### REQUEST FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Completed by County Counselor's Office:

Res/Quest No.: 19171

Sponsor(s):
Date:

Dan Tarwater III June 6, 2016

**SUBJECT Action Requested** X Resolution Ordinance Project/Title: A resolution authorizing the County Executive to execute an agreement with KC Mothers in Charge, for the purpose of funding by the County's Anti-Drug Sales Tax for the 2016 fiscal year, KC Mothers in Charge for which are engaged in anti-drug, anti-violence activities, and purposes, to provide services for antiviolence not to exceed \$20,900.00. BUDGET **INFORMATION** Amount authorized by this legislation this fiscal year: \$20,900.00 To be completed Amount previously authorized this fiscal year: \$0 By Requesting Department and \$20,900.00 Total amount authorized after this legislative action: Finance Amount budgeted for this item \*: \$20,900.00 Source of funding (name of fund) and account code number Funded \$20,900.00 008-4401-56080-COMBAT Professional Services If account includes additional funds for other expenses, total budgeted in the account is: \$164,000.00 No budget impact (no fiscal note required) Prior Year Budget (if applicable): \$155,533.00 Prior Year Actual Amount Spent (if applicable): \$127,546.00 PRIOR **LEGISLATION** Prior resolutions and (date): Prior resolutions and (date): CONTACT **INFORMATION** RLA drafted by: Carol Lillis, Office Administrator, 881-1415 REOUEST A resolution authorizing the County Executive to execute an agreement with KC Mothers in Charge, for the **SUMMARY** purpose of funding by the County's Anti-Drug Sales Tax for the 2016 fiscal year. KC Mothers in Charge will engage in anti-drug, anti-violence activities and purposes, to provide services not to exceed \$20,900.00. Background: The Anti-Drug Sales Tax fund authorizes the County to execute agreements and contracted service for the purpose of providing substance abuse treatment, prevention services, and other anti-drug and antiviolence initiatives in the community. The mission of KC Mothers in Charge is to support and provide for Jackson County families who have experienced a homicide and other crimes. KC Mothers in Charge acts as a bridge between the community and local officials when a homicide or other victimizing crime occurs. They help reduce violent crime through intervention, prevention, education and collaboration. This proposal was submitted to the Drug Commission and was approved on May 17, 2016

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ATTA	ACHMENTS				
REVI	EW	Department Director:	She		Date: 5-24-2016
		Finance (Budget Approv	al): Mary Rasm	unn	Date: 5/25/16
		Division Manager:			Date:
		County Counselor's Offi	ce:		Date:
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# **Fiscal Note:**

This expenditure was included in the Annual Budget.

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Date:	May 25, 2016		RES#	19171
Departme	nt / Division	Character/Description	Not	to Exceed
Anti Drug Sales	Tax Fund - 008			
4401 - COMBAT -	- Administration	56080 - Other Professional Services		20,900
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Mary Rasmussen

Note: response spaces expand

Name of Program	Amount Requesting
KC Mothers in Charge	ļ-
Address of Program Location	Agency Telephone#
3200 Wayne, Suite 124, Kansas City MO 64109	816-606-8118
COMBAT Program Director Phone	COMBAT Program Director Email
816-606-8118	kcmothersincharge@gmail.com
Executive Director Phone	Executive Director Email
	Address of Program Location 3200 Wayne, Suite 124, Kansas City MO 64109  COMBAT Program Director Phone 816-606-8118

Summary of Program: Thoroughly describe your program based on your selected area(s) of focus above and Target areas from the next. If funded, this will be the program description used by COMBAT on our website and other publications about our funded programs. Address the purpose, target population, services/activities to be provided and expected outcome of your program.

#### Program Summary

Rosilyn Temple lost her son to homicide in November, 2011 and felt compelled to take a stand against the violence in our metro area, violence that claims so many lives of young people. She founded the KC chapter of the national Mothers in Charge in 2013 as a program, funded by the KCMO Police Department, of AdHoc Group Against Crime. The program evolved into a separate non-profit, KC Mothers in Charge (KC MIC), by the end of 2014. Its mission is to support and advocate for Kansas City families who have experienced a homicide, act as a bridge between the community and local officials when a homicide occurs and help reduce violent crime through intervention, prevention, education and collaboration.

During her first months as Executive Director of KC MIC, Rosilyn assisted at homicide scenes, organized vigils, managed media events and speaking engagements, held meetings for victims' mothers, conducted neighborhood canvasses and met several times with KCMO police and KC No Violence Alliance (KC NoVA). Rosilyn's schedule has only gotten busier, but her early work convinced her that KC MIC can indeed be a catalyst for positive change and that it needs to grow, raise funds and broaden its reach and scope.

A year after its inception, KC MIC:

- Is called by the KCMO Police Department to respond to homicide scenes and provides compassion, peer support and sympathy gifts for grief-stricken families.
- Organizes community vigils to honor homicide victims and helps families navigate their deep

grief and anger.

- Hosts monthly meetings of a Healing Support Group to support mothers of homicide victims and encourages and trains them to be effective advocates against violence.
- Canvasses neighborhoods to gather information about homicides.
- As part of an ATF program, distributes gun safety locks in neighborhoods where homicides occur and educates neighbors about the locks.
- Is a partner in KC NoVA, working with police, prosecutors and other community groups to identify, notify and reach out to potential homicide victims and perpetrators and participating in quarterly "call-ins" hosted by KCMO Police Department.

### KC MIC requests COMBAT funding to:

- 1. Provide more support and training for KC MIC mothers so that they can be better served and can also serve their communities by giving them more training, including trauma induced training, to assist at homicide scenes and make presentations to students, inmates and faith-based and other community groups; increasing the number of speaking engagements; hiring a part-time mental health or social work professional to facilitate the mothers' Healing Support Group and help train and recruit the mothers.
- 2. Develop methods, tools and database structure to begin evaluating the effectiveness of KC MIC to meet its objectives.
- 3. Expand the outreach of KC MIC and its educational and awareness efforts by hiring a person to create marketing materials, set up speaking engagements, coordinate mothers and volunteers and perform some office duties to assist the mothers in being engaged advocates.

## Please list three (3) specific Objectives of your project.

#### **Objectives**

The mission of KC Mothers in Charge is to provide support services for mothers and other family members affected by violence; to prevent violence by educating and intervening with youth, young adults and their families; and to advocate for and collaborate with community, governmental and faith-based organizations in support of violence prevention and safe neighborhoods. In furtherance of its mission are three objectives of the proposed project:

- 1. Provide more support and training for KC MIC mothers so that they can be better served and can also serve their communities by giving them more training, including trauma induced training, to assist at homicide scenes and make presentations to students and other children's groups, inmates and faith-based and other community and neighborhood groups; increasing the number of speaking engagements; hiring a part-time mental health or social work professional to facilitate the mothers' Healing group and help with their training and recruitment.
- 2. Develop evaluation methods, tools and database structure to being collecting data on the effectiveness of KC MIC to meet its objectives.
- 3. Expand the outreach of KC MIC and its educational and awareness efforts by hiring a person to create marketing materials, set up speaking engagements, coordinate mothers and volunteers and perform some office duties in order to assist the mothers in being more engaged in KC MIC and the community.

# Describe the program you are proposing.

- 1. Describe how you will accomplish your program.
- 2. Include any partners and what will they do.
- 3. How are program services a good "fit" for Target Area(s) to be served checked in Item III?

Program Description, including Services, Frequency of services, and Sites of services.

KC MIC was initiated in April 2014. Still developing, the organization currently provides the following services to the community's mothers and families of homicide victims:

#### Community Liaison

No one should be alone after discovering that a loved one has been killed. KC MIC is on-call around the clock to serve the family members of homicide victims. The Kansas City Police Department contacts KC MIC whenever a homicide occurs. A mother who previously has lost a child goes directly to the homicide scene to offer support and trauma crisis counseling to grieving family members. KC MIC also encourages and facilitates communication with law enforcement when family and community members are among the witnesses; opening that dialogue as soon as possible is critical if homicides are to be solved.

### After Care

KC MIC helps family members to navigate the criminal justice system and to identify community services that may be supportive. Support can take many forms, such as facilitating communication with detectives working the case, court advocacy to help cope with situations arising before and after trials, and/or referring family members for mental health evaluation and grief counseling. In addition, KC MIC hosts monthly gatherings specifically for mothers whose family members have been killed. In community with other mothers who have experienced similar pain and grief, they are able to talk about their grief and share their journeys after the loss of a child, receiving emotional support that may not be found within the family, which typically is suffering its own complex and sometimes unpredictable dynamics. The focus during the first hour of the gathering is grieving, while the second hour is devoted to team building. Throughout her participation, each mother decides how she will manage her loss and even grow from the experience. Finally, KC MIC facilitates celebration of the lives of lost loved ones, remembering and honoring them at community vigils. When a community member is lost to homicide, the entire community suffers. Thus, the mothers organize community-wide vigils for families who are navigating deep grief, anger, and pain, letting them know that their loss is shared and they are not entirely alone. The mothers, other family members, and members of the community gather in solidarity to declare and demonstrate to Kansas City that violence is not to be tolerated.

#### Canvassing

KC MIC mothers challenge community members to speak the truth about criminal activity. Partnering with Kansas City Police Department detectives, the mothers canvass neighborhoods, gathering information related to homicides and violent crimes that could lead to solving cases and bringing offenders to justice. The group rejects the status quo—community members refraining from disclosing information to police—and embraces the concepts of community accountability and healing.

#### **Training**

In their grief, some mothers choose to join KC MIC in order to become community spokeswomen and advocates for nonviolence. To date, five mothers who have lost children to homicide and one other supporter have signed MIC accountability pledges, becoming official volunteers with specific commitments (e.g., attendance at three KC MIC events and helping in the office one hour each week). Volunteers receive tee shirts to wear while serving and representing the organization. Several have told their stories at schools and other venues, describing how violence

(Jun 1, 2016 - May 31, 2016)

# Mothers in Charge

Budget Categories	Proposed COMBAT Program Budget	Other funding amount	Name of other funding sources	Total Program Cost
Personnel – Salaries	\$10,000.00			
Fringe Benefits – no more than 10% of Salaries		\$0.00		\$0.00
Program Operating Expenses:		\$0.00		\$0.00
Auditing/Accounting Services	\$1,500.00			
Evaluation		\$0.00		\$0.00
Postage	\$500.00	\$0.00		\$0.00
Printing	\$1,100.00	\$0.00		\$0.00
Meeting Expense	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00
Supplies	\$800.00	\$0.00		\$0.00
Mileage (Local Travel)	\$1,000.00	\$0.00		\$0.00
Mileage (Out of Town Travel)	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00
Insurance	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00
Training	\$1,500.00	\$0.00		\$0.00
Rent	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00
Utilities	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00
Equipment				70.00
Other (list)				
Stipends for Speakers	\$4,000.00	\$0.00		\$0.00
Food	\$500.00	\$0.00		\$0.00
	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00
ndirect: <i>no more than 7% of</i> total				<b>\$0.00</b>
OTAL PROPOSED BUDGET	\$20,900.00	\$0.00		\$0.00

- 1. COMBAT funds may not be used to provide capital improvements (Article 6, Section 23 of the Mo. Constitution).
- 2. COMBAT funds may not be used to pay salaries for functions that have traditionally been performed by volunteers.
- 3. COMBAT funds may not be used to pay rent, utilities, equipment or out of town travel.

## Stacey Daniels-Young

From:

Jean Peters Baker

Sent:

Friday, May 13, 2016 9:58 AM

To:

Stacey Daniels-Young

**Subject:** 

Mothers in Charge

Stacey,

I wanted to reach out to you regarding an organization called Mothers in Charge. This group has been vital to victim and witness cooperation on criminal cases. I would like to further partner with them on non-fatal shootings and homicides that fall outside of the sphere of NoVA, like domestic violence. While they continue to be helpful to NoVA, I believe their work could be applied to other victims and witnesses. Any assistance Combat would apply to this organization would be appreciated. I'm available to discuss further.

Sincerely,

Jean