



Date: September 19, 2022

To: Wanda S. Page, City Manager
Through: W. Bowman Ferguson, Deputy City Manager
From: Ryan Smith, Director of Community Safety
Subject: Renewing City-County Interlocal Agreement for Bull City United for FY23

Executive Summary

Last fiscal year, the City Council approved a new Interlocal Agreement (ILA) with Durham County to expand the Bull City United (BCU) violence interruption program. The FY22 ILA provided up to \$935,488 to fund 18 new positions in order to expand the program service area from two to a total of six census tracts. This year's (FY23) ILA includes no changes other than allowing the contract to renew for up to 5 one-year terms pending appropriation of funds in the annual budgets of the City and County. The ILA includes a provision for an annual presentation to City Council on the progress of the program. Durham County General Manager Joanne Pierce or a designee will provide an annual update to City Council on the program.

Motion

To receive a presentation and annual update from Durham County's Bull City United program.

To resolve that the City Manager be authorized to renew an Interlocal Agreement with Durham County for an amount not to exceed \$935,488 to support the expanded service area of Bull City United.

Background

In FY22, the City Council approved a new ILA with Durham County to expand the service area of Bull City United's violence interruption program. Specifically, the ILA expanded the BCU program from serving only census tracts 13.01 and 14.00 to include tracts 13.04, 17.09, 23.00, and 11.00. In order to staff this increased service area, the ILA funded 18 additional full-time employees (1 supervisor, 5 outreach workers, and 12 violence interrupters).

The ILA included a requirement that Durham County provide quarterly reports on the program's progress. The Durham Community Safety Department has received quarterly reports, and General Manager Joanne Pierce will provide a presentation to City Council summarizing BCU's progress over the past year. It took the County most of the year to fill all 18 positions. In their fourth quarter report, Durham County reported that they had filled all positions funded by the ILA.

Issues and Analysis

The quarterly reports include when BCU staff were hired, how many persons were shot during each quarter within focus areas in each census tract, how many total mediations were conducted by BCU staff by month, and BCU's' current caseload per census tract area. Included below are a few highlights from the recent 4th quarter report:

- In the 4th quarter, the County reported hiring and training 6 staff, filling all vacant positions funded by the ILA.
- In the 4th quarter, the County reported 12 persons were shot, including 1 homicide, within focus areas in the BCU census tracts.
- BCU staff reported 501 mediations in the 4th quarter.
- BCU added 3 new participants to their case load in the 4th quarter, bringing to total number of participants to 69. 39 of the 69 participants are located in the City-funded 4 census tracts, and 30 in the County-funded 2 census tracts.

Financial Impact

The FY23 cost to the City of Durham for this agreement shall not exceed \$935,488, which is equal to the amount approved for FY22. Funding for this contract was included in the FY23 approved budget for the Community Safety Department.

Equal Business Opportunity Summary

Due to the nature of this agenda item, this is not applicable.

Contractor Workforce Diversity & Hiring Practices

Due to the nature of this agenda item, obtaining Contractor Workforce Diversity & Hiring Practices information is not applicable.

Attachments

The following 2 attachments are included:

- FY23 City-County Interlocal Agreement for Bull City United
- Fourth Quarter report and presentation from Durham County on the Bull City United ILA