



City of Pensacola

222 West Main Street
Pensacola, FL 32502

Memorandum

File #: 17-00287

City Council

5/11/2017

LEGISLATIVE ACTION ITEM

SPONSOR: City Council Member Jewel Cannada-Wynn

SUBJECT:

COMMUNITY POLICING INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PENSACOLA AND THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY - FY 2018 AND REMAINDER OF FY 2017

RECOMMENDATION:

That City Council approve an Interlocal Agreement with the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) for the purpose of providing Community Policing Innovations within the Urban Core Community Redevelopment Area of the CRA for Fiscal Year 2018 and the remainder of Fiscal Year 2017 in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.

HEARING REQUIRED: No Hearing Required

SUMMARY:

One of the primary obstacles to urban revitalization is the perception of a lack of safety in areas that have seen decline over time and have become stigmatized in the public mind. This perception is typically related to criminal activity, may be real or perceived, and may involve both personal safety as well as the safety of property. In some cases, unless the safety issues are addressed first, other elements of the redevelopment plan are difficult to accomplish. Some of the methods used to address safety in the past have included improved street lighting and code enforcement actions in the case of derelict buildings.

In July 2002, the City Council approved amending the Urban Core Community Redevelopment Plan to provide for community policing of neighborhoods in the urban core. The community policing innovations are one approach that can be initiated to target criminal activity within a community redevelopment area. The Community Redevelopment Act describes “community policing innovations” as a policing technique or strategy designed to reduce crime by reducing opportunities for the perceived risks of engaging in criminal activity through the visible presence of police in the community.

Areas of the Urban Core Community Redevelopment Area are still experiencing safety concerns of varying degrees. Revitalization has drawn significant numbers of people and activities to areas long underutilized. In some areas, the characteristics and history of ongoing criminal activities are an obstacle to revitalization.

The community policing activities to be provided through the attached Interlocal Agreement will focus on the entirety of the Urban Core Community Redevelopment Area from 17th Ave to A Street.

PRIOR ACTION:

July 25, 2002 - City Council adopted Resolution No. 21-02, CRA Plan Additional Priority Element - Urban Core Area Community Policing Innovations.

January 20, 2010 - City Council adopted Resolution No. 02-10, Urban Core Community Redevelopment Plan, 2010.

September 20, 2010 - CRA approved the FY 2011 Community Policing Interlocal Agreement between the City and the Community Redevelopment Agency.

September 23, 2010 - City Council approved the FY 2011 Community Policing Interlocal Agreement between the City and the Community Redevelopment Agency.

September 19, 2011 - CRA approved the Interlocal Service Agreement between the City and CRA for Community Policing, Public Space Improvement Maintenance and Administrative Services for a period of 60 days beginning October 1, 2011.

September 22, 2011 - City Council approved the Interlocal Service Agreement between the City and CRA for Community Policing, Public Space Improvement Maintenance and Administrative Services for a period of 60 days beginning October 1, 2011.

November 28, 2011 - CRA approved the extension of the Interlocal Service Agreement between the City and CRA for Community Policing, Public Space Improvement Maintenance and Administrative Services until January 2013.

December 1, 2011 - City Council approved the extension of the Interlocal Service Agreement between the City and CRA for Community Policing, Public Space Improvement Maintenance and Administrative Services until January 2013.

FUNDING:

Budget: \$150,000

Actual: \$150,000

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Funding in the amount of \$50,000 is available in the CRA FY 2017 Budget and the remaining \$100,000 will be included in the CRA FY 2018 Budget for the Interlocal Agreement.

STAFF CONTACT:

M. Helen Gibson, AICP, CRA Administrator

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1) Community Policing Interlocal Agreement FY 2018 and Remainder of FY 2017

2) Map of Community Policing Area

PRESENTATION: No