

Legislation Text

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Item Description:

Neg Agmt with Cities United to deliver the 2024 Hennepin County Safe Communities Summit, DOE-12/31/24, NTE \$500,000

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Administrator be authorized to negotiate an Agreement with Cities United to deliver the 2024 Hennepin County Safe Communities Summit during the period of date of execution through December 31, 2024, in an amount not to exceed \$500,000; that after review and approval by the County Attorney's Office, the Chair of the Board be authorized to sign the Agreement on behalf of the County; and that the Controller be authorized to disburse funds as directed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Administrator be authorized to negotiate and sign all other necessary agreements with vendors needed to conduct the Summit, including but not limited to space rental; that after review and approval by the County Attorney's Office, the County Administrator be authorized to sign those Agreements on behalf of the County; and that the Controller be authorized to disburse funds as directed.

Background:

Cities United works directly with government, local representatives, young leaders, and community-based partners, to build capacity to:

1. Interrupt the cycle of community violence,
2. Dismantle systems of inequity and;
3. Invest in the sustainability of new equitable administrative and operational activities.

Their work focuses on listening, connecting, and guiding organizations across the country toward reducing community violence together.

Cities United supports the development and implementation of collaboratively developed and owned written comprehensive plans that employ the public health approach to address the root causes of community violence to identify goals, actions and performance measures across multiple protective and risk factors, centering those most impacted by community violence.

Cities United will work with a local planning team to pull together the county's first ever "Safe Communities" Summit. The 2024 Hennepin County Safe Communities Summit will be a three-day gathering, bringing together key leaders from all 45 cities in Hennepin County - to share, learn and plan to make sure each community in Hennepin County is safe, healthy, and hopeful for every resident.

The Summit will highlight some of the county's amazing people and programs, working every day to prevent community violence and create better outcomes for those most at risk of being impacted. This interactive event will bring together local, state, regional and federal leaders, but above all, those from the communities that have been most impacted by community violence. These leaders will work together to develop comprehensive strategies that they can take back home to implement in their cities. The Summit aims to accomplish the following:

- Celebrate the progress communities are making
- Highlight Safe Communities
- Identify opportunities to enhance current community violence interrupter ecosystems
- Reaffirm partnerships & gain new connections
- Amplify youth voices
- Change narratives
- Increase engagement from key partners

Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval