

Youth Advocates for Violence Prevention

Presented by: Dr. Vincent Nathan, Interim Health Director
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Background

- Urban Strategies, Inc. is a prime stakeholder in the Eastpoint neighborhood.
- Urban Strategies, Inc. approached Stand Up S.A. to supplement youth violence prevention programming on the eastside.
- Stand Up S.A. is a program designed to prevent violence by treating the issue like an infectious disease.



Background

- Youth Advocates work within the community to change at risk youth behaviors to recognize that there are other solutions to conflict resolution without the use of violence.
- Youth Advocates are tasked and challenged to build trust with high risk youth in order to influence their behavior and to redirect them to positive pursuits.
- The funding from Urban Strategies, Inc. will provide the opportunity to add two additional Youth Advocates in an effort to combat and reduce violent crime in San Antonio.



Fiscal Impact

The Youth Advocates through Urban Strategies is a one (1) year project with an estimated amount up to \$100,000 beginning January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017. The funds will cover two (2) temporary positions. There is no impact on the General Fund.



Recommendation

 Staff recommends the approval of acceptance of funds in an amount of up to \$100,000 from Urban Strategies, Inc. for Youth Advocates for youth violence prevention.