mayor's Office of Children, Youth, and Families and the work of the St. Louis Area Violence Prevention Commission (VPC), MHB has partnered with the city government to advance its provision of prevention programs which promote healthy lifestyles among children and youth and strengthen families. As much of the work for VPC and the Office of Violence Prevention strategically aligns, serving as a fiscal sponsor during the start-up period for the Office may be viewed as an extension of MHB and VPC's existing partnership with the city.

The attached resolution, if approved, authorizes the MHB Executive Director to act on behalf of the MHB Board of Trustees and enter into a grant agreement directly with NLC and a subsequent Letter of Agreement with the City.

**SAINT LOUIS MHB**

**AUTHORIZATION TO SERVE AS A FISCAL SPONSOR  
FOR GRANT FUNDING FROM THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES**

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, MHB has committed resources and funding to support the St. Louis Area Violence Prevention Commission since 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, the Office of the Mayor established the Office of Violence Prevention in July 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor's Office accepted an invitation to join the National League of Cities' Municipalities Reimagining Community Safety six-city Cohort; and

**WHEREAS**, the strategic goals of the St. Louis Area Violence Prevention Commission and the Office of Violence Prevention closely align,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:**

The Chair and Executive Director are authorized to negotiate, with assistance from legal counsel, a Memorandum of Understanding with the National League of Cities and a subsequent Letter of Agreement with the City's Office of Violence Prevention to serve as the fiscal sponsor for the NLC's Municipalities Reimagining Community Safety two-year \$700,000.00 grant.

APPROVED THIS 18<sup>th</sup> DAY OF AUGUST 2022

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