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Title: Ordinance amending the Pittsburgh Code, Title Two: Fiscal, Article V: Special Funds, Chapter 237 "Stop The Violence Fund", § 237.02 - Establishment of the "Stop the Violence Fund", by establishing a maximum annual dollar amount allocation to the fund, and amending the Pittsburgh Code, Title Two: Fiscal, Article V: Special Funds, Chapter 237 "Stop The Violence Fund", § 237.03 - Uses and Restrictions of the Stop The Violence Fund, by changing the annual percentage budgeted for outside community-based, non-governmental organizations, and establishing a maximum annual percentage to be allocated to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

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The Council of the City of Pittsburgh hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. The Pittsburgh Code, Title Two: Fiscal, Article V: Special Funds, Chapter 237 "Stop The Violence Fund", § 237.02 - Establishment of the "Stop the Violence Fund" is amended as follows:

§ 237.02 - ESTABLISHMENT OF THE "STOP THE VIOLENCE FUND."

(a) The Stop the Violence Fund ("Fund") shall be created by the Office of Management and Budget as a separate fund for the purpose of supporting services and programs that prevent violence and criminal activities.

The City may appropriate revenue and the Fund may receive monies from other sources as deemed appropriate by the Office of Equity or other Department as designated by the Mayor, consistent with the purposes set forth in this Chapter.

(b) It is the intent of the City Council that a fully capitalized Fund have allocated to it an amount matching a certain percentage of the total annual City budget allocation of the Pittsburgh Bureau of Police, **up until \$10 million dollars**, as set forth in the following schedule:

- (1) Budget Year 2021: Five Percent (5%);
- (2) Budget Year 2022: Six Percent (6%);
- (3) Budget Year 2023: Seven Percent (7%);
- (4) Budget Year 2024: Eight Percent (8%);
- (5) Budget Year 2025: Nine Percent (9%);
- (6) Budget Year 2026 (and thereafter): Ten Percent (10%)

(c) For purposes of this section, the total annual City budget allocation of the Pittsburgh Bureau of Police shall not include local, state, or federal grants awarded and allocated to the Pittsburgh Bureau of Police.

(d) The Stop The Violence Steering Committee shall advise in the selection and distribution of funding to community health and safety programs.

(e) The dedication of any revenue must be consistent with applicable law and fiscal planning including the City's annual five-year plan. Unless Council approves a dedicated source of annual funding, the actual amount of funds appropriated pursuant to this Chapter shall be contingent upon annual appropriation of Council.

Section 2. The Pittsburgh Code, Title Two: Fiscal, Article V: Special Funds, Chapter 237 “Stop The Violence Fund”, § 237.03 - Uses and Restrictions of the Stop The Violence Fund is amended as follows:

§ 237.03 - USES AND RESTRICTIONS OF THE STOP THE VIOLENCE FUND.

(a) The City Controller is authorized and directed to create a special trust fund to be entitled the "STOP THE VIOLENCE TRUST FUND" for the purpose of accepting and depositing funds from internal and external sources and the expenditure of those funds for related expenses including, but not limited to, salaries, supplies, materials, professional services, equipment and other services in connection with the City of Pittsburgh's Office of Community Health and Safety and the Office of Community Services and Violence Prevention.

(b) The Office of Management and Budget and the Department of Public Safety, are hereby authorized to provide for the payment of expenses for the purposes outlined herein.

(c) It is the intention of the City Council that the Fund be used exclusively for the purposes set forth in this Chapter. Therefore, any assets remaining in the Fund at the end of any fiscal year shall be carried into the next fiscal year, including all interest and income earned, as well as any repayments or forfeitures of expenditures and/or grants.

(d) A minimum of ~~sixty (60)~~ **fifty (50)** percent of the annual budgeted expenditures from the fund shall be allocated to outside community-based, non-governmental organizations.

(e) A maximum of 10 percent may be used to support the Department of Parks and Recreation.

(~~e~~) **(f)** The City of Pittsburgh Stop the Violence Trust Fund shall require an annual authorization of proposed expenditures. The annual authorizing resolution may authorize the issuance of requests for proposals, estimates, bids, cost projections, and other allowable contracting procedures pursuant to Chapter 161 of the City Code for each project.

(~~f~~) **(g)** In addition to any other reporting requirements of the administrators, the Mayor's designee under Chapter 237, the Office of Management and Budget, and the Director of the Department of Public Safety ("the administrators") are hereby directed to utilize the reporting forms approved by City Council Resolution to ensure proper and legal use of said funds by the grantees.

(~~g~~) **(h)** City Council will receive all grantees' completed approved reporting forms for Council's review at the end of the grant period.