



## Legislation Text

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Resolution to Amend the Fiscal Year 2020 Council Approved Budget and Accept and Appropriate the 2020 Byrne/JAG - Community-Based Gun Violence Prevention Grant ("Byrne Grant") Awarded by the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services to the City of Hampton, Virginia

### **PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:**

The Byrne/JAG - Community-Based Gun Violence Prevention Grant ("Byrne Grant") is a public health and safety endeavor with the goal of collecting, analyzing, and interpreting data on violent crime to identify patterns and root causes of gun violence, and to develop recommendations to reduce violence in the City of Hampton ("City"). The Byrne Grant will bring together criminal justice stakeholders and individuals from the communities within the City most impacted by violence to share their knowledge of violent gun crimes in the City and to develop prevention and intervention strategies using strategic problem analysis. The Byrne Grant will include two monthly reviews which will bring together key stakeholders to examine the underlying causes for violence and identify intervention points. .

### **Discussion:**

See Purpose/Background.

### **Impact:**

This grant award will help support a Project Facilitator in the Hampton Commonwealth's Attorney Office, and a Research Partner and Graduate Research Assistant through the John Hopkins Center for Gun Policy and Research. For the eighteen month period from January 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021, the City has been awarded \$142,300 in grant funds. There is no required cash match for the current year. This is a one and a half year grant.

### **Recommendation:**

Approve.

**WHEREAS**, the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice has awarded the City of Hampton, Virginia ("City") a 2020 Byrne/JAG - Community-Based Gun Violence Prevention Grant ("Byrne Grant") in the amount of the \$142,300 in federal grant funding;

**WHEREAS**, the Byrne Grant award requires no cash match for the year of 2020;

**WHEREAS**, the funds of the Byrne Grant, which total \$142,300, will be used by the Hampton Commonwealth's Attorney's Office to fund a Project Facilitator position dedicated to working with the Research Partner and Graduate Research Assistant through the John Hopkins Center for Gun Policy and Research; and

**WHEREAS**, the grant award is for the period of January 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Hampton, Virginia hereby amends its Fiscal Year 2020 Council Approved Budget to accept and appropriate the Byrne Grant in the amount of \$142,300, and any supplemental funding, to the Grant Fund for the purpose of funding the Project Facilitator position in the Commonwealth's Attorney's Office, and the Research Partner and Graduate Research Assistant through the John Hopkins Center for Gun Policy and Research, for the purpose of collecting, analyzing, and interpreting data on violent crime to identify patterns and root causes of gun violence, and to develop recommendations to reduce violence in the City of Hampton.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Hampton, Virginia authorizes the City Manager, or her designee, to take any and all actions necessary to implement this grant award.