



OFFICE OF THE STATE'S ATTORNEY FOR BALTIMORE CITY

December 2, 2025

Mayor Brandon Scott
Office of the Mayor, City Hall
100 Holliday Street, Room 250
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

**RE: Notice of Termination of Direct Coordination with the Mayor's Office of
Neighborhood Safety and Engagement.**

Dear Mayor Scott,

Please be advised that this letter is intended to serve as official notice of my decision to terminate any further direct coordination with the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement (MONSE), including any coordination regarding the Group Violence Reduction Strategy (GVRs), as a result of recent reports and actions taken by MONSE. I had attempted to meet with you and the Governor's office this summer but was told that your office felt that the meeting was no longer needed. I again reached out in mid-November to schedule a meeting with you without success. I have written this letter to explain my position as to why I have made this decision.

My office will continue to work with the Mayor's Office, along with the Baltimore City Police Department (BPD) and its respective units in fulfilling the constitutional and statutory mandates to prosecute crime throughout Baltimore City, which may include cases MONSE and BPD have designated as GVRs investigations or cases; however, my office will no longer directly coordinate with MONSE within the framework of GVRs or any other matters.

As the Chief Prosecutor for the City of Baltimore, I must adhere to the constitutional and statutory requirements and mandates outlined in the Maryland Code in order to fulfill the duties in a fair and effective manner to protect victims of crime to guarantee the rights afforded to them under the Maryland Code and to ensure accountability for those that perpetrate crimes against the residents of Baltimore. As a part of those duties, it is my responsibility to ensure that my office maintains the highest degree of integrity and transparency on behalf of the residents we are sworn to serve. Unfortunately, recent events and reports have revealed that MONSE does not appear to share the same values, including

ensuring that victims of crimes are notified when their cases are diverted and making transparency paramount when dealing with criminal actors.

The City's Safe Streets program is an example of the lack of transparency that is typically seen within MONSE programming. The veil of secrecy that surrounds this program is widely known and continues to keep the public, my prosecutors, and the City government from truly understanding the exact nature of the work being provided by these "violence interrupters," the identities of the individuals involved in this work, and provides absolutely no oversight with respect to the funding and operational spending associated with this program.

A recent report issued by Baltimore City's Office of Inspector General (OIG) detailed how MONSE directly encouraged its partners to deceptively fabricate the names of non-existent employees to fulfill the funding request submitted by the organization and took extreme measures to conceal these efforts from those within the budget process. Another glaring example highlighted recently was the refusal of MONSE to reveal the relationship of individuals, if any, to the Safe Streets program, who declared their involvement with the program in open court for the purpose of securing their release from incarceration following a criminal arrest. Instead, the organization issued a blanket denial of employment or affiliation with the three defendants who on separate occasions came before the courts to attest to their involvement with the Safe Streets program.

It is my office's duty and responsibility to investigate such matters to maintain the integrity of the criminal justice system. However, when my office receives absolutely no communication or response from MONSE, it reflects the lack of partnership that my office requires to adequately and effectively do our job. MONSE's position that it cannot share information with a law enforcement partner like the State's Attorney's Office because it could be harmful to their workers is simply disingenuous. We are not asking that their identities be made public, but rather simply provided to this office.

Another MONSE program enshrined behind a clandestine wall is the SideStep program. The participants in this program, and the information regarding the services provided by the dozen or so service providers within this program, have been made unavailable not only to my office, but also to the OIG during its investigation and even to the evaluators of SideStep that the City hired to investigate the effectiveness of the program.

A recent OIG report has shown that MONSE entered into a contractual agreement with the evaluators of SideStep that is also of concern, paying the organization \$24,999 – in what appears to be a clear attempt to circumvent any oversight by avoiding the City's procurement laws that would require any contract that exceeds \$25,000 to go before the City's Board of Estimates for approval. MONSE has also entered multiple contracts with SideStep service providers which involve troubling uses of taxpayer funds, including a mechanism for direct financial payments to program participants. While I can understand the desire to support

young offenders, doing it in this manner is extremely troubling as it sends a message to juvenile offenders that they will be compensated if they commit crimes against Baltimore residents. At the same time, it sends a clear message to victims that they are being victimized a second time, this time by MONSE, as the offenders are not being prosecuted and that the victims are precluded from enforcing their rights to seek restitution since MONSE did not notify the victims as the law requires. As a law enforcement organization, this office cannot sanction or be associated with any organization that has a program or partners with a program that has a system of payments in lieu of prosecution for offenders in our community.

Given MONSE's prior deceptive practices that have previously been reported, this continued pattern of conduct is extremely troubling to my office. The below chart outlines some of the mechanisms for payment to the juveniles from different service providers that are funded by MONSE. Excerpts from the MOU's with the service providers where this information was gathered are attached to this letter for reference as Exhibit A.

| Organization | Program Name | Dates | Total Money | Direct Payments | How Made |
|----------------------------------|--|-----------------------|--------------------|------------------------|---|
| Dream Bigger Community Institute | "Beats Not Bullets" | 10/1/2023-6/30/2024 | \$50k | \$10,152 | 12 "students," \$25 an hour, 34.84 hours |
| Dream Bigger Community Institute | "Beats Not Bullets" | 01/01/2023-06/30/2023 | \$25k | \$7,200 | Compensation (\$15 an hour; 8 hours a month; paid once a month) |
| HeartSmiles | "Current Issues Impacting Youth Through a Mental Health Perspective" | 07/01/2023-06/30/2024 | \$20k | \$3,750 | \$15 per person, for 50 youth, for 5 weeks |
| Fusion Partnerships | "Baltimore Youth Arts" | 01/01/2023-06/30/2023 | \$50k | \$4,240 | \$13.25/hr x 8 hrs/week x 10 weeks (1,060/youth) x 4 youth |
| Tendea Family | "Tendea Youth Internship Program" | 01/01/2023-06/30/2023 | \$50k | \$14,400 | Funds for Youth Stipends, \$50 per week for 12 weeks for 24 youth |

What is even more astonishing is that when my office requested information on the participants of the SideStep program – which we were not made aware of by MONSE or the City but rather a victim of a motor vehicle theft who received no notification or information regarding their case or the City’s decision to divert this case – we were met with resistance of such information by the City Solicitor’s Office. The written denial, which I provided to you when we sat down in person to discuss this in your office, cited a now-expired Maryland statute (Crts. & Jud. Proc. § 3-8A-27(a)(2)(ii)), which clearly showed under Sub-Section 5(i) that the State’s Attorney’s Office is authorized to review this information for the purpose of determining a defendant’s eligibility for pretrial release. However, MONSE continued to deny us such critical information and, through its attorneys, all but invited us to sue the City of Baltimore and MONSE for the release of said information. I have attached this communication as Exhibit B to this letter. As outlined previously in this letter, my office has a constitutional duty to victims of crime that is impossible to fulfill when a case is diverted from the criminal justice system by MONSE, without the consent and/or knowledge of the State’s Attorney’s Office.

The victims of crimes committed by juvenile offenders, who MONSE “informally” diverts without the knowledge or consent of the State’s Attorney’s Office, the Department of Juvenile Services, or the courts, are left without recourse and their constitutional rights are left unprotected. By taking charging decisions out of the hands of DJS, the courts, or the State’s Attorney’s Office, you have elevated MONSE to a gatekeeper in the law enforcement community. This is troubling because MONSE is not a law enforcement entity and lacks the checks and balances that guide police and prosecutors every day in their work. Prosecutors have ethical obligations to victims and witnesses, and discovery obligations to defendants that MONSE does not. The State’s Attorney’s Office is left unable to meet its legal obligations to “prosecute and defend, on the part of the State, all cases in which the State may be interested,” as outlined in Md. Code Criminal Procedure § 15-102, and to protect victims’, witnesses’ and defendants’ rights to which they are entitled.

MONSE has previously conceded that it did not consider the rights of victims when diverting these cases involved in the SideStep program, which is extremely alarming for anyone who has sworn an oath to uphold the law and the constitutional protections of the criminal justice system while serving the public interest. And yet, despite MONSE’s admitted disregard for victims’ rights, and the fact that their own paid evaluator indicated troubling issues that have led to program failures, MONSE continues to express its intent to extend this program citywide. This is extremely concerning given that it lacks any logical explanation.

Another concern with SideStep is the reporting of recidivism which was extremely limited in scope as reported by the OIG. According to MONSE, only approximately fourteen (14) percent of people who participated in SideStep recidivated after six months. However, in the

OIG's report, when looking over a slightly longer time period, over forty (40) percent of the participants were re-arrested for subsequent offenses. Also, at least one participant in the "Beats not Bullets" program was the victim of a homicide shortly after being referred by MONSE to this program. Our office is now prosecuting the individual charged with that murder.

The State's Attorney's Office Victim Witness Division also continues to face significant challenges in collaborating effectively with MONSE and its affiliated programs. A central issue is the imbalance in information sharing. When MONSE engages with individuals such as primary victims, next of kin, or witnesses, they often do so without first consulting our office. This lack of coordination prevents us from determining whether the State's Attorney's Office should take the lead in providing services or whether the case is more appropriate for MONSE's involvement. It is my position that the State's Attorney's Office should serve as the primary service provider for individuals who are directly connected to our current or potential cases. Without this initial coordination, we are frequently unaware that assistance has been provided, which can lead to complication, particularly in legal proceedings where undisclosed support may be revealed unexpectedly on this witness stand. This could cause long-term detriment to the integrity of the cases and convictions as convictions for violent offenses could be overturned for discovery violations. I would ask MONSE to provide a list of names to the State's Attorney's Office for everyone who has been a victim or witness in any case in Baltimore City that has been provided with services of any kind so that this office can comply with our duties as prosecutors. Additionally, the absence of clear communication often results in duplicated work-product, as both teams may unknowingly engage the same individuals without alignment on roles, responsibilities, or service plans. This not only wastes resources but also creates confusion for individuals receiving services. MONSE also requests contact through State's Attorney's Office Victim Witness Division for victims or witnesses that have already been relocated by this office for their safety. Although this request is for MONSE to offer services to those individuals, complying with these requests would present unnecessary risks to the people who this office is trying to protect.

In addition, although MONSE staff often express a willingness to assist when the State's Attorney's Office Victim Witness Division requests support, such as with employment referrals, youth services, or reentry support for the client, the follow-through is inconsistent. Clients have reported initial contact with MONSE representatives but ultimately experience a lack of response or closure. The State's Attorney's Office Victim Witness Division has also made efforts to establish recurring collaboration meetings between our office, BPD, and MONSE Victim Services to address these issues. However, these meetings have not yielded meaningful progress. MONSE typically provides a list of individuals they are serving, but without clarity on whether those individuals are victims, witnesses, or next of kin, or what specific services are being provided.

These are just a few examples of issues surrounding MONSE and its programming that are of grave concern to me and my office, but they are by no means exclusive. True partnership reflects healthy bi-directional communication, no ulterior agendas, transparency of relationships information and records with law enforcement partners, which is all my office seeks. The Office of the State's Attorney for Baltimore City continues to work with our local, state and federal law enforcement partners, as well as community, business and faith-based leaders to accomplish the mission of public safety across our City. However, this office cannot maintain a direct association with an organization such as MONSE that has a reputation for deceptive practices, that continues to operate under a cloak of secrecy and continues to disregard the rights of the most important element of public safety, the victims.

It is for these reasons that this office will no longer directly coordinate with MONSE, to include the GVRs initiative, and this office will not be utilizing the \$80,000 grant funds allocated to us by MONSE for our work within the GVRs initiative. The State's Attorney's Office will continue to fulfill our mission and work with our local, state and federal partners, which include BPD and the Mayor's Office, as we look to continue a partnership of true public safety. As GVRs cases make up less than five (5) percent¹ of the cases this office prosecutes each year in the Circuit Court for Baltimore City, as well as the fact that the State's Attorney's Office remains committed to holding accountable those that violate the law – whether or not they are labeled “GVRs” by MONSE – there shall be no direct impact on public safety in our communities as a result of this decision.

I realize that several concerns have been expressed in this letter. Suing each other to try to work together is not a solution that would benefit anyone. To create a true partnership, I suggest that a task force or team is created consisting of the State's Attorney's Office, BPD, OIG, and optionally, the City Solicitor's office to work through the concerns to create solutions that would best support our constituents. Similar models already exist with BPD and Office of Equity and Civil Rights (OECR), as well as the Sentinel Program which brings numerous City Agencies (Health, Homeless Services, BCPD, and others) to collaborate on police involvement with mental health related cases.

As I pledged on January 3, 2023, when I took the oath of office to be the State's Attorney for Baltimore City, I will continue to pursue justice at all costs, especially as we look to hold those repeat violent offenders accountable who illegally possess firearms to reduce violent crime in our City. I will still stand with you at the end-of-year press conference to talk about the historic reductions in crime in Baltimore. My office remains steadfast in its commitment to the residents of Baltimore and its partnership with the City, to continue the pursuit of justice in an effective, transparent and equitable manner. I pray this message finds you well,

¹ Of the approximately 16,000 cases the SAO prosecuted from 2022-2025 in the Circuit Court for Baltimore City, approximately 500-600 of these were classified as GVRs offenders.

and we continue down this successful journey of historic reductions in violent crime and homicides as we continue to build bridges for a safer Baltimore.

Sincerely,

Ivan J. Bates

Ivan J. Bates, Esq.

State's Attorney for Baltimore City

Cc: Police Commissioner Richard Worley
Director Stefanie Mavronis
Mr. Terence Nash
Mr. Jeremy Biddle

**GRANT AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE
AND
DREAM BIGGER COMMUNITY INSTITUTE, INC.
SIDESTEP PRE-ARREST REMOTE DIVERSION PROGRAM**

THIS AGREEMENT (the “Agreement”), made by and between the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, a Maryland municipal corporation, acting by and through its Mayor’s Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement (MONSE) (the “City”) and Dream Bigger Community Institute, Inc., a Maryland corporation, hereinafter referred to as (“Grantee”).

WHEREAS, the Baltimore City Council, approved funding for the Pre-Arrest Remote Diversion Program in the FY23 budget to provide support in programming that offers young people suspected of certain unlawful behaviors a meaningful opportunity to avoid the harms of the justice system;

WHEREAS, the SideStep Pre-Arrest Remote Diversion Program was advertised to the public and proposals were received from not-for-profit organizations providing services and resources to youth in Baltimore City;

WHEREAS, the Grantee submitted a proposal to the City in response to the advertisement of available funds for this specific purpose;

WHEREAS, the City, through a qualified grant review panel, selected the Grantee’s proposal for funding through the SideStep Pre-Arrest Remote Diversion Program; and

WHEREAS, the parties desire to formalize their obligations related to the SideStep Pre-Arrest Remote Diversion Program in this Agreement.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises set forth herein, and other good and valuable consideration, the parties agree as follows:

1. **PURPOSE**

- 1.1. The purpose of this Agreement is to set forth the terms and conditions under which the City will provide a grant award to the Grantee under the City’s SideStep Pre-Arrest Remote Diversion Program.

2. **SCOPE OF SERVICES**

- 2.1. The Grantee will provide services as described in the scope of services and budget which is attached hereto as **Exhibit A.**

3. **TERM**

- 3.1. This Agreement shall retroactively commence on January 1, 2023 (the “Effective



MAYOR'S OFFICE OF NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY AND ENGAGEMENT BUDGET TEMPLATE

Dream Bigger Community Institute

Beats Not Bullets

BUDGET SUMMARY

| | |
|-----------------------|------------------|
| Personnel Costs | \$ 15,300 |
| Meals & Entertainment | \$ 2,500 |
| Other Expenses | \$ 7,200 |
| Total | \$ 25,000 |

Personnel Costs

| Fringe Rate --> | | | |
|-----------------------|------------------|------------------|--|
| Position | Salary Year 1 | Total Cost | Assumptions/Notes |
| Program Director | \$ 1,825 | \$ 1,825 | Compensation (60 hours for the duration of the 5 month program as well as in kind time donation) |
| 1st Instructor | \$ 1,000.00 | \$ 1,000 | Compensation (8 studio workshops two Sats a month 5 hour sessions) |
| 2nd Instructor | \$ 1,000 | \$ 1,000 | Compensation (8 studio workshops two Sats a month 5 hour sessions) |
| Studio Rental (venue) | \$ 6,000 | \$ 6,000 | production studio, 1 performance space two Sats a month 5 hour |
| 1 Videographer | \$ 2,000 | \$ 2,000 | Compensation (8 studio workshops recording and video editing) |
| Social Worker LCSW-C | \$ 1,475 | \$ 1,475 | Compensation (25 hours for the duration of the 5 month program) |
| Retention Specialist | \$ 1,600 | \$ 1,600 | A Retention Specialist will develop and implement an intervention/retention plan to ensure student success. He/she will communicate with students between sessions, and address attendance, lateness issues, diversion program non-compliance, and personal barriers. 10 weeks of retention from April to August |
| Student Uniforms | \$ 400 | \$ 400 | 2 shirts per student 30 shirts total |
| Fringe | \$ - | \$ - | |
| TOTAL | \$ 15,300 | \$ 15,300 | |

Meals and Entertainment

| Description/Purpose | Year 1 | Total Expense | Assumptions/Notes |
|---------------------|----------|---------------|---|
| Student Lunch | \$ 2,500 | \$ 2,500 | This budget item is based off if program is cohort based. |
| | \$ 2,500 | \$ 2,500 | |

Other Expenses

| Description/Purpose | Year 1 | Total Expense | Assumptions/Notes |
|---------------------|----------|---------------|---|
| Student Stipend | \$ 7,200 | \$ 7,200 | Compensation (\$15 an hour; 8 hours a month; paid once a month) |
| | \$ 7,200 | \$ 7,200 | |

**GRANT AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE
AND**

COMMUNITY LAW IN ACTION, INC.

01-10-2024 SIDESTEP PRE-ARREST REMOTE DIVERSION PROGRAM

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WHEREAS, the Baltimore City Council, approved funding for the Pre-Arrest Remote Diversion Program in the FY24 budget to provide support in programming that offers young people suspected of certain unlawful behaviors a meaningful opportunity to avoid the harms of the justice system;

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MAYOR'S OFFICE OF NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY AND ENGAGEMENT BUDGET TEMPLATE

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SideStep FY24

BUDGET SUMMARY

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|----------------------------------|------------------|
| Personnel Costs | \$ 28,595 |
| Professional Fees | \$ 7,500 |
| Travel & Transportation | \$ 1,500 |
| Meals & Entertainment | \$ 1,405 |
| Supplies & Materials | \$ - |
| Other Expenses Included MTDC | \$ 11,000 |
| Other Expenses Not Included MTDC | \$ - |
| Indirect Cost | \$ - |
| Total | \$ 50,000 |

Personnel Costs

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|------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| Fringe Rate --> | 0.125 | | |
| Position | Salary Year 1 | Total Cost | Assumptions/Notes |
| Executive Director | \$ 11,004 | \$ 11,004 | |
| Dept Director of Development | \$ 5,288.00 | \$ 5,288 | |
| Program Manager | \$ 5,228 | \$ 5,288 | |
| Youth Advocacy Trainer | \$ 3,700 | \$ 3,700 | |
| Fringe | \$ 3,315.00 | \$ 3,315 | |
| TOTAL | \$ 28,595 | \$ 28,595 | |

Services

| | | | |
|----------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|---|
| Description/Purpose | Year 1 | Total Expense | Assumptions/Notes |
| Accounting | \$ 4,000 | \$ 4,000 | Administrative Bookkeeping Contractual Service, avg \$500/monthly fee |
| Yoga Instructor | \$ 2,000 | \$ 2,000 | Contractual partner services \$250/month |
| Mental Health Therapist | \$ 1,500 | \$ 1,500 | Contractual partner services \$250/month |
| | \$ 7,500 | \$ 7,500 | |

Travel and Transportation

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|----------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| Description/Purpose | Year 1 | Total Expense | Assumptions/Notes |
| Coach Bus Transportation | \$ 500 | \$ 500 | Field Trip 1 (Flat fee) |
| Coach Bus Transportation | \$ 500 | \$ 500 | Field Trip 2 (Flat fee) |
| Coach Bus Transportation | \$ 500 | \$ 500 | Closing Ceremony (Flat fee) |
| | \$ 1,500 | \$ 1,500 | |

Meals and Entertainment

| | | | |
|------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|---|
| Description/Purpose | Year 1 | Total Expense | Assumptions/Notes |
| Closing Ceremony Caterer | \$ 700 | \$ 700 | Chick Fil A |
| Cohort Meeting Meals | \$ 200 | \$ 200 | Hip Hop Chicken |
| Cohort Meeting Meals | \$ 65 | \$ 65 | Papa Johns |
| Cohort Full Day Retreat Meal | \$ 240 | \$ 240 | Brunch Goods |
| Cohort Meeting Meals | \$ 200 | \$ 200 | Restaurant Dinner - Outing (Chilvary Class) |
| | \$ 1,405 | \$ 1,405 | |

Other Expenses: Included in MTDC

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|----------------------------|------------------|----------------------|---|
| Description/Purpose | Year 1 | Total Expense | Assumptions/Notes |
| Direct Payments to Clients | \$ 8,000 | \$ 8,000 | Participant monthly stipends of \$250 -500 for rentention and livelihood |
| Insurance | \$ 3,000 | \$ 3,000 | Nonprofit Insurance Alliance monthly fee of \$187.74 and \$181 monthly Travelers Insurance for 8 month period |
| | \$ 11,000 | \$ 11,000 | |

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BETWEEN
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AND
HEARTSMILES, INC.
SIDESTEP PRE-ARREST REMOTE DIVERSION PROGRAM**

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MAYOR'S OFFICE OF NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY AND ENGAGEMENT BUDGET TEMPLATE

HeartSmiles INC

Current Issues Impacting Youth Through a Mental Health Perspective

BUDGET SUMMARY

| | |
|-------------------------|------------------|
| Personnel Costs | \$ 12,500 |
| Professional Fees | \$ - |
| Travel & Transportation | \$ - |
| Meals & Entertainment | \$ - |
| Supplies & Materials | \$ 1,750 |
| Other Expenses | \$ 3,750 |
| Indirect Cost | \$ 2,000 |
| Total | \$ 20,000 |

Personnel Costs

| Fringe Rate --> | | | |
|-----------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Position | Salary Year 1 | Total Cost | Assumptions/Notes |
| Position 1 | \$ 2,500 | \$ 2,500 | \$500 for 5 weeks |
| Position 2 | \$ 2,500.00 | \$ 2,500 | \$500 for 5 weeks |
| Position 3 | \$ 2,500 | \$ 2,500 | \$500 for 5 weeks |
| Position 4 | \$ 2,500 | \$ 2,500 | \$500 for 5 weeks |
| Position 5 | \$ 2,500 | \$ 2,500 | \$500 for 5 weeks |
| Fringe | \$ - | \$ - | |
| TOTAL | \$ 12,500 | \$ 12,500 | |

Supplies and Materials

| Description/Purpose | Year 1 | Total Expense | Assumptions/Notes |
|-------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---|
| Printing and copying | \$ 875 | \$ 875 | \$3.50 for materials and supplies, for 50 students, for 5 weeks |
| General office supplies | \$ 875 | \$ 875 | \$3.50 for materials and supplies, for 50 students, for 5 weeks |
| | \$ 1,750 | \$ 1,750 | |

Other Expenses

| Description/Purpose | Year 1 | Total Expense | Assumptions/Notes |
|----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--|
| Direct Payments to Clients | \$ 3,750 | \$ 3,750 | \$15 per person, for 50 youth, for 5 weeks |
| | \$ 3,750 | \$ 3,750 | |

Indirect Cost and Subawards

| Indirect Rate --> | | | |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Description/Purpose | Year 1 | Total Expense | Assumptions/Notes |
| Administrative Fees/Indirect Cost Rate | \$ 2,000 | \$ 2,000 | |
| | \$ 2,000 | \$ 2,000 | |

**GRANT AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE
AND
FUSION PARTNERSHIPS, INC.
SIDESTEP PRE-ARREST REMOTE DIVERSION PROGRAM**

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| BUDGET SUMMARY | |
|-------------------------|------------------|
| Personnel Costs | \$ 29,365 |
| Professional Fees | \$ 8,030 |
| Travel & Transportation | \$ 2,746 |
| Meals & Entertainment | \$ 1,000 |
| Supplies & Materials | \$ - |
| Other Expenses | \$ 3,859 |
| Indirect Cost | \$ 5,000 |
| Total | \$ 50,000 |

Personnel Costs

| Fringe Rate --> | | | |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|--|
| Position | Salary Year 1 | Total Cost | Assumptions/Notes |
| Instructors at BCJJC | \$ 3,000 | \$ 3,000 | \$50/hr x 3 hrs/day x 1/wk x 12 weeks (\$1,800) and \$50/hr x 3 hrs/day x 1/wk x 8 weeks (\$1,200) |
| Communications and Design Coordinator | \$ 12,250.00 | \$ 12,250 | \$25/hr x 35 hrs/week x 14 weeks |
| Youth Stipends | \$ 4,240 | \$ 4,240 | \$13.25/hr x 8 hrs/week x 10 weeks (1,060/youth) x 4 youth |
| Artist in Residence (MICA CAC) | \$ 3,000 | \$ 3,000 | \$3,000 towards the CAC stipend for work between 02/01/23-06/31/23 |
| Data and Evaluation Coordinator | \$ 6,875 | \$ 6,875 | \$25/hr x 25 hrs/wk x 11 weeks |
| Fringe | \$ - | \$ - | |
| TOTAL | \$ 29,365 | \$ 29,365 | |

Professional Fees & Contract Services

| Description/Purpose | Year 1 | Total Expense | Assumptions/Notes |
|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---|
| Fundraising fees | \$ 8,030 | \$ 8,030 | \$1,600 x Month x 5 months to contract The Word Woman |
| | \$ 8,030 | \$ 8,030 | |

Travel and Transportation

| Description/Purpose | Year 1 | Total Expense | Assumptions/Notes |
|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--|
| Mileage Reimbursement | \$ 436 | \$ 436 | Mileage Reimbursement for 800 miles at \$.545/mile |
| Uber/Lyft | \$ 2,310 | \$ 2,310 | 154 individual rides @ ~\$15/ride |
| | \$ 2,746 | \$ 2,746 | |

Meals and Entertainment

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| Description/Purpose | Year 1 | Total Expense | Assumptions/Notes |
|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| Youth Snacks | \$ 1,000 | \$ 1,000 | \$50/wk x 20 weeks |
| | \$ 1,000 | \$ 1,000 | |

Other Expenses

| Description/Purpose | Year 1 | Total Expense | Assumptions/Notes |
|-------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--|
| Telephone | \$ 1,200 | \$ 1,200 | \$149 for 1st month, 99 for following months for 12 months |
| Rent/Mortgage Principal | \$ 1,684 | \$ 1,684 | \$1682 towards rent March-May |
| Staff development | \$ 475 | \$ 475 | The Management Center Training |
| Program Database | \$ 500 | \$ 500 | City Span/Youth Services Database (\$500/year) |
| | \$ 3,859 | \$ 3,859 | |

Indirect Cost and Subawards

| Indirect Rate --> | | | |
|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--|
| Description/Purpose | Year 1 | Total Expense | Assumptions/Notes |
| Fiscal Sponsor Fees | \$ 5,000 | \$ 5,000 | Fusion Partnerships 10% Fiscal Sponsor Fee |
| | \$ 5,000 | \$ 5,000 | |

**GRANT AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE
AND
TENDEA FAMILY INC.
SIDESTEP PRE-ARREST REMOTE DIVERSION PROGRAM**

THIS AGREEMENT (the "Agreement"), made by and between the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, a Maryland municipal corporation, acting by and through its Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement (MONSE) (the "City") and Tendea Family Inc., a Maryland corporation, hereinafter referred to as ("Grantee").

WHEREAS, the Baltimore City Council, approved funding for the Pre-Arrest Remote Diversion Program in the FY23 budget to provide support in programming that offers young people suspected of certain unlawful behaviors a meaningful opportunity to avoid the harms of the justice system;

WHEREAS, the SideStep Pre-Arrest Remote Diversion Program was advertised to the public and proposals were received from not-for-profit organizations providing services and resources to youth in Baltimore City;

WHEREAS, the Grantee submitted a proposal to the City in response to the advertisement of available funds for this specific purpose;

WHEREAS, the City, through a qualified grant review panel, selected the Grantee's proposal for funding through the SideStep Pre-Arrest Remote Diversion Program; and

WHEREAS, the parties desire to formalize their obligations related to the SideStep Pre-Arrest Remote Diversion Program in this Agreement.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises set forth herein, and other good and valuable consideration, the parties agree as follows:

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1. The purpose of this Agreement is to set forth the terms and conditions under which the City will provide a grant award to the Grantee under the City's SideStep Pre-Arrest Remote Diversion Program.

2. SCOPE OF SERVICES

- 2.1. The Grantee will provide services as described in the scope of services and budget which is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.

3. TERM

- 3.1. This Agreement shall retroactively commence on January 1, 2023 (the "Effective Date") and shall terminate June 30, 2023 (the "Termination Date"), unless terminated earlier pursuant to the terms of this Agreement. All grant funds awarded shall be expended by June 30, 2023, although the Grantee may seek reimbursement of grant funds thirty (30) days following the end of the

Tendea Family INC.

Tendea Family's Youth Internship Program

BUDGET SUMMARY

| | |
|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Personnel Costs | \$25,400.00 |
| Professional Fees | \$900.00 |
| Travel & Transportation | \$3,000.00 |
| Meals & Entertainment | \$2,665.00 |
| Supplies & Materials | \$1,000.00 |
| Other Expenses | \$16,450.00 |
| Indirect Cost | \$585.00 |
| Total | \$50,000.00 |

Personnel Costs

| Fringe Rate --> | | | |
|---|--------------------|---------------------|--|
| Position | Salary Year 1 | Total Cost | Assumptions/Notes |
| Executive Director (Full Time) | \$7,700.00 | \$ 7,700.00 | Full time Executive Director and Program Facilitator |
| Program Director (Full Time) | \$6,200.00 | \$ 6,200.00 | Full Program Director and Program Facilitator |
| Program Manager(Full Time) | \$4,700.00 | \$ 4,700.00 | Full time Program Manager and Program Facilitator |
| General Program Facilitator 1 (Full Time) | \$3,400.00 | \$ 3,400.00 | Full time General Program Facilitator |
| General Program Facilitator 2 (Full Time) | \$3,400.00 | \$ 3,400.00 | Full time General Program Facilitator |
| Fringe | \$0.00 | \$ - | |
| TOTAL | \$25,400.00 | \$ 25,400.00 | |

Professional Fees & Contract Services

| Description/Purpose | Year 1 | Total Expense | Assumptions/Notes |
|---------------------|-----------------|------------------|---|
| Accounting | \$500.00 | \$ 500.00 | Purchasing of Accounting and Payroll Software and Services |
| Guest Speaker Fees | \$400.00 | \$ 400.00 | Cost of Guest Speaker Fees for Youth Workshops (Rate: \$100 per hour for 4 hours) |
| | \$900.00 | \$ 900.00 | |

Travel and Transportation

| Description/Purpose | Year 1 | Total Expense | Assumptions/Notes |
|--------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|---|
| Enrichment Trip Expenses | \$3,000.00 | \$ 3,000.00 | Traveling cost for Youth Enrichment Trip(s) including the day rental of a 30 Passenger Bus, tickets for youth and staff |
| | \$3,000.00 | \$ 3,000.00 | |

Meals and Entertainment

| Description/Purpose | Year 1 | Total Expense | Assumptions/Notes |
|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--|
| Youth Meals | \$2,365.00 | \$ 2,365.00 | \$215 per session (\$9 per youth, 24 youth total), for 11 weeks (April-June 2023) Including Tax also |
| Community Events | \$300.00 | \$ 300.00 | Cover Costs including food, decorations and materials for two key Community Events of the program: May 28- DINNER AND DANCE: Youth will be invited to a formal where they will present their projects to Tendea, family and community members Jun 25- GRADUATION: Youth will be rewarded for their participant and progress within the program |
| | \$2,665.00 | \$ 2,665.00 | |

Supplies and Materials

| Description/Purpose | Year 1 | Total Expense | Assumptions/Notes |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--|
| Printing and copying | \$350.00 | \$ 350.00 | Printing of weekly documents and assignments for Youth Participants |
| General Pogram Suplies and Matetials | \$650.00 | \$ 650.00 | Community Clean Up and Giveaway Supplies (including trashbags, gloves, free giveaway materials such as coffee and donuts and smoothies supplies, hand sanitizer) |
| | \$1,000.00 | \$ 1,000.00 | |

Other Expenses

| Description/Purpose | Year 1 | Total Expense | Assumptions/Notes |
|---|--------------------|---------------------|--|
| Direct Stipend Payments to Youuth Paricipants | \$14,400.00 | \$ 14,400.00 | Funds for Youth Stipends, \$50 per week for 12 weeks for 24 youth (which is the program's current capaccity) |
| Insurance | \$1,700.00 | \$ 1,700.00 | Insurance Costs |
| Marketing and branding | \$350.00 | \$ 350.00 | Photography and Videography Costs |
| | \$16,450.00 | \$ 16,450.00 | |

Indirect Cost and Subawards

| Indirect Rate --> | | | |
|---------------------|-----------------|------------------|--|
| Description/Purpose | Year 1 | Total Expense | Assumptions/Notes |
| Indirect Costs | \$585.00 | \$ 585.00 | For any and all miscellaneous cost associated with the facilitation of the program |
| | \$585.00 | \$ 585.00 | |

**GRANT AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE
AND
DREAM BIGGER COMMUNITY INSTITUTE, INC.
SIDESTEP PRE-ARREST REMOTE DIVERSION PROGRAM 02-07-2024**

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MAYOR'S OFFICE OF NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY AND ENGAGEMENT BUDGET TEMPLATE

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BUDGET SUMMARY

| | |
|----------------------------------|------------------|
| Personnel Costs | \$ 33,250 |
| Professional Fees | \$ - |
| Travel & Transportation | \$ - |
| Meals & Entertainment | \$ 1,600 |
| Supplies & Materials | \$ - |
| Other Expenses Included MTDC | \$ 10,152 |
| Other Expenses Not Included MTDC | \$ - |
| Indirect Cost | \$ 4,998.00 |
| Total | \$ 50,000 |

Personnel Costs

| Fringe Rate --> | | | |
|---------------------------|------------------|------------------|---|
| Position | 1 | Total Cost | Assumptions/Notes |
| Program Director | \$ 3,650 | \$ 3,650 | Compensation for 60 hours |
| 1st Instructor | \$ 3,200.00 | \$ 3,200 | Compensation for 8 studio workshops; twice a month for 5 hour sessions (\$400/workshop) |
| 2nd Instructor | \$ 3,200 | \$ 3,200 | Compensation for 8 studio workshops; twice a month for 5 hour sessions (\$400/workshop) |
| Studio Rental (venue) | \$ 12,000 | \$ 12,000 | Compensation for 8 studio workshops, 1 vocal recording studio, 1 production studio, 1 performance space; twice a month for 5 hour sessions (\$1,500/session) |
| 1 Videographer | \$ 4,000 | \$ 4,000 | Compensation for 8 studio workshops; recording and video editing (\$500/workshop) |
| Retention Specialist | \$ 3,200 | \$ 3,200 | A Retention Specialist will develop and implement an intervention/retention plan to ensure student success. He/she will communicate with students between sessions, and address attendance, lateness issues, diversion program non-compliance, and personal barriers. |
| Retention Studio Sessions | \$ 4,000 | \$ 4,000 | Student Graduation 40 sessions post graduation (\$100/session) |
| Fringe | \$ - | \$ - | |
| TOTAL | \$ 33,250 | \$ 33,250 | |

Meals and Entertainment

| Description/Purpose | Year 1 | Total Expense | Assumptions/Notes |
|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------|
| Meals (lunch) | \$ 1,600 | \$ 1,600 | Lunch for 16 sessions (\$100/session) |
| | \$ 1,600 | \$ 1,600 | |

Other Expenses: Included in MTDC

| Description/Purpose | Year 1 | Total Expense | Assumptions/Notes |
|----------------------|------------------|------------------|--|
| Student Stipend Fund | \$ 10,152 | \$ 10,152 | Compensation for 12 students (\$25 an hour; 34.84 hours total) |
| | \$ 10,152 | \$ 10,152 | |

Indirect Cost and Subawards

| Indirect Rate --> | 0.1 | | |
|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Description/Purpose | Year 1 | Total Expense | Assumptions/Notes |
| Indirect Cost | \$ 4,998.00 | \$ 4,998 | |
| | \$ 4,998 | \$ 4,998 | |

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Subject: Your Request

THIS EMAIL HAS ORIGINATED FROM AN EXTERNAL SOURCE. PLEASE USE PROPER JUDGEMENT AND CAUTION WHEN OPENING ATTACHMENTS, CLICKING LINKS, OR RESPONDING TO THIS EMAIL

M. Galeano-

Thanks for your letter. The Mayor's Office received identifiable juvenile justice information from the Baltimore Police Department in accordance with Section 3-8A-27(a)(2)(ii) of the Courts and Judicial Proceedings Article of the Maryland Code. This state law permits the sharing of the information only with the Mayor's Office and only for the purpose of assisting juveniles in receiving support services. It does not permit Mayor's Office to share this identifiable information with anyone outside of the Mayor's Office. Rather, the general rule that prohibits disclosure of identifiable criminal record information from being disclosed applies in this instance. Md. Code, Cts. & Jud. Proc., § 3-8A-27; Md. Code, Gen. Prov., §§ 4-301; 4-327. The state law twice repeats in that statute that the Mayor's Office "shall be liable for the unauthorized release of a police record it accesses under this subsection." Md. Code, Cts. & Jud. Proc., §§ 3-8A-27(a)(3); 3-8A-27 (b)(9); Md. Code, Gen. Prov., §§ 4-401-403.

Additionally, the identification of a person that receives welfare or financial assistance is unable to be disclosed. Md. Code, Gen. Prov., §§ 4-307; 4-336. To the extent that any services provided would reveal mental or physical health information of a particular person, that information cannot be disclosed. Md. Code, Gen. Prov., § 4-329.

Thus, the Mayor's Office cannot identify the specific youth (including name, date of birth or any other personal information), or the services they received or the outcomes as that would identify the juveniles whose criminal records were received in confidence and disclose financial, medical or welfare information. Md. Code, Cts. & Jud. Proc., §§ 3-8A-27; Md. Code, Gen. Prov., §§ 4-307; 4-329; 4-336.

However, the Mayor's Office has provided aggregate totals by offense for the 51 participants in the program so far. While you have asked for the section of the Criminal Law Article or other law that corresponds to the particular information in the police reports, the Mayor's Office did not receive that information and does not have it to give to you.

The Mayor's Office supplied you with a definition of an unsuccessful diversion. A successful diversion would be any diversion that does not fit the definition of unsuccessful.

Mayor's Office reiterates that there was no formal victim notification as the Mayor's Office did not keep track of which incidents were associated with a particular victim during the pilot. This information will be tracked with the launch of the expanded program, as provided in our previous response. There is no additional information to provide you with respect to victim notification.



The Mayor's Office has no MOU "proposals," but it did provide a list of all of the diversion partners used during this program and a list of those the City hopes to use if the program is expanded. It was unclear that you were seeking actual copies of the MOUs for each program. All of the existing ones are too voluminous to attach so they can be found at this link: <https://jmp.sh/b/QwT3cB3CNKbBCGREVLpf>

The review by EWI, Inc. was not produced because it is part of the City's ongoing deliberations concerning expanding this program. Deliberative material is able to be withheld from disclosure in response to a PIA request when its release would not be in the public interest. Md. Code, Gen. Prov., § 4-344. In this case, the release of the comments by EWI, Inc. to MONSE at this point would stifle MONSE's internal dialogue about how best to transform this from a pilot program to a larger one. *See, e.g., Prince George's County v. The Washington Post Co.*, 149 Md.App. 289, 318 (2003) ("The doctrine of executive privilege . . . is chiefly designed to protect confidential advisory and deliberative communications to government officials"); *Hamilton v. Verdow*, 287 Md. 544, 558 (1980) (recognizing that a government's decision-making process is best fostered through facilitating candid communications that "may well be hampered if their contents are expected to become public knowledge"). EWI, Inc. was hired to help inform the internal discussions on how the Mayor's Office may want to act in expanding this PILOT program. *See, e.g., Office of the Governor v. Washington Post Co.*, 360 Md. 520, 552 (2000) (explaining that documents "created by government agencies or agents, or by outside consultants called upon by a government agency 'to assist it in internal decision making'" may fall under the deliberative process privilege recognized by the PIA) (emphasis added) (internal citation omitted). It is in the public interest to allow the government to deliberate about possible options in order to provide the best outcomes for the public. Selective redaction of the report cannot be done without revealing the deliberations that are part of the ongoing discussions about the formulation of government decisions. As Maryland's highest court has recognized, a document cannot be parsed into "reasonably severable" portions when such parsing would "violate the substance of the exemption" asserted. *Glass v. Anne Arundel County*, 453 Md. 201, 244 (2017).

Nothing in this response is intended to indicate that any records sought from City agencies exist or to waive any privileges held by the Mayor and City Council. You may contest this response by filing a complaint in Circuit Court pursuant to PIA Section § 4-362.

Best,

Hilary



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Good afternoon, Stefanie:

Thank you for your response. Please, see the attached letter for clarification of our request.

Angela



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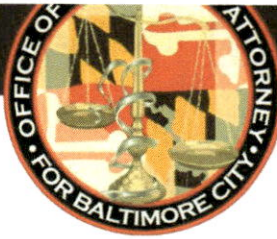
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OFFICE OF THE STATE'S ATTORNEY FOR BALTIMORE CITY

June 6, 2025

Via Email: Stefanie.Mavronis@baltimorecity.gov

Stefanie Mavronis, Director
Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement
2700 Rayner Ave
Baltimore, Maryland 21216

Re: Third request for information

Dear Stefanie:

I appreciate your June 3, 2025, email and the attached document titled 'MONSE Response to SAO Sidestep,' which provides a summary of the pilot program that began, in 2022. While the information is helpful in understanding the program's background, it does not fully address our initial request. For clarity, I have included our original request, below:

- The total number of youths diverted- **responsive**
- The charges associated with diverted cases- **unresponsive**
 - Please, provide a list of names and dates of birth for all youth who were diverted, including the specific offenses related to each youth.
- Details of victim notification processes for each case- **unresponsive**
 - Your summary includes plans for moving forward. We are seeking information related to what actions were taken, during the pilot, to contact victims for related offenses. For example: How many incidents involve a victim? Who was the youth connected to each incident? Who were the victims related to each incident? Indicate whether or not the victim was notified of diversion related to every incident.
- Outcomes for diverted youth, including recidivism rates- **unresponsive**
 - As above, we are seeking a list identifying each youth diverted through the program and their individual outcomes. Understanding that you have partnered with various entities to facilitate diversion, we are seeking specific information related to every youth who was diverted, details of the individual diversion efforts offered to each youth, and the outcome of those efforts. For example: What diversion efforts were prescribed for each youth? Did the youth satisfactorily complete the diversion steps? What is the program definition for "successful completion?"
- A copy of the written program description and eligibility criteria- **responsive**
- Any MOU proposals and a list of all diversion partners- **unresponsive**
 - Your attachment did not include any MOU documents. It was also not clear which of the list of partners were specifically involved in the pilot program.

- The MONSE press release from February 14, 2024, indicated that the pilot was undergoing an external evaluation by EWI, Inc. We would like a copy of any reports or findings related to this evaluation. **-unresponsive**
 - Your attachment includes a summary of what is described as “findings” by EWI, Inc. Our request is for a copy of the actual evaluation and any supplemental reports related to the evaluation.
- We understand that at least 11 youths have been diverted for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle under the Western pilot. Please ensure all relevant information related to those cases is included in your response. The State’s Attorney requests that all information provided span the entirety of the program, 2022-present. **-unresponsive**
 - We appreciate the update indicating there were 19 youth diverted for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle; however, we asked for all information related to those cases, including a list of (names/DOBs) all youth diverted, any victim outreach efforts, and the outcome of the diverted youth. For example: What diversion efforts were made for each youth? What efforts did the youth take advantage of? Who were the victims of each incident? Was each victim notified of diversion? What is the program’s definition of “success?”

Your attachment summary includes a list of program eligible offenses, including:

- Shoplifting
- Larceny
- CDS possession
- Destruction of Property
- Misdemeanor Assault

Please, also indicate the correlating criminal charge that supports these offenses. For example, which of the theft statutes was considered for diversion (<\$100, <\$1500, etc.)? The same information is needed for malicious destruction of property: please, specify which of the statute dollar amounts was considered for diversion?

It is commendable to have community partners willing to assist in providing restorative services for youth who experience challenges in their community. However, as prosecutors, it is essential that we receive all relevant information, as we have obligations to ensure that the Court is fully informed of any diversion efforts and other background that may assist in determining the most appropriate way to support and address youth who have encountered the justice system.

We appreciate your attention to this matter, and we look forward to receiving the information requested in a timely manner, pursuant to the Maryland Public Information Act.

Sincerely,

Angela G. Galeano

Angela G. Galeano, Chief of Staff, Deputy State’s Attorney, Baltimore City