

RAPID CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT
MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Steve Allender and Council

FROM: Lila Mehlhaff – Human Services Coordinator

DATE: 5-25-22

SUBJECT: FY 22 Office of Justice Programs Community Based Violence Intervention and Prevention Initiative Application

Over the past five years, the City and the Rapid City Police Department have been working to reduce crime and de-escalate violence in our community. The RCPD has been a leading entity in our efforts to reduce violence and create community capacity to break these cycles. We have seen great progress in the City's investment in these types of community-driven initiatives, especially with Journey-On. Journey-On has handled over 2800 calls since December 2021 for services that would have predominately gone to police officers or firefighters.

The Bureau of Justice Assistance has created a grant to enhance current intervention initiatives in Rapid City – FY 22 Office of Justice Programs Community Based Violence Intervention and Prevention Initiative Application.

The Mayor's office is looking for permission to apply and accept the grant if awarded.

Grant Requirements

- No city match required
- 36-month duration
- Reporting requirements for grant activity on community violence initiatives

Program Scope

- Enhancing current violence oriented victimization/gun/drug initiatives in Rapid City
- Building capacity and sustainability in our community services providers
- Providing boots-on-the-ground violence intervention and services that are community-oriented.
- Creating City capacity for programming and community support.

Grant Funding

- \$2,000,000
- Funding would be utilized to create a program manager at the City to administer this grant.
- Funding would sustain the Human Services Coordinator position at the City.
- Funding would be utilized to create 6 positions in the community focused on youth mentorship, responders to violence, service navigation, and support community runaway coordination.