



Update Regarding Evidence-Based Violence Reduction and Intervention RFP

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Request for Proposal #918-67-06
Solicitation #: RFP 233 21000012
Consulting Services: Evidence-Based Community Violence
Reduction and Intervention Program

Proposal Due Date: January 15, 2021 11:00 A.M. EST

Please fill out the information below and attach to your RFP documents

Company Name:		Contact Name:	
Company Phone:		Contact Phone:	
Company Fax:		Contact E-mail:	
Company Address:			
WebSite Address			
Federal Identification # (TIN #)			

The City of Grand Rapids is issuing this Request for Proposal (RFP) for obtaining services related to the development & implementation of programs related community violence & intervention reduction. Proposals shall be submitted to the City Advantage360 VSS system found on our webpage with the link below. Please note that companies are required to register with Advantage 360 VSS to become a vendor. If you are not currently registered, or wish to update an existing vendor profile, click on the following link to begin registration (VSS system) Should you have technical difficulties, please contact the purchasing agent listed above: <https://myadvantagecloud.cgi.com/micgr/vss/AltSelfService>

The Review Process

- ▶ On December 11, 2020, The City released an RFP seeking a **lead agency** to fully implement and facilitate an evidence-based community violence reduction and intervention program.
- ▶ Proposal specifications required a program model based on one of the following:
 - ▶ Cure Violence
 - ▶ Cease Fire
 - ▶ Advance Peace
 - ▶ NOLA for Life
 - ▶ An evidence-based model with similar outcomes

The Review Process (continued)

- ▶ The RFP Review Committee consisted of internal and external partners.
 - ▶ Chris Becker - Kent County Prosecutor
 - ▶ Connie Bohatch - Managing Director of Community Services
 - ▶ Brandon Davis - Director of Oversight and Public Accountability
 - ▶ Anita Hitchcock - City Attorney
 - ▶ Kerby Killingham - Family Outreach Center
 - ▶ John Lehman - Fire Chief
 - ▶ Eric Payne - Police Chief
 - ▶ Stacy Stout - Director of Equity and Engagement
- ▶ The bids received were not based on a direct violence intervention model, and therefore bids were not awarded.

Committee Decision

Option One

- ▶ Re-release the RFP
- ▶ Maintain specifications that allow for submissions based on a broad range of evidence-based intervention models
- ▶ Maintain requirement that the lead agency must secure funding to cover expenses exceeding the annual \$75,000 to be provided by the City (\$225,000 over 3 years).

Option Two

- ▶ Contract directly with an evidence-based intervention model.
- ▶ Release an RFP/RFQ for a lead agency to implement the chosen model.
- ▶ This model will require additional upfront investment by the City or from partners.

Committee Decision (continued)

- ▶ OPA received information from Cure Violence, Group Violence Intervention (formerly known as Ceasefire), NOLA for Life, and Advance Peace.
- ▶ Based on OPA's preliminary review and analysis, the team participated in information review sessions with representatives from Cure Violence and Group Violence Intervention.
- ▶ After careful analysis, the Review Team recommends that Cure Violence be selected as the evidence-based violence reduction program to be implemented in Grand Rapids.

Next Steps

- ❑ OPA, Purchasing, and the Law Department are working to execute a direct service contract with Cure Violence and will seek approval from City Commission. (April 2021)
- ❑ With the assistance of Cure Violence and Purchasing and other health experts, OPA will release an RFP seeking a lead agency to implement Cure Violence in Grand Rapids and seek approval from City Commission. (May 2021)
- ❑ OPA will work with Cure Violence, the Lead Agency, and other stakeholders to launch Cure Violence in Grand Rapids. (Summer 2021)
- ❑ OPA will provide continual updates as additional information becomes available.



Questions?