

ORDINANCE NO. 180003

Estimating and appropriating a two-year grant in the amount of \$48,090.00 from the United States Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women Domestic Violence Mentor Court Technical Assistance Initiative; designating requisitioning authority; and recognizing an accelerated effective date.

WHEREAS, the City of Kansas City, Missouri Municipal Court applied for and was selected as a recipient of a 2017 grant under the Domestic Violence Mentor Court Technical Assistance Initiative, which will allow Kansas City Municipal Domestic Violence Court to share its best practices with domestic violence courts from around the nation and to do all it can to help increase accountability for domestic abusers; and

WHEREAS, the Kansas City Municipal Court serves the largest jurisdiction in Missouri and, as a result, handles the highest number of domestic violence and child abuses cases of any court in the State, and the Kansas City Municipal Domestic Violence Court is the only court in the State of Missouri and the first municipal court in the nation to be recognized as a Mentor Court by the Department of Justice; and

WHEREAS, the City has a long history of supporting efforts to stem domestic violence and over the past two years many improvements have been made to the Kansas City Domestic Violence Court program. Since 2015, the most serious offenders, either based on prior history or the nature of charges, are placed on the Domestic Violence Compliance Docket. These offenders appear regularly before the Domestic Violence Judge and report regularly to an Offender Accountability Officer, both of which monitor their progress on probation. Failure to follow conditions of probation results in sanctions that are pre-determined by a uniform sanctioning grid, applied to all offenders equally; and

WHEREAS, the Kansas City Missouri Domestic Violence Unit, will implement this project, and the strength of that unit is a dedicated probation officer and judge working side by side with the City Prosecutor's Office to ensure safety for its victims and accountability of the defendants; and

WHEREAS, through various partnerships area domestic violence shelter advocates are available each day to speak to the City's victims to ensure they are receiving any assistance needed, legal or otherwise, and that funds are available to provide low cost batterer's intervention evaluation and classes allowing for increased attendance and much better participation; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KANSAS CITY:

Section 1. That the City Manager, on behalf of the City of Kansas City, Missouri is authorized to accept a \$48,090.00 grant from the United States Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women Domestic Violence Technical Assistance Initiative.

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Section 2. That revenue in the amount of \$48,090.00 is hereby estimated in the following account:

18-2470-270001-476017-G27DVTA17	Domestic Violence	
	Technical Assistance	\$48,090.00

Section 3. That the sum of \$48,090.00 is hereby appropriated from the Unappropriated Fund Balance of the Domestic Violence Shelter Operations Fund to account number:

18-2470-275015-B-G27DVTA17	Domestic Violence	
	Technical Assistance	\$48,090.00

Section 4. That the Administrator of Municipal Court is designated requisitioning authority for Account No. 18-2470-275015.

Section 5. That this ordinance, appropriating money, is recognized as an ordinance with an accelerated effective date as provided by Section 503(a)(3)(C) of the City Charter and shall take effect in accordance with Section 503, City Charter.

I hereby certify that there is a balance, otherwise unencumbered, to the credit of the appropriation to which the foregoing expenditure is to be charged, and a cash balance, otherwise unencumbered, in the treasury, to the credit of the fund from which payment is to be made, each sufficient to meet the obligation hereby incurred.

Randall J. Landes
Director of Finance

Approved as to form and legality:

Alan Holtkamp
Assistant City Attorney