



Request for City Council Committee Action from the Mayor's Department

Date: August 5, 2010

To: Council Member Betsy Hodges
Chair, Ways and Means

Referral to: None

Subject: Acceptance of grant of \$75,000 from the Mayors Against Illegal Guns, for a Regional Coordinator

Recommendation: Accept grant funding; passage of resolution to appropriate funding to the Mayor's Office, general fund.

Department Information

Prepared by: Janna Hottinger, Mayor's Administrative Director x. 3825 Approved by: Jeremy Hanson Willis, Mayor's Chief of Staff x. 2785 Presenters in Committee: Jeremy Hanson Willis, Mayor's Chief of Staff x. 2785

Financial Impact

- Action requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget or Operating Budget
Dept Name: ___Mayor's Office_____ _____
Fund Name: ___General Fund (01600-3750100) _Grants Other Fund_____
Amount: \$75,000_____
- Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase
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Fund Name: ___ General Fund (01600-3750100) _Grants Other Fund_____
Amount: \$__75,000_____
- Action is within the Business Plan
- Request provided to the Finance Department

Supporting Information

United Against Illegal Guns Support Fund has selected the City of Minneapolis as one of several cities to receive funding to hire a Mayors Against Illegal Guns coalition "Regional Coordinator." This funding is provided in recognition of Mayor Rybak's commitment to combating illegal guns in Minneapolis, the state, the region, and at the national level through the Mayors Against Illegal Guns coalition.

It is expected that the Coordinator will continue to play an integral role in the coordination and planning of illegal gun-related initiatives, events, and media opportunities in Minneapolis and in the region. Under the terms of this award, the MAIG Regional Coordinator is expected to focus solely on work related to public safety, illegal guns, and crime reduction.

The grant from United Against Illegal Guns Support Fund will be used in the mayor's office to advance the following:

- At the local level, the Coordinator will assist the mayor and the city in developing and implementing policies to combat illegal guns. Such efforts could include the following initiatives:
 - Working with Mayor Rybak and Minneapolis leaders in public education efforts focused on reducing violent crime
 - Implementing local initiatives to combat illegal guns
 - Coordinating with local police to gather data, educate the public, and other efforts to reduce gun violence

- At the state and regional level, the Coordinator will be working with other cities in the Mayors' coalition to develop and implement cooperative information-sharing efforts, enforcement strategies, and legislative initiatives. In Minnesota, such efforts could focus on:
 - Developing and implementing a strategy to support local jurisdictions' efforts to implement policies to combat illegal guns
 - Recruiting 50 new mayors in the region into the Mayors' coalition.
 - Establishing partnerships with local and state law enforcement partners
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 - Recruiting at least 100 faith leaders into the coalition of Faith Leaders Against Illegal Guns
 - Identifying and reaching out to firearms retailers likely to sign on to the Responsible Firearms Retailer Partnership agreement

- Finally, at the national level, the Coordinator will serve as a primary regional liaison for the Mayors' coalition and will work to activate regional mayors for events, collective enforcement efforts, public education, and advocacy efforts. In this capacity, the Coordinator will also assist in research, education, and advocacy activity related to the coalition's legislative agenda.

This position will allow the Mayor's office and the city of Minneapolis to be a more effective collaborator and will support the City of Minneapolis' Vision and Goals, specifically, "A Safe Place to Call Home"