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MEMORANDUM

TO: Todd Bettison, Deputy Mayor, Mayor's Office
THRU: Public Health and Safety Standing Committee
FROM: Council President Pro Tempore James E. Tate Jr.
DATE: May 3, 2024
RE: ShotStoppers Inquiries Part 2

To Deputy Mayor Todd Bettison, thank you for providing responses to the FY 2024-2025 Mayor's Office Budget Questions. Please find continued questions related to ShotStopper efficacy and programming.

- The department (Mayor's office) provided a graph of quarterly measured CVI scores.
 - A CVI score is provided under column 2022. How many months of data is calculated into the CVI score for such 2022 CVI score?
 - How many months of data are included for the 2023 CVI score?
 - Please explain the CVI percent change variables with time frames for data collection.
- Given that the administration states the following, how will this impact be assessed and numerically quantified for success?
 - "While it remains relatively early in the program to make conclusions about efficacy of various tactics, the City has identified that groups using intensive interpersonal engagement with individuals at risk of involvement in violence (e.g., mentorship, conflict mediation) have achieved the largest impact so far."
- Regarding New Era Community's "Established Safe Zones", what are the criteria and requirements for such safe zones? Are safe zone times the same across all establishments or varying?

- How many recipients of the Temporary Financial Relief initiative are there for both Force Detroit and any other CVI groups doing similar work?
- Given that “The administration is in the process of establishing a contract for program evaluation to provide additional analysis around overall efficacy and tactics”, what variables will be included in outside consultation of program efficacy? When will such contract begin analysis?

If there are any questions, please contact Sumaiyah Ahmed at sumaiyah.ahmed@detroitmi.gov

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To: Council President Pro Tempore James E. Tate, Jr.
From: Todd Bettison, Deputy Mayor
 Mayor's Office
Date: April 10, 2024
Re: Responses to FY 2024-25 Mayor's Office Budget Questions

Please find below responses to your questions dated March 25, 2024 regarding several of the Administration's citywide priorities, initiatives and Executive operations.

Shot Stoppers:

- Given that 8 months have passed since the contracts' start date, what has been the CVI score per month for each community group?

Under the contract, CVI scores are measured quarterly rather than monthly. Below are the CVI scores by group and by quarter.

		ShotStoppers - Community Violence Intervention CVI Quarterly Report August 2023 - October 2023						11/16/2023
		2023			2022			Percent Change
		Homicide	Non-Fatal Shooting	CVI Score	Homicide	Non-Fatal Shooting	CVI Score	
Non CVI		38	135	214	61	198	328	-34.76%
Detroit 300		2	7	11	3	5	11	0.00%
Detroit Friends & Family		4	14	22	3	9	15	46.67%
Detroit Peoples Community		5	12	22	2	17	21	4.76%
Force Detroit		3	13	19	5	14	26	-26.92%
New Era CC		4	14	22	0	16	16	37.50%
Wayne Metro		5	21	31	9	21	41	-24.39%

Notes: Criminal Homicide and Non-Fatal Shooting are counted by victim. This PRELIMINARY INFORMATION is used for strategic planning and crime analysis and is subject to change.

Michael E. Duggan, Mayor



ShotStoppers - Community Violence Intervention
CVI Quarterly Report
November 2023 - January 2024

2/13/2024

	Nov 2023 - Jan 2024			Nov 2022 - Jan 2023			Percent Change
	Homicide	Non-Fatal Shooting	CVI Score	Homicide	Non-Fatal Shooting	CVI Score	
Non CVI	33	81	154	53	128	243	-36.63%
	Homicide	Non-Fatal Shooting	CVI Score	Homicide	Non-Fatal Shooting	CVI Score	
Detroit 300	1	8	10	2	4	8	25.00%
Detroit Friends & Family	4	6	14	3	20	27	-48.15%
Detroit Peoples Community	2	7	11	3	9	15	-26.67%
Force Detroit	0	5	5	2	14	18	-72.22%
New Era CC	2	5	11	3	11	17	-35.29%
Wayne Metro	2	16	20	6	10	22	-9.09%

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- **How many progress reports have been produced by each community group since Program inception?**

Groups report their progress monthly, so each group has submitted 8 progress reports.

- **Program Tactics Evaluation – Given that efforts to reduce violence include numerous dependent variables, community groups shared that nuanced approaches would be taken to tackle violence.**

What key methodology have community groups found effective and ineffective thus far? How have conclusions on program efficacy been determined by the groups, per group?

The program is intended to reduce homicides and non-fatal shootings and measures efficacy based on that outcome. While it remains relatively early in the program to make conclusions about efficacy of various tactics, the City has identified that groups using intensive interpersonal engagement with individuals at risk of involvement in violence (e.g., mentorship, conflict mediation) have achieved the largest impact so far.

The Administration is in the process of establishing a contract for program evaluation to provide additional analysis around overall efficacy and tactics.

- **Please see a list of specific tactics shared with Council offices and inquires on their status.**

Below are responses to each individual question; in addition, the Administration would like to share some overarching context on the program and our responses.

The Administration evaluates the program based on its impact in reducing violence, rather



than the amount of activity generated. Throughout the program, the Administration has intentionally sought to minimize the “paperwork burden” or administrative burdens so that groups can focus on reducing violence in the community, rather than completing administrative work.

A part of that effort is balancing our reporting requirements, so that the City has in-depth accounting of the program’s work and can exercise the highest level of oversight over it, without creating undue burdens that take away from the substantive work of the program. In line with this balance, some of the requested metrics are collected through qualitative monthly reports from the groups, and the City is not able to immediately extract the specific numbers requested. In other cases, the specific metric requested is not collected.

Additionally, from the beginning of the program, the Administration and the contracts have acknowledged that this is the first time CVI has been funded through the City and, as such, the groups are expected to learn about which tactics work best during implementation and adjust their strategies accordingly to achieve maximum impact. In some cases, groups’ tactics or budgets have evolved, as noted in line throughout.

Detroit People’s Community

- **How many Safety Field Trips and Activities have taken place with small business owners, schools, and high-risk youth since Program inception?**

The City cannot readily extract data on the specific number of field trips conducted.

- **How does the Street Outreach Team operate and how many community liaisons are currently staffed?**

The Street Outreach Team provides conflict mediation in their designated target area within the group’s CVI Zone. They are responsible for the caseload of 10-15 participants to reduce safety risks and alter their behaviors. The group currently has 6 Street Outreach Team members and 3 Community Liaisons as of March 1, 2024, with an additional Street Outreach worker being hired to begin in April 2024.

- **What are hours of operation for the Vehicle Patrol Units and how many reports have they made to law enforcement on suspicious or criminal activity per month since program inception?**

Vehicle Patrol Units operate during peak crime hours (e.g., 11 p.m. - 6 a.m.). The City does not collect data on the number of reports the patrols make to law enforcement.



New Era Community

- **Where have “Established Safe Zone” locations been determined and how have they been promoted?**

New Era’s “Established Safe Zones” are at businesses, schools, churches, parks, and other establishments throughout the CVI Zone. Such “safe zones” are promoted via community outreach (e.g., door to door), social media, and using their “Safe Zone Mobile App”.

- **Where are Self Defense Programs for Women, Children, and Elders taking place and how many residents have been trained?**

The group conducts their Self Defense Programs for Women, Children, and Elders at New Era Headquarters, and the City does not collect data on the number of residents trained.

- **Where are whistles given out, per the Whistle System Initiative, and how many been given out to residents?**

Whistles are given out throughout the group’s CVI Zone. The City does not collect data on the number of whistles given out.

- **How many “Community Think First Resolution” Program classes been offered since program inception?**

The City cannot readily extract data on the specific number of classes conducted.

Detroit Friends and Family

- **How is the Self-Surrender tactic operated and how many individuals have participated per month?**

Where appropriate, the group sees their “Self-Surrender” operation as a way where they will facilitate self-surrender for individuals being sought by law enforcement. The group has established protocols and procedures with local law enforcement agencies for how to conduct a self-surrender. The group’s mission is to provide continued mentorship and/or services throughout the criminal legal process.

The City cannot readily extract data on the specific number of individuals self-surrendering per month.

- **Where and how have case workers led therapy and healing sessions from the**



Wraparound Services and Healing Circles tactic and how many sessions have taken place? How is this marketed?

The group conducts sessions at several community locations in their Zone, including churches and schools. They market this work through their community outreach, including strong word-of-mouth referrals through social networks of participants. The City cannot readily extract data on the specific number of sessions conducted.

- **How many case workers are currently employed for such work?**

The group currently has five (5) caseworkers currently employed for such work.

Force Detroit

- **Which specialists have been contracted for the Violence Interruption tactic, aimed at outreaching to vulnerable youth?**

Force Detroit has four (4) Violence Interrupters who are tasked with conflict mediation that prevents and de-escalates violence in high-risk communities.

- **In situations of Emergency Assistance during Crisis Intervention, how is temporary financial relief provided? What partners are involved when offering financial relief? Is this money recouped?**

Temporary financial relief is provided directly to the participant, with standard operating procedures for operating and documenting the full process, including identifying the participant's need and moving from temporary assistance into a sustainable resolution promptly. The funding is not recouped from participants.

Detroit 300

- **What is the status of the “Building Purchase and Renovation” effort? How much of the funding received from the contract has been allocated towards building purchase and operations?**

The City approved a shift in Detroit 300's budget and operating approach to lease a building rather than purchase, for \$48,000 per year.

- **Please explain the progress of the “Community Deployment” effort and what is offered to residents during door-to-door canvassing.**



The group goes out regularly into the community and conducts door-to-door canvassing, meeting with residents to gauge their needs for community safety (e.g., car trouble, blight reporting, house fire, street light issues, youth violent activities occurring at night, etc.). During the canvassing, they provide their flyer with their contact information and lawn signs to increase their community visibility.

Solar Farms

- **If approved, what is the maintenance plan for the solar gardens?**

Details of the maintenance plan will be established by the developer/s and the winning neighborhood/s once they are selected. There will be a negotiated and approved agreement that the Department of Neighborhoods and the Office of Sustainability help facilitate, which will include what the design, vegetation and maintenance will be for each solar neighborhood before any construction work begins.

- **If maintenance is outsourced via contracts, what are estimated contract costs for oversight?**

The Administration is currently reviewing solar developer proposals from the RFP that closed in February. All operational details and expenses are being evaluated.

- **Aesthetically, how will solar farms appear to neighborhoods and pedestrians walking by?**

The plan is for the Office of Sustainability, Department of Neighborhoods, our Neighborhood Solar Partners and the solar developers to work with the community and get their insight into how the sites will look. There will be a negotiated and approved agreement between the developer and residents, which will include what the design, vegetation and maintenance will be for each solar neighborhood before any construction work begins.

- **Will solar gardens be fenced, and if so, what type of fencing will be utilized?**

The sites will be fenced, and we will get insight from the neighborhoods on what kind of fencing they want at the site. Again, there will be a negotiated and approved agreement that the Office of Sustainability and Department of Neighborhoods will help facilitate, which will include what the design, vegetation and maintenance will be for each solar neighborhood before any construction work begins.

- **How much energy is anticipated to be generated for City of Detroit buildings?**

The City expects to produce 55,000 MWh of renewable energy to offset the current



energy consumption of 127 municipal buildings located across the city.

- **Will external buildings or materials be required to harness/process the energy collected from solar farms?**

No, the power generated will be going directly to the grid.