

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
Inter-Office Communication

Date: February 14, 2025

To: Marcelia Nicholson, Chairwoman, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

From: Shakita LaGrant-McClain, Director, Department of Health and Human Services

Subject: A report from the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, requesting authorization to enter into multi-year contracts with the Milwaukee Christian Center, Advance Peace, Dr. Jason Corburn and Medical College of Wisconsin for Children, Youth and Family Services (CYFS)

File Type: Action File

REQUEST

The Director of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) is requesting authorization to execute multiple year purchase of service and professional services agreements contracts in alignment with the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) Office of Justice Programs Community Based Violence Intervention and Prevention grant awarded to Children, Youth and Family Services (CYFS).

POLICY

Per Wisconsin Statutes, the Director of the Department of Health and Human Services is requesting authorization to execute these contracts consistent with Milwaukee County procurement standards.

BACKGROUND

The CYFS applied for and was awarded a BJA FY24 Office of Justice Programs Community Based Violence Intervention and Prevention Initiative site-based grant in the amount of \$2 million over the course of three years (10/1/24-9/30/27). The grant supports the community violence intervention efforts in Milwaukee County, specifically the Advance Peace Fellowship implementation. The grant is intended to enhance local infrastructure and community engagement to support effective community violence intervention and prevention strategies, as well as build capacity to make data driven decisions to assess local needs, identify appropriate Community Violence Intervention (CVI) strategies, track implementation, and assess impact. The overall goal is to disrupt and decrease gun violence and increase protective factors by providing intensive services and supports to enrolled participants.

This grant includes collaborating with partners in the local violence reduction efforts, to include

community engagement activities and events across Milwaukee County. CYFS will also work with community members, partners, and stakeholders across Milwaukee County to ensure all grant activities are completed successfully and in alignment with the Advance Peace Fellowship program. This grant will support CYFS in implementing the Advance Peace Fellowship over three years and ensure that the two cohorts of individuals served for 18 months each will be able to complete their programming.

The following contracts that are funded through this grant are being proposed by CYFS:

- **\$1,011,284 Purchase of Service contract for Milwaukee Christian Center (MCC):** The MCC is the community-based implementation partner and provides the direct service to the fellows served in the Advance Peace Fellowship program.

Year 1, 4/1/2025-9/30/2025: \$59,622
Year 2, 10/1/2025-9/30/2026: \$151,754
Year 3, 10/1/2026-9/30/2027: \$799,908

- **\$172,922 Professional Services Agreement for Medical College of Wisconsin (MCW):** The MCW is the identified research partner in the grant and will assist in the planning phase of this project, including the Needs Assessment and Strategic Plan deliverables.

Year 1, 4/1/2025-9/30/2025: \$69,796
Year 2, 10/1/2025-9/30/2026: \$50,894
Year 3, 10/1/2026-9/30/2027: \$52,232

- **\$60,000 Professional Services Agreement for Dr. Jason Corburn:** Dr. Corburn is the identified data and program evaluator of this project as outlined in the grant and is required of the Advance Peace Fellowship implementation.

Year 1, 4/1/2025-9/30/2025: \$0
Year 2, 10/1/2025-9/30/2026: \$0
Year 3, 10/1/2026-9/30/2027: \$60,000

- **\$120,000 Purchase of Service contract for the Advance Peace:** The Advance Peace will provide the training, coaching and technical assistance throughout the duration of this project as outlined in the grant.

Year 1, 4/1/2025-9/30/2025: \$0
Year 2, 10/1/2025-9/30/2026: \$0
Year 3, 10/1/2026-9/30/2027: \$120,000

The CYFS is recommending contracts that support the ongoing development of community violence intervention efforts and programming for youth and their families served across CYFS. The CYFS programs enhance the quality of life for youth and their families in Milwaukee

County. There are ongoing efforts to reform the youth justice system in Milwaukee County to build upon the community continuum of care, individualize all case planning and services for youth in the community whenever possible and break down the silos in the system across all entities.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors authorize the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, or her designee, to execute contracts in a total amount of \$1,364,206 for the services, terms and dollar amounts identified in the accompanying resolution.

FISCAL EFFECT

The contracts are 100% funded through the Community Based Violence Intervention and Prevention Initiative (CVIPI) grant awarded to CYFS and are contingent upon continuation of grant funding through the terms of the contracts.

TERMS

The start dates of the contracts vary as identified in this report but would end no later than September 30, 2027.

VIRTUAL MEETING INVITES

Shakita LaGrant-McClain, DHHS Director
Kelly Pethke, CYFS Administrator
Clare O'Brien, DHHS Budget and Policy Director

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APPROVED BY:

Shakita LaGrant-McClain

Shakita LaGrant-McClain, DHHS Director

ATTACHMENTS:

None

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Hon. Karl Ashley, Chief Judge

Mary Jo Meyers, Chief of Staff, County Executive's Office