

Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute (to the Introduced Version)

Chairman Phil Mendelson
at the request of the Attorney General

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to the need to amend the Attorney General for the District of Columbia Clarification and Elected Term Amendment Act of 2010 to expand the Attorney General’s grant-making authority for crime reduction and violence interruption-activities.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Attorney General Grant-Making ~~Amendment~~ Authority Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2019”.

Sec. 2. (a) During Fiscal Year (“FY”) 2019~~8~~, the Office of the Attorney General (“OAG”) established the Cure the Streets Program (“Program”). This Program is a crime reduction and violence interruption program that uses a public health approach to conflict resolution in ~~violence-prone~~ communities where violent crime is prevalent. The Program trains known, trusted community residents to serve as violence interrupters in high-tension conflict situations that could escalate into shootings and homicides.

(b) OAG began the Program as a pilot, with ~~two~~ 2 initial targeted neighborhoods in FY 2018. In the Attorney General Limited Grant-Making Authority Emergency Amendment Act of 2018, effective June 27, 2018 (D.C. Act 22-391; 65 DCR 7144), ~~t~~The Council provided \$360,000 in start-up funding for the Program and gave OAG grant-making authority in the same

35 amount of \$360,000 to support the creation of the Program. See section 2(b) of the Attorney
36 General Limited Grant Making Authority Emergency Act of 2018, effective June 27, 2018 (D.C.
37 Act 22-391; 65 DCR 7144). This authority was made permanent by section 2(b) of in the
38 Omnibus Public Safety and Justice Amendment Act of 2019⁸, effective May 10, 2019 (D.C. Law
39 22-313; D.C. Official Code § 1-301.88f 66 DCR 1627).

40 (bc) As a result of the its success, OAG expanded the Program to include six sites in FY
41 2020. To support this expansion, In the FY 2020 budget, the Council approved a one-time local
42 funds allocation of \$3,762,278 for the Program, in the FY 2020 budget which OAG will use to
43 expand to include 6 sites. The Council It also authorized OAG to use \$3 million annually from
44 the Litigation Support Fund to support crime reduction and violence prevention activities.—See
45 section 3072 of the Attorney General Support and Restitution Funds Amendment Act of 2019,
46 signed by the Mayor on July 22, 2019 (D.C. Act 23-092; 66 DCR 8621). The Council has not yet
47 increased OAG’s grant-making authority for the Program, however, to allow OAG to make
48 grants to Program service providers using these additional funds

49 (ed) In order to avoid delays and disruptions in the implementation of the Program for FY
50 2020, OAG now needs additional grant-making authority. This authority would allow OAG to
51 make grants for Program operations in the ~~six~~ 6 neighborhoods sites consistent with the
52 Council’s decision to provide enhanced funding ~~for the Program~~. There is therefore a critical and
53 immediate need to amend section 108c of Attorney General for the District of Columbia
54 Clarification and Elected Term Amendment Act of 2010, effective May 10, 2019 (D.C. Law 22-
55 313; D.C. Official Code § 1-301.88f),² to remove the \$360,000 ~~on~~ limit on OAG’s ability
56 authority to make grants for crime reduction and violence interruption activities.

57 (e) This emergency legislation would also make the expanded authority retroactive to

58 October 1, 2019.

59 Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances
60 enumerated in ~~S~~ection 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the
61 “Attorney General Grant-Making Authority Emergency Amendment Act of 2019” be adopted
62 after a single reading.

63 Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.