



# City of Kansas City, Missouri

## Docket Memo

Ordinance/Resolution #: Ordinance 260299

Submitted Department/Preparer: Mayor/Council's Office

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Docket memos are required on all ordinances initiated by a Department Director. More information can be found in [Administrative Regulation \(AR\) 4-1](#).

### Executive Summary

Authorizing the Director of the Health Department to expend \$75,000.00 from Fund 2000-501905 to support the establishment and operation of an Intimate Partner Violence Intervention (IPVI) Focused Deterrence Program to reduce domestic violence in Kansas City.

### Discussion

Violent crime continues to pose a serious threat to the health, safety, and well-being of Kansas City residents, and community violence is recognized by public health authorities as a preventable public health crisis requiring coordinated intervention.

In 2025, Kansas City experienced a significant increase in domestic violence-related homicides, including incidents involving offenders with no prior criminal history, underscoring the need for intervention strategies that address individuals across the full spectrum of risk, not solely those already identified as highest risk.

Focused deterrence is a nationally recognized, evidence-based violence reduction strategy that combines direct outreach to individuals at the highest risk of committing or becoming victims of violent crime, a clear and consistent message that further violence will result in swift and certain legal consequences, and the simultaneous offer of social services, community support, and meaningful life opportunities, and IPVI focused deterrence applies this framework specifically to intimate partner violence by directly communicating with individuals who cause harm, establishing clear and credible consequences for future violence, and connecting both victims and offenders to coordinated support services. The IPVI focused deterrence model has been successfully implemented in cities and counties across the country resulting in measurable reductions in domestic violence-related crime.

Investment in an IPVI Focused Deterrence program would support early intervention with first-time and lower-level offenders, reduce repeat harm among chronic offenders, prevent escalation into chronic or lethal violence, and strengthen a coordinated, prevention-focused response to intimate partner violence in Kansas City. The IPVI Focused Deterrence program will operate through a coordinated partnership among the City, Kansas City Police Department, Jackson County Prosecutor's Office, community-based organizations, and social service providers.

Providing this funding will ensure that the City and its partners have in place a structured IPVI Focused Deterrence program capable of directly engaging the individuals most likely to be involved in domestic violence-related incidents, connecting them to services, and delivering a unified deterrence message while supporting measurable outcomes.

### Fiscal Impact

1. Is this legislation included in the adopted budget?  Yes  No
2. What is the funding source?  
Violence Prevention Fund  
2000-501905-B
3. How does the legislation affect the current fiscal year?  
This legislation is directing the use of previously appropriated funds.
4. Does the legislation have a fiscal impact in future fiscal years? Please notate the difference between one-time and recurring costs.  
To be determined
5. Does the legislation generate revenue, leverage outside funding, or deliver a return on investment?  
No

### Office of Management and Budget Review

(OMB Staff will complete this section.)

1. This legislation is supported by the general fund.  Yes  No
2. This fund has a structural imbalance.  Yes  No
3. Account string has been verified/confirmed.  Yes  No

**Additional Discussion (if needed)**

The Violence Prevention Fund has sufficient funds previously appropriated that can be used for this purpose.

**Citywide Business Plan (CWBP) Impact**

- 1. View the [Adopted 2025-2029 Citywide Business Plan](#)
- 2. Which CWBP goal is most impacted by this legislation?  
Public Safety (Press tab after selecting.)
- 3. Which objectives are impacted by this legislation (select all that apply):
  - Engage the community and community partners to focus on evidence-based approaches to public safety.
  - Focus on violence prevention among all age groups, placing an emphasis on youth.
  - Increase fairness, justice, and responsiveness of our municipal criminal justice system to support the best possible outcome for offenders and victims of crime.
  - Reduce recidivism through prevention, deterrence, including detention, and re-entry services.
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**Prior Legislation**

None

**Service Level Impacts**

Creation of a new program

**Staff Recommendation**

Click or tap here to enter department.

- Select One:  Sponsored  
 Directive: Res/Ord # [Click to enter Res/Ord. No.](#)

- Select One:  Recommend  
 Do Not Recommend  
 Not Applicable

Click or tap here to provide reasoning.

## Other Impacts

1. What will be the potential health impacts to any affected groups?

The IPVI focused deterrence model has been successfully implemented in cities and counties across the country resulting in measurable reductions in domestic violence-related crime. Investment in an IPVI Focused Deterrence program would support early intervention with first-time and lower-level offenders, reduce repeat harm among chronic offenders, prevent escalation into chronic or lethal violence, and strengthen a coordinated, prevention-focused response to intimate partner violence in Kansas City

2. How have those groups been engaged and involved in the development of this ordinance?

Ongoing

3. How does this legislation contribute to a sustainable Kansas City?  
Improves health outcomes through reduced violence.

4. Does this legislation create or preserve new housing units?  
No (Press tab after selecting)

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5. Department staff certifies the submission of any application Affirmative Action Plans or Certificates of Compliance, Contractor Utilization Plans (CUPs), and Letters of Intent to Subcontract (LOIs) to CREO prior to, or simultaneously with, the legislation entry request in Legistar.

No - CREO's review is not applicable (Press tab after selecting)

Please provide reasoning why not:

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6. Does this legislation seek to approve a contract resulting from an Invitation for Bid?

No(Press tab after selecting)

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7. Does this legislation seek to approve a contract resulting from a Request for Proposal/Qualification (RFP/Q)?  
No(Press tab after selecting)