



City of Pensacola

222 West Main Street
Pensacola, FL 32502

Memorandum

File #: 18-00044

City Council

2/8/2018

LEGISLATIVE ACTION ITEM

SPONSOR: Ashton J. Hayward, III, Mayor

SUBJECT:

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR FY 2018 WESTSIDE COMMUNITY POLICING INNOVATIONS BETWEEN THE CITY OF PENSACOLA AND THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

RECOMMENDATION:

That City Council approve an Interlocal Agreement with the Community Redevelopment Agency for the purpose of providing Community Policing Innovations within the Westside Community Redevelopment Area of the CRA for Fiscal Year 2018 in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.

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 May 2007, the City Council approved the Westside Neighborhoods Community Redevelopment Plan which provides for community policing of neighborhoods in the Westside Community Redevelopment Area. 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.

Many areas within the Westside Community Redevelopment Area are experiencing safety concerns of varying degrees. 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 Westside Community Redevelopment Area.

PRIOR ACTION:

May 24, 2007 - City Council adopted Resolution No. 13-07, approving the Westside Neighborhoods Community Redevelopment Plan which provided for community policing innovations.

FUNDING:

Budget: \$15,000

Actual: \$15,000

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Funding in the amount of \$15,000 has been appropriated in the Westside TIF Fund for FY 2018 for the Interlocal Agreement.

CITY ATTORNEY REVIEW: Yes

1/16/2018

STAFF CONTACT:

Eric W. Olson, City Administrator
Helen Gibson, AICP, CRA Administrator
Victoria D'Angelo, Assistant CRA Administrator

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1) FY18 Westside Community Policing Interlocal Agreement
- 2) Map of Westside Community Policing Area

PRESENTATION: No