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Resolution authorizing the Mayor, Director of Public Safety and the Chief of the Bureau of Police to enter into agreement/agreements and/or contract/contracts with the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence ("PCADV") and the Women's Center and Shelter of Greater Pittsburgh ("WCS") to implement the a Domestic Violence Lethality Assessment Program-Maryland Model ("LAP") as required by Bill 2013-1091. Costs not to exceed Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000).

Whereas, in the United States approximately 1 in 4 adults will be subjected to domestic violence by an intimate partner; and

Whereas, in the United States an estimated 1.3 million women are victims of physical assault by an intimate partner each year; and,

Whereas, approximately 1 in 4 LGBTQ people experience domestic violence; and

Whereas, in the United States 1 in 4 women will become victims of domestic violence in their lifetime; and,

Whereas, Domestic Violence is the leading cause of injury to women ages 15 - 44 in the United States - more than car accidents, muggings and rapes combined; and,

Whereas, in the United States 1 in 3 teenage girls will be physically assaulted by a boyfriend; and,

Whereas, boys who witness domestic violence in their homes are 1500 times more likely to perpetrate abuse later in life; and,

Whereas, 50% of girls growing up in an abusive home will go on to be victims of abuse themselves; and,

Whereas, Pennsylvania has the third highest number of murder suicides in the nation and seventy-three percent of those deaths involved an intimate partner - spouse, common-law spouse, ex-spouse, or girlfriend/boyfriend; and,

Whereas, Pittsburgh City Council finds that working to reduce and eliminate domestic violence in Pittsburgh and the surrounding area serves a critical public purpose.

Be it resolved by the Council of the City of Pittsburgh hereby as follows:

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Section 1. The Mayor, Director of Public Safety and the Chief of the Bureau of Police, in a form approved by the Solicitor, are hereby authorized to enter into agreement/agreements and/or contract/contracts with the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence (“PCADV”) and the Women's Center and Shelter of Greater Pittsburgh (“WCS”) to implement the a Domestic Violence Lethality Assessment Program: **Maryland Model (“LAP”)as required by Bill 2013-1091 1482.** Costs not to exceed Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000).

Section 2. The costs for agreements and/or contracts let hereof shall be and are hereby made payable from funds appropriated therefore to the various Departments of the City of Pittsburgh, and the Mayor is hereby authorized to issue, and the City Controller to countersign, warrants on said funds in payment thereof.