



City of Kansas City, Missouri

Docket Memo

Ordinance/Resolution #: 250549

Submitted Department/Preparer: Municipal Court

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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 acceptance of a \$160,000 grant from the Health Forward Foundation to implement a Fathers For Change curriculum for the Domestic Violence Court, designating requisitioning authority, and recognizing an accelerated effective date.

Discussion

A majority of domestic violence cases are filed in the Kansas City Municipal Domestic Violence Court which has jurisdiction over cases that include intimate partner violence, child abuse, child endangerment, violations of protection orders, stalking and violence between family members. Fathers for Change is a complete innovation in the world of domestic violence. There are no other programs that directly and comprehensively address the effect of intimate partner violence on children in the home despite the fact that more than one third of children involved with child protective services live in homes with intimate partner violence.

Fiscal Impact

1. Is this legislation included in the adopted budget? ☐ Yes ☒ No
2. What is the funding source?
Health Forward Foundation
3. How does the legislation affect the current fiscal year?
Provides grant funds for the Kansas City Domestic Violence Court FY26.
4. Does the legislation have a fiscal impact in future fiscal years? Please notate the difference between one-time and recurring costs.
Yes, funding runs for two years which will impact FY27 and possibly FY28.

5. Does the legislation generate revenue, leverage outside funding, or deliver a return on investment?
Yes

Office of Management and Budget Review

(OMB Staff will complete this section.)

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| 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)

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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 reimagine the system of public safety with a focus on evidence-based approaches for crime prevention, treatment of mental health, emergency response time, and the criminal justice system.
 - ☒ 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.
 - ☐ Enhance employee recruitment, succession planning, and retention in the police and fire departments with a continued emphasis on diversity.
 - ☐

Prior Legislation

Click or tap here to list prior, related ordinances/resolutions.

Service Level Impacts

Fathers for Change is a fatherhood focused individual and family intervention that addresses co-occurring intimate partner violence and child maltreatment. The intervention combines attachment and cognitive behavioral theories with a focus on emotion regulation and reflective functioning and uses a family systems framework to examine multigenerational patterns and experiences.

Other Impacts

1. What will be the potential health impacts to any affected groups?
Domestic Violence is a public health crisis.
-There are currently 30 active participants on the domestic violence compliance docket in the Kansas City Municipal Court. Of those, 18 are fathers.
-There are currently 14 active participants in the intimate partner violence diversion program (RSVP docket) in the Kansas City Municipal Court. Of those, 8 are fathers.
2. How have those groups been engaged and involved in the development of this ordinance?
This program was made known to Municipal Court by a clinician with a masters degree in social work, who has extensive employment history of working in the community to eliminate and reduce the root causes of violence in this City and a working relationship with the creator of the Fathers for Change curriculum.
3. How does this legislation contribute to a sustainable Kansas City?
The implementation of this ground-breaking program will make a difference in the lives of those charged with domestic violence, but also in the lives of their partners and children.
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)