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ORDINANCE NO. 250653

Sponsor: Director of Municipal Court

Authorizing the acceptance of a $64,414.00 grant from the Jackson County COMBAT program to fund the Kansas City Municipal Court Truancy Court Program; estimating and appropriating $64,414.00 for the Jackson County COMBAT grant in the General Grants Fund to fund the Kansas City Municipal Truancy Court Program; and recognizing this ordinance as having an accelerated effective date.

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Kansas City Municipal Truancy Court is to ensure that children between the ages of 7 and 17 are in school as mandated by law, and the Truancy Intervention Program (TIP) is designed to improve the school attendance of youths who are referred to the program by their school districts and to empower parents and guardians who were cited for their children not attending school as directed under the compulsory law, while giving resources to the families as needed; and

WHEREAS, through this program, referrals are made to community agencies, but due to extreme economic deprivation of program participants, many cannot afford needed services. COMBAT grant funding will pay for services that participants would not have received otherwise to increase program success and reduce violent risk factors; and

WHEREAS, with the COMBAT grant funding, the Municipal Court will serve up to 300 Truancy Court participants and provide a case manager to work with Truancy Court parents, guardians, and children by identifying and addressing barriers and root causes of truant behavior and providing field-based case management services, linkages, resource, and follow-up services to families who choose to participate in the program rather than receive imposed sanctions by the judge; and

WHEREAS, Truancy Court Intervention Program services include, but are not limited to, anger management and parenting classes for parents and guardians in need of those services; service referrals for children acting out in school, at home or displaying aggressive behaviors or experiencing trauma; mental health and drug addiction; school supplies and hygiene kits to families if needed; interpreters to provide translation services for court proceedings as needed; and weekly contact with the case manager; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KANSAS CITY:

Section 1. That the Court Administrator, on behalf of the City of Kansas City, is authorized to accept a $64,414.00 grant from the Jackson County COMBAT program to fund the Kansas City Municipal Truancy Court Program.

Section 2. That the revenue in the following account of the General Grants Fund is hereby estimated in the following amount:

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| 26-2580-270001-480165-G27JCCMT25 | 2025 COMBAT Grant | $64,414.00 |

Section 3. That the sum of $64,414.00 is hereby appropriated in the following accounts of the General Grants Fund:

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| 26-2580-275802-B-G27JCCMT25 | 2025 COMBAT Grant | $61,814.00 |
| 26-2580-275802-C-G27JCCMT25 | 2025 COMBAT Grant | 2,600.00 |
| | TOTAL | $64,414.00 |

Section 4. That the Administrator of Municipal Court is designated requisitioning authority for Account No. 26-2580-275802 Jackson County COMBAT Grant.

Section 5. That this ordinance, appropriating money, is recognized as an ordinance with an accelerated effective date as provided by Section 503(a)(3)(C) of the City Charter and shall take effect in accordance with Section 503, City Charter.

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I hereby certify that there is a balance, otherwise unencumbered, to the credit of the appropriation to which the foregoing expenditure is to be charged, and a cash balance, otherwise unencumbered, in the treasury, to the credit of the fund from which payment is to be made, each sufficient to meet the obligation hereby incurred.

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Tammy L. Queen
Director of Finance

Approved as to form:

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Andrew Bonkowski
Assistant City Attorney


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