

CITY of ALBUQUERQUE

TWENTY THIRD COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. F/S R-19-199 ENACTMENT NO. _____

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1 RESOLUTION

2 ADJUSTING FISCAL YEAR 2020 GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS TO
3 PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE ALBUQUERQUE POLICE DEPARTMENT PARTY
4 INTERVENTION TEAM (PIT) PROGRAM.

5 WHEREAS, one of the City of Albuquerque's goals is to enhance local law
6 enforcement efforts, thereby promoting public safety and welfare; and

7 WHEREAS, 1,544 New Mexicans died from alcohol-related causes in 2018,
8 up six percent from 2017; and

9 WHEREAS, the New Mexico Department of Health reports that New Mexico
10 has had the highest alcohol and drug-related death rate of any U.S. state in
11 recent decades; and

12 WHEREAS, one of the most abused drugs in the United States is alcohol
13 that many people start using at a very young age; and

14 WHEREAS, for every two firearm deaths in the United States, there are now
15 three firearm deaths in New Mexico on average; and

16 WHEREAS, for this year up to this date, there have been 43 shootings in
17 Albuquerque which have resulted in death; and

18 WHEREAS, for this year up to this date, there have been 20 shootings
19 related to parties in Albuquerque; and

20 WHEREAS, the community is seeing an alarming amount of drug abuse, in
21 addition to alcohol use, involving teenagers; and

22 WHEREAS, the community is seeing an alarming amount of gun-related
23 offenses involving teenagers, with charges ranging from weapon possession
24 violations to murder; and

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1 WHEREAS, the City of Albuquerque recognizes that youth parties can
2 occur at different locations, including homes, hotels/motels, and public areas;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, action by City of Albuquerque could help our community
5 reduce underage illegal consumption of alcohol and the use of illegal drugs at
6 youth gatherings; and

7 WHEREAS, juveniles report that they are most likely to carry guns at
8 parties or say they came in possession of a firearm at youth parties; and

9 WHEREAS, the City of Albuquerque is committed to identifying youthful
10 offenders who need assistance and rehabilitative efforts that will reduce the
11 likelihood of recidivism, rather than triggering a cycle of involvement in the
12 criminal justice system or creating a school-to-prison pipeline; and

13 WHEREAS, the City of Albuquerque is committed to providing law
14 enforcement support to combat underage drinking and drug use by reducing
15 alcohol and drug-related crime, violence, injuries, and deaths; and

16 WHEREAS, the City of Albuquerque recognizes that adults should be held
17 accountable for contributing to the delinquency of minors; and

18 WHEREAS, the City of Albuquerque acknowledges that firearms that are
19 unlawfully possessed, and specifically including by youth at under-aged
20 parties contribute to safety risks in the city, particularly for youth; and

21 WHEREAS, the Albuquerque Police Department's Rapid Accountability
22 Diversion ("RAD") Program has the mission of allowing certain qualified, low-
23 level, infrequent offenders, regardless of age, the opportunity to participate in
24 rehabilitative programs prior to any involvement in the criminal court system;
25 and

26 WHEREAS, the RAD Program will have a manager position that will be
27 instrumental in facilitating the identified offenders into rehabilitative
28 programs. Additionally, the program manager position will track and keep
29 accountable the participants who enter the rehabilitative programs; and

30 WHEREAS, the Party Intervention Team will consist of teams of officers
31 who respond to reported parties where there is potential for drug abuse,
32 including alcohol; illegal possession of weapons; and criminal conduct by
33 adults facilitating such behavior; and

1 WHEREAS, the Party Intervention Team will also consist of outreach
2 education programs at local schools to educate students on the goals of the
3 program and how best to utilize such initiative. The RAD Program manager
4 will coordinate with APD Officers, the Department of Community and Family
5 Services and the local schools concerning the outreach effort; and

6 WHEREAS, the Party Intervention Team will, in part, consist of a media
7 campaign to educate community members on the goals of the program and
8 how best to utilize such initiative; and

9 WHEREAS, the City of Albuquerque recently received a lump-sum
10 distribution of New Mexico Gross Receipts Tax for catch-up payments from
11 retailers who were misreporting location information to the New Mexico Tax
12 and Revenue Department; and

13 WHEREAS, excess funding from the lump sum distributions is available in
14 the General Fund to supplement grant funding for the Party Intervention Team
15 and the RAD Program.

16 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF
17 ALBUQUERQUE:

18 SECTION 1. That the following appropriations are hereby made from
19 available fund balance to the programs as indicated in Fiscal Year 2020:

20 GENERAL FUND – 110

21 Police Department

22 Neighborhood Policing \$230,000

23 Of this amount, \$150,000 is designated for officer overtime costs related to PIT
24 program activities, \$50,000 is designated for a marketing and education
25 program for the PIT program, and \$80,000 is designated for the RAD Program
26 manager position.

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