

RESOLUTION NO. 161-17

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A NOMINATION PROCESS
AND GOVERNANCE POLICY FOR THE LOCAL CRIME
PREVENTION PLANNING TEAM IN ACCORD WITH
COLORADO HOUSE BILL 17-1326

WHEREAS, Colorado is developing a new paradigm related to public safety that is a comprehensive, community-based approach focusing on crime prevention from a community development perspective; and

WHEREAS, this new public safety paradigm is based on several key components that are geographically targeted to focus on neighborhoods that have higher rates of crime; and

WHEREAS, people at the local level are best positioned to identify crime prevention and community development priorities; and

WHEREAS, there must be engagement from the public sector and the private sector, including business, philanthropy, and nonprofit organizations; and

WHEREAS, justice reinvestment is an approach that identifies current ineffective expenditures in criminal justice spending, reforms those laws and practices, and reinvests the savings into other public safety strategies; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 17-1326, titled the “Justice Reinvestment Crime Prevention Initiative”, codified at Colorado Revised Statutes (C.R.S.) § 24-32-120, was passed by the Colorado State Legislature and signed into law by Governor John Hickenlooper; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Local Government – Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) - shall administer the Justice Reinvestment Crime Prevention Initiative to expand small business lending and provide grants aimed at reducing crime and promoting community development in the targeted community of Southeast Colorado Springs; and

WHEREAS, the Division shall execute a written agreement with the Denver Foundation to define the roles and responsibilities of the community foundation; and

WHEREAS, the Denver Foundation must develop a nomination process and governance policy for a local crime prevention planning team per HB17-1326; and

WHEREAS, approval of the local nomination process and governing policy shall be subject to approval by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the Denver Foundation shall ensure that the proposed local planning team members represent a diverse cross-section with expertise in areas like education, business, youth, families, nonprofit direct service, law enforcement, local government, community, and residents of Southeast Colorado Springs, including those that have been directly impacted by crime and involvement in the criminal justice system.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS:


Section 1. Pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-32-120 (2)(c)(1), the nomination process and governance policy for the Local Crime Prevention Planning Team for Southeast Colorado Springs is approved as set forth in the "Colorado Springs Local Planning Team Governance Policies" of the Denver Foundation, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibits A and B.

Dated at Colorado Springs, Colorado this 12th day of December, 2017.




Council President

ATTEST:



Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk



Attachments:

Exhibit A – Memorandum - HB 17-1326 Local Planning Team Nominations Process

Exhibit B – Colorado Springs Local Planning Team Governance Policies

HB17-1326 - Signed

**Colorado Springs Local Planning Team Governance Policies
November 2017**

Background

House Bill 17-1326, also known as the Colorado Crime Prevention Initiative, was passed with bipartisan support and signed by the Governor at the end of the 2017 Colorado Legislative Session. The bill created reforms in parole laws that will result in savings to the state Department of Corrections budget. Those savings, a total of \$4 million each year, will be dedicated to small business lending and a crime prevention grant program in two communities – North Aurora and Southeast Colorado Springs. Resources directed to Southeast Colorado Springs will include \$500,000 in small business lending and \$1.3 million in grants, as well as technical support from an external evaluator for funded organizations. The Denver Foundation was selected as the community foundation that would steward the process and administer grant funds for both communities.

The legislation requires the creation of a local planning team in each community, which is empowered to determine the specific crime prevention priorities in their respective communities.

Appointment to Local Planning Team

Applicants may self-nominate or be nominated by others. A consistent form will be available for applicants to submit electronically or in hard copy. A widely publicized meeting will be held in the community to share the application process and help people who are interested in applying.

A team that includes one Denver Foundation staff members, one staff member of the Colorado Criminal Justice Reform Coalition, and four local community members will review applications. This review body will be appointed by The Denver Foundation.

Criteria for consideration for appointment to the local planning team will include:

- Reason for interest
- Areas of knowledge or expertise
- Background of applicant
- Ability to represent a broader constituency beyond individual perspective
- Interest in and openness to learning
- Availability and ability to meet expectations for committee participation
- Members must either live or work in Southeast Colorado Springs, or demonstrate an otherwise significant connection to the Southeast community

Local Planning Team Composition

The local planning team will be comprised of no more than 25 members. All meetings of the local planning team will be open to the public and materials, attendance, minutes, and decisions will be published on a public website managed by the Colorado Criminal Justice Reform Coalition.

The local planning team will include a combination of community members who will be most directly impacted by the program, including potential recipients of the funds, and those who bring expertise and interest, but will not directly benefit from these resources. Members must either live, work, or have substantial connection to Southeast Colorado Springs.

Per the legislation, the team will represent a diverse cross-section of the community with expertise in areas such as:

- Education
- Business and Workforce
- Youth and Families
- Nonprofit Direct Service
- Faith Leaders
- Law Enforcement and Local Government
- Residents in Southeast Colorado Springs, including those that have been directly impacted by crime and involvement in the criminal justice system

Duties of Local Planning Team

The Local Planning Team shall engage in deliberation and decision-making on the following items:

1. Determining the geographic boundary to describe “Southeast Colorado Springs”
2. Input specific priorities that will be used as a filter for grantmaking over the three-year period of the pilot.
 - a. Priorities must fall under the following areas:
 - Academic Achievement, including school readiness, reducing expulsions and suspensions in schools, increasing high school graduation, college enrollment and retention rates, and promoting school-parent-student engagement
 - Community-based direct services to strengthen families, promote recovery from trauma, provide support to crime survivors, increase employment, reduce recidivism, or other similar community needs
 - Neighborhood connections, community engagement, and local leadership development
 - Increasing safety and usability of common outdoor spaces
 - Technical assistance related to data collection, analysis, and evaluation
 - b. The Local Planning Team may accept these priorities in their broad form, may prioritize one or more priorities, and/or may place additional parameters and detail in one or more of the priorities based on data and their analysis of local community need.
 - c. The Local Planning team will base these priorities on quantitative and qualitative data, input from stakeholders, and their own experience with and in Southeast Colorado Springs.

3. Meet annually thereafter to review outcome data from grantees, assure the program is complying with priorities, and is meeting intended impact.

Local Planning Team Decision Making

Each member of the Local Planning Team will have one vote. A quorum of the local planning team (51% or greater of voting members) must be present for the vote to be valid and decisions may be approved through a simple majority. Voting may not take place by proxy.

Local Planning Team Facilitation

The Local Planning Team work will be facilitated by The Denver Foundation and its representatives. These may include paid consultants and/or local Colorado Springs partners.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Colorado Springs City Council
FROM: The Denver Foundation
DATE: November 15, 2017
RE: HB 17-1326 Local Planning Team Nominations Process

As the community foundation selected by the State of Colorado Department of Local Affairs to manage and distribute grant funding allocated through House Bill 17-1326, The Denver Foundation respectfully requests City Council approval of this nominations process to form the local planning team for Southeast Colorado Springs.

Background

House Bill 17-1326, now known in the community as Transforming Safety, was passed with bipartisan support and signed by the Governor at the end of the 2017 Colorado Legislative Session. The bill created reforms in parole laws that will result in savings to the state Department of Corrections budget. Those savings, a total of \$4 million each year, will be dedicated to small business lending and a crime prevention grant program in two communities – North Aurora and Southeast Colorado Springs. Resources directed to Southeast Colorado Springs will include \$500,000 in small business lending and \$1.3 million in grants, as well as technical support from an external evaluator for funded organizations. The legislation requires the creation of a local planning team in each community, which is empowered to determine the specific crime prevention priorities in their respective communities.

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Proposed Nominating Process (Requiring City Council Approval)

Applicants may self-nominate or be nominated by others. A consistent form will be available that applicants can fill out and submit electronically or in hard copy. A widely publicized meeting will be held in the community to share the application process and help people who are interested in applying. In addition, we will also actively promote the opportunity through more traditional channels including our own communications platforms, outreach to city and county governments, working with elected officials, engaging business improvement districts and minority chambers of commerce, and including announcements in neighborhood publications.

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About The Denver Foundation

The Denver Foundation is the oldest and largest community foundation in the Rocky Mountain region, with a mission to inspire people and mobilize resources to strengthen our community. While the Foundation's Community Grantmaking Program focuses on the seven county metro area, The Denver Foundation has granted over \$3.3 million to Colorado Springs nonprofits over the last five years through our Donor Advised Funds. The Foundation's primary areas of focus include organizations that help meet basic human needs, provide access to educational and economic opportunity, and support development of community leaders. In addition to community and donor-advised grantmaking, The Denver Foundation manages grant programs for communities throughout the state.

About Council of Neighbors and Organizations (CONO)

For 41 years, CONO has preserved and protected hundreds of neighborhoods in El Paso & Teller Counties. Building on our relationships throughout the business, nonprofit, and government sectors and within neighborhoods, CONO's support and resources create safer and healthier neighborhoods and empower leaders and change communities one neighborhood at a time. CONO will work as a formal partner with The Denver Foundation to ensure coordination of community outreach, manage logistics for all nominations team and Local Planning Team meetings, and document meeting discussion and decisions for posting on the public Transforming Safety website.

About Pikes Peak Community Foundation

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The Pikes Peak Community Foundation was formed in 1928 by visionary citizens who believed that the Pikes Peak region needed a way to build a permanent charitable endowment to improve the quality of life in our community. Since the first grant was made nearly 90 years ago, the Community Foundation has made over \$70 million in grants to nonprofit organizations in our region. The Pikes Peak Community Foundation will work as a formal partner with The Denver Foundation to manage the local Southeast Colorado grant review process and make recommendations for grant funding in Southeast Colorado Springs to be approved by the State Department of Local Affairs. The Foundation will also ensure that local grantees are connected with the projects' evaluation team. It is anticipated that there will be a springs and fall grantmaking cycle for each of the three years of the project.