

## **City of Cincinnati Human Services Advisory Committee FY2017 Human Services Fund Recommendations**

After a thorough review process, the Human Services Advisory Committee (HSAC) met on September 14, 2016, and unanimously approved funding recommendations for Violence Prevention. These recommendations are based on the direction of Council through Motion #201600638 that allocated \$250,000 in FY2017 to support implementation of the Violence Prevention Framework developed by the Violence Prevention Working Group. This funding is allocated to the City Human Services Fund, which is administered by United Way of Greater Cincinnati on behalf of City Council.

A Request for Proposals was widely distributed on July 25, 2016. Seven proposals were submitted at the deadline of August 22, 2016. The Human Services Advisory Committee volunteers used the following criteria to review proposals:

- Community partnership that involves both police and residents in planning, implementation and evaluation
- Includes at least one high violence area in the PIVOT plan
- Focuses on young people (up to age 24) and adult influencers
- Provides clear evidence that proposed strategies have achieved results for preventing violence either locally or nationally
- Includes at least five outcome measures with targets to achieve in the 10-month grant period
- Incorporates trauma-informed care
- Offers creative solution for community-centric and collaborative violence prevention
- Lead applicant is an established community-based organization with strong fiscal management and demonstrated capacity

Based on these criteria, the Human Services Advisory Committee is recommending three community partnerships for funding, which represent the City's initial investment to implement a coordinated violence prevention framework. With this funding, three trusted organizations are able to bring together coalitions of partners to work together on a community-centric response to violence. These projects directly align with the Neighborhood Enhancement Program and the Police PIVOT program by strengthening the community response to violence and focus on the young people who are most likely to perpetrate violence or be victimized by violence.

The recommended collaboratives are:

**Lower Price Hill Collaborative – Lead Agency: Santa Maria Community Services  
Recommended Investment: \$100,000**

This partnership will provide counseling/coaching sessions for in-school youth at risk of violence; GED/work preparation for out-of-school youth and will build community capacity to support youth and prevent violence in Lower Price Hill.

**School Violence Prevention – Lead Agency: YWCA of Greater Cincinnati**  
**Recommended Investment: \$100,000**

This partnership will provide multi-level (individual, relationship, community, societal) education and support for high-risk high school students to reduce anger and increase their ability to prevent violence, as well as training school staff and coaches. The project will focus on four high schools: Woodward Career Technical High School; Riverview East Academy; Withrow University High School; Robert A. Taft Information Technology High School.

**Westwood/East Westwood Youth Councils – Lead Agency: Urban League of Greater Southwestern Ohio**

**Recommended Investment: \$50,000**

This partnership will build community capacity and leadership development for youth to have a voice and decision-making in their neighborhoods by working with neighborhood leaders.