



Date: June 1, 2012

To: Thomas J. Bonfield, City Manager
From: Karmisha R. Wallace, Assistant to the City Manager
Subject: Durham City-County Interlocal Agreement for Gang Reduction Strategy

Executive Summary

This is an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the City of Durham and the County of Durham to continue the efforts of the Gang Reduction Strategy (GRS). The City and County jointly funded and supported a GRS Manager and Project BUILD (Building Uplifting Improving Lives Daily) last year and intend to continue the joint efforts.

Recommendation

The Administration recommends that the City Council authorize the City Manager to execute the Durham City-County Interlocal Agreement with the County of Durham for the Continuation of the Gang Reduction Strategy. The Administration is also recommending that subsequent funding (after June 30, 2013) be approved by the City Council and County Commissioners as part of the annual budget process.

Background

Durham’s Gang Reduction Strategy (GRS) developed as a response to recommendations from the Comprehensive Gang Assessment that was commissioned by the City and County of Durham and was completed in November 2007. The Gang Assessment highlighted the need for a coordinated approach that included prevention, intervention and suppression strategies to reduce criminal activity committed by gang members in Durham County.

A GRS Steering Committee was created and comprised of Durham’s leadership. The Steering Committee conducts strategic planning and oversight of the implementation of the GRS core strategies as they relate to the Gang Assessment’s recommendations.

Issues and Analysis

In an effort to achieve the goals set forth in the Gang Assessment and carry out the recommendation of the GRS Steering Committee, the City and County jointly funded a Gang Reduction Strategy Manager position July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012. The GRS Manager was tasked with coordinating the implementation of the Gang Assessment recommendations and other goals and strategies as directed by the GRS Steering Committee. The proposed Interlocal allows the GRS Manager to continue the efforts that began last year and are continuing.

In addition to the GRS Manager, the City and County have combined expertise and resources to collaborate on the County’s Project BUILD (Building Uplifting Improving Lives Daily) program, with a goal of improving efficiency and effectiveness and to increase the

number of at-risk youths served. The proposed Interlocal Agreement will allow those efforts to continue as well.

Alternatives

The Council could elect to not fund the Continuation of the Gang Reduction Strategy or fund the Strategy partially.

Financial Impact

The City's total contribution toward the Continuation of the Gang Reduction Strategy for July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013 is \$69,527.50 with \$49,527.50 going toward the GRS Manager and \$20,000 toward the costs associated with Project BUILD.

SDBE Summary

SDBE Requirements do not apply to this item.

Attachments

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