



MEMORANDUM

TO: Trustees

FROM: Terrell Carter, Board Chair **BOARD ACTION REQUIRED**

DATE: October 14, 2022

SUBJECT: Authorization to Accept Federal Funding

The MHB Program Committee met on October 4, 2022, and the attached resolution authorizes MHB, as fiscal sponsor for the St. Louis Area Violence Prevention Commission (VPC), to accept federal funding from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration in the amount of \$600,000 for the Gun Violence Response Network with Mental Health Access project.

VPC created the Gun Violence Response Network (GVRN) in 2020 as a step toward the objective of coordinating the community-level response to nonfatal shootings, which is a recommendation from the U.S. Department of Justice's 2017 Diagnostic Analysis for the City of St. Louis to interrupt the escalating cycle of violence. GVRN is a network of service providers with multiple entry points, coordinated intake through a partnership with United Way 2-1-1, and wraparound services for victims of violence.

To ensure that the community response system is comprehensive, VPC has also launched the Handle with Care program to enhance communication between law enforcement and schools when children witness and are involved in traumatic events. This notification system will ensure that schools can serve as critical connection points for youth and their families who experience traumatic events in the community that may otherwise go undetected by school staff.

The GVRN anticipates serving 600 victims of nonfatal shootings between St. Louis City and St. Louis County and linking them to mental health and other support services during the year of grant funding.

CITY OF ST. LOUIS MENTAL HEALTH BOARD OF TRUSTEES

**AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT FEDERAL FUNDING FOR THE
ST. LOUIS AREA VIOLENCE PREVENTION COMMISSION
GUN VIOLENCE RESPONSE NETWORK**

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of St. Louis Mental Health Board of Trustees (MHB) is the fiscal sponsor and backbone organization for the St. Louis Area Violence Prevention Commission (VPC); and

WHEREAS, VPC provides resources that support the implementation of evidence-based violence prevention programs designed to increase protective factors for youth and their families; and

WHEREAS, MHB has been awarded funding in the amount of \$600,000 from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) for the Gun Violence Response Network with Mental Health Access CFDA 93.493; and

WHEREAS, the Gun Violence Response Network with Mental Health Access project is a network of service providers with multiple entry points, coordinated intake through a partnership with United Way 2-1-1, low-cost mental health counseling provided by Provident, and wraparound services for victims of violence; and

WHEREAS, the MHB desires to serve as a recipient of this federal project and to execute agreements with other sub-contractors or sub-recipients to provide services associated with the goals of the project and funded by federal funds;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

As fiscal sponsor for the St. Louis Violence Prevention Commission, the City of St. Louis Mental Health Board of Trustees accepts the \$600,000 SAMHSA award, CFDA 93.493 to enable VPC to administer youth gun violence prevention programming from September 30, 2022, to September 29, 2023.

Furthermore, the Board authorizes the Board Chair and the Executive Director to execute contracts with sub-recipients or consultants/contractors from duly selected non-profits and other eligible organizations/ persons providing services required and funded entirely by the federal program.

APPROVED THIS 20th DAY OF OCTOBER 2022

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

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