

BRIEFING

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Community-Based Public Safety Task Force: Progress on Actions

PURPOSE OF BRIEFING

The Community-Based Public Safety Task Force (Task Force) was created to develop a foundation for a community-driven and community-owned collaborative approach to create safe and connected communities. The Task Force concluded its work 2021 April 14 when Council endorsed actions based on community input of the Task Force:

1. Share, Monitor and Advocate
2. Apply for and Align Funding
3. Coordinate and Improve Navigation and Access

This briefing highlights progress made by Administration and Task Force member agencies in response to the actions outlined in the [Creating Safe and Connected Communities](#) report.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Share, Monitor and Advocate - Insights gained from the Task Force report on proposed solutions to decrease urban violence were shared with stakeholders and partnering organizations. Administration monitored the progress of Task Force member agencies to ensure referred themes continued to receive support. Outlined in Attachment 1 are highlights of how identified agencies used Task Force feedback to contribute to community safety. The Calgary Police Commission and Calgary Police Service have provided a summary of actions taken in response to information shared by the Task Force (Attachment 1, Appendix A).

Apply for and Align Funding - In anticipation of related funding announcements and federal grants from Public Safety Canada, a funding approach was developed to guide investment in outcomes identified by the Task Force that contribute to creating safe and connected communities (Attachment 1, Section 2). The funding approach supports ongoing efforts to identify and prioritize community needs related to at-risk and gang-involved populations and ensures that Administration is in a state of readiness should funding become available. These efforts are independent from the Family and Community Support Services funding framework designed to establish, administer, and operate preventative social services.

Coordinate and Improve Navigation and Access – Availability of funding would enable Administration to act as a coordinating body to support community stakeholders working to remove barriers around navigating gang-specific programming and improving access for those at risk or involved in gang activity.

NEXT STEPS

Administration will continue to monitor for funding announcements, with future involvement dependent on prospective funding criteria. Without additional investment, Administration is not positioned to advance outcomes identified by the Task Force.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Community-Based Public Safety Task Force Progress Update and Funding Approach