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## City of Newark

City Hall 920 Broad Street Newark, New Jersey 07102

### **Legislation Text**

Dept/ Agency: Administration
Action: ( ) Ratifying (X) Authorizing ( ) Amending
Type of Service: Application for Grant Funds
<b>Purpose:</b> An Application for Grant Funds to identify initiatives, programs and opportunities to reduce violence and strengthen relationships between law enforcement and Newark communities.
Entity Name: New Jersey Department of Community Affairs
Entity Address: 100 South Broad Street, PO Box 800, Trenton, New Jersey 08625
<b>Grant Amount:</b> \$250,000.00
Total Project Cost: Not to exceed \$250,000.00
City Contribution: \$0.00
Other Funding Source/Amount: \$0.00
Grant Period: Spring 2020 through Spring 2021
Contract Basis: ( ) Bid ( ) State Vendor ( ) Prof. Ser. ( ) EUS
( ) Fair & Open ( ) No Reportable Contributions ( ) RFP ( ) RFQ ( ) Private Sale (X) Grant ( ) Sub-recipient ( ) n/a Additional Information:

**WHEREAS,** the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, ("the State"), offers grants to Municipalities to build neighborhoods and to provide financial and technical assistance to improve the quality of life for low-income, disabled and disadvantaged residents; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Newark ("City") through the Brick City Peace Collective ("BCPC") wishes to reduce violence and strengthen relationships between law enforcement and Newark communities; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to further the public interest by obtaining funding in the form of a Two Hundred Fifty-Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$250,000.00), grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs to support violence reduction efforts by gathering evidence on the ground and providing guidance to practitioners and policymakers who seek to improve communities through measurable data-driven strategies (the "Project"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Business Administrator recommends that the City make application for such a grant; and

**WHEREAS,** the Administration has prepared an application package, titled "Newark Brick City Peace" (the "Application") (attached hereto), requesting funds in the amount of Two Hundred Fifty-Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$250,000.00), from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Grants and Resources, with no City funds required; and

WHEREAS, the State shall determine if the Application is complete and conforms with the

scope and intent of the Division of Housing and Community Resources, and notify the City of the amount of the funding award; and

**WHEREAS,** the City is willing to use the State's funds in accordance with such rules, regulations, and applicable statutes, and is willing to enter into an agreement with the State governing the use of the funds for the Project.

# NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, NEW JERSEY, THAT:

- 1. The Mayor and/or his designee, the Business Administrator is hereby authorized to submit an application to New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Grants and Resources ("State") requesting funding in the amount of Two Hundred Fifty-Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$250,000.00), in substantially the same form attached, with such revisions as deemed advisable by the Business Administrator or the Corporation Counsel for the City, and any amendment thereto as an authorized representative for the City of Newark for grant awards from the State for the purpose of reducing violence and strengthening relationships between law enforcement and Newark communities.
- 2. The Business Administrator shall forward a certified copy of this Resolution to the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs.
- 3. Upon notification of receipt of the State grant award in connection with this application, the grant is hereby accepted.
- 4. Upon notification of the receipt of a grant award in connection with this application, the Mayor and/or his designee, the Business Administrator are hereby authorized to enter into and execute documents with the State to receive and expend the grant award for the purpose of reducing violence and strengthening relationships between law enforcement and Newark communities.
- 5. Upon notification of the receipt of a grant award in connection with this application, the Business Administrator shall submit a complete copy of the grant agreement and any associated documents to the Corporation Counsel for review, approval and signature.
- 6. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

### **STATEMENT**

This resolution authorizes the Mayor and/or his designee, the Business Administrator, to submit an application to the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Grants and Resources to request funding in the amount of Two Hundred Fifty-Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents

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(\$250,000.00), in substantially the same form attached. The resolution also authorizes the Business Administrator to enter into an agreement to accept the grant funds from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for the purpose of reducing violence and strengthening relationships between law enforcement and Newark communities, with no municipal funds required.