



Legislation Text

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The Center for Children’s Law and Policy Racial and Ethnic Disparities Reduction Project (B)

This is a request for City Commission approval for the Gainesville Police Department to participate in a partnership with the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP).

The Gainesville Police Department and Juvenile Justice Stakeholders in Alachua County have been selected to participate in a partnership with the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), The Center for Children’s Law and Policy (CCLP) and the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation to eliminate racial and ethnic disparities in the juvenile justice system.

CCLP will enter into a two-year direct contract with the Gainesville Police Department for staff support and other costs associated with implementation of data collection and analysis and other strategies that will contribute to the success of the project. The contract amount will be \$60,000. The Center for Children’s Law and Policy will provide on-site and remote technical assistance during the contract period to support the planning and implementation of Disproportionate Minority Contact reduction strategies. Grant funding for this initiative will provide support for the development of officer training, exploration of diversion options for juveniles as well as an examination of those policies, practices and procedures currently in use in Gainesville and Alachua County.

The City Commission authorize the City Manager to accept the contract from the Center for Children’s Law and Policy in the amount of \$60,000 to support the planning and implementation of Disproportionate Minority Contact reduction strategies by the Gainesville Police Department and Juvenile Justice Stakeholders in Alachua County, subject to approval by the City Attorney as to form and legality.

Alternative Recommendation

The City Commission decline participation in the partnership and advise staff to not accept the contract from the Center for Children’s Law and Policy Center.