
Sponsor: Transforming Systems Together

Meeting Date: 9/5/2023

Title: Grant Agreement with Youth Lens 360, LLC for the Guns for Cameras Program

File Number: 2023-197

Background and Rationale:

Ramsey County has been working to address gun violence with several different interventions. Guns for Cameras is an innovative program from Youth Lens 360 where “kids can shoot a camera instead of a gun.” Through this grant agreement, Ramsey County will provide county assets to Youth Lens 360, LLC, to support the Youth Lens 360 program, which equips impacted youth with the necessary skills in videography through Guns for Cameras Program. Youth Lens 360 is a nonprofit that works with young people by harnessing the power of local youth and young adults craving to tell stories while they build their careers. Youth and young adult participants gain the opportunity to learn from experts in the field about various skills related to videography and to create portfolios that can be used to express themselves and earn income. In this agreement with Youth Lens 360, Ramsey County agrees to provide video equipment to enable this programming that aligns with the county’s commitment to gun violence intervention. To learn more about the Guns for Cameras Program, visit: <https://vimeo.com/636923210>.

Recommendation:

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners resolved to:

1. Authorize the County Manager to execute a grant agreement for the use of Ramsey County assets with Youth Lens 360, LLC, 370 Wabasha Street North, Saint Paul, MN 55102, for the Guns for Cameras Program.
2. Authorize the County Manager to enter into a grant agreement and execute amendments to agreement in a form approved by Finance and the County Attorney’s Office provided the amounts are within the limits of the approved program.

A motion to approve was made by Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt. Motion passed.

Aye: - 7: Frethem, Martinson, McGuire, Moran, Ortega, Reinhardt, and Xiong

By: 
Mee Cheng, Chief Clerk - County Board