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April 21, 2023

The Honorable Darrell Clarke  
City Council President  
City Hall, Room 490  
Philadelphia, PA 19107

Dear Council President Clarke:

This letter is in response to questions raised by Councilmembers regarding the Proposed FY24 Operating and Capital Budget.

**Topic:** Quality of life

1. Please provide the current CLIP deployments.

**Response:**

- CLIP operates many quality-of-life programs, including:
  - **Community Service Program** assists residents and organizations with cleaning up blight in their community. They also manage the Same Day Work and Pay Program in Kensington and alleyway cleanups.
  - **Community Partnership Program** loans out clean up tools to community groups and provides trash bags and pickup after the cleanup.
  - **Painted doors & windows** – CLIP receives a list from the Department of License & Inspection of recently sealed properties. CLIP then sends crews to paint the vacant boarded up properties to resemble actual doors and windows. This simple process improves the block's appearance for the residents and the community.
  - **Exterior Property Maintenance Program (Expo)** issues violations to property owners to clean the exterior of their property; if the owner does not comply, CLIP crews will clean it and bill the owner for our cost.
  - **Fencing** – This program targets lots in the Pinpoint areas.
  - **Graffiti Abatement** teams remove graffiti vandalism from private and public property free of charge.
  - **Vacant lot** - CLIP receives complaints through 311 to abate vacant lots. CLIP Inspectors are trained to inspect all vacant lots on that block and issue property maintenance code violations to the owners whose lots are in violation of the code. We also provide a compliance period for them to correct the violations; if they don't comply, CLIP crews will clean the lot and we bill them for our costs.
- CLIP services are citywide and available in every neighborhood in the city. At the same time, CLIP focuses on Pinpoint areas as much as possible as part of MDO's violence reduction efforts. A breakdown of services by zip code is below.



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ZIP CODE	Community Service Program	Community Partnership Program	Doors & Windows	Exterior Property (Expo)	Fencing	Graffiti	Vacant lot
ZIP 02	0	2	0	0	0	672	0
ZIP 03	8	0	0	0	0	2,117	2
ZIP 04	33	11	7	2	28	3,906	386
ZIP 05	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ZIP 06	1	1	0	0	0	2,972	0
ZIP 07	0	5	0	0	0	5,586	0
ZIP 08	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ZIP 09	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ZIP 10	0	2	0	0	0	11	0
ZIP 11	0	0	1	93	0	982	55
ZIP 12	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
ZIP 13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ZIP 14	0	0	1	52	0	507	30
ZIP 15	0	2	0	7	0	316	0
ZIP 16	0	0	0	13	0	601	508
ZIP 17	0	0	0	0	0	25	0
ZIP 18	0	0	0	1	0	106	0
ZIP 19	2	3	0	77	0	1,489	27
ZIP 20	22	4	6	250	1	3,684	88
ZIP 21	77	15	15	0	14	5,348	878
ZIP 22	6	1	0	0	19	9,129	475
ZIP 23	8	3	0	1	0	7,804	152
ZIP 24	120	16	1	447	17	5,158	315
ZIP 25	291	5	0	2	0	142	203
ZIP 26	0	3	0	86	0	85	23
ZIP 27	0	0	0	7	0	161	58
ZIP 28	2	1	0	35	0	426	6
ZIP 29	5	0	0	2	0	2,424	46
ZIP 30	2	4	0	0	0	1,114	23
ZIP 31	80	3	0	1	1	3,737	125
ZIP 32	191	15	37	1	35	6,916	1159
ZIP 33	45	42	0	1	12	18,654	804
ZIP 34	2,388	25	10	14	15	3,003	613
ZIP 35	5	7	1	282	0	1,819	29



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ZIP 36	6	4	0	197	0	2,286	20
ZIP 37	29	2	1	26	0	699	34
ZIP 38	15	7	2	331	0	2,595	291
ZIP 39	97	6	12	2	51	7,573	304
ZIP 40	186	62	3	14	14	1,060	846
ZIP 41	25	8	0	142	8	340	152
ZIP 42	74	2	4	1	9	4,677	445
ZIP 43	81	9	1	1	22	1,859	347
ZIP 44	21	8	6	134	0	2,844	587
ZIP 45	80	7	0	17	10	6,831	84
ZIP 46	76	4	0	16	0	7,911	266
ZIP 47	13	0	0	2	0	2,012	48
ZIP 48	76	10	0	1	0	1,275	81
ZIP 49	3	1	1	267	0	385	0
ZIP 50	0	5	0	102	0	278	3
ZIP 51	35	2	2	0	2	995	33
ZIP 52	1	5	0	40	0	209	0
ZIP 53	18	0	0	1	0	288	14
ZIP 54	1	0	0	38	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,123</b>	<b>312</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>2,706</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>133,013</b>	<b>9,560</b>

## Topic: Opioid response

1. Of the opioid prevention groups receiving funding, are these new organizations or established/trusted groups?

### Response:

- The **Kensington Community Resilience Fund (KCR Fund)** is a public-private-community partnership between community members, the City, and regional funders to explicitly address the community impacts of the opioid crisis in Kensington.

Core to the KCR Fund's approach is a participatory grantmaking process that elevates resident and community provider experiences and priorities, placing the power to make funding decisions in the hands of those who know best – community members. Residents and community leaders have been integral to the process, from setting funding priorities eligibility criteria to reviewing applications and deciding which programs and organizations will receive funding.



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The KCR Fund grants provide general operating support in the amount of \$10,000 per grant that can support a wide range of uses and it is intended to give organizations and projects as much flexibility as possible to carry out their work supporting the Kensington community. This is a particularly critical resource for small, BIPOC-led, and serving grassroots organizations based in the Kensington area, many of which have limited capacity for fundraising or access to traditional philanthropy sources.

<p>The KCR Fund awarded its first round of \$10,000 grants in July 2021, totaling \$200,000, to 20 nonprofit organizations in July 2021. Round one grantees include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Community Center at Visitation</li><li>• Good Host Plants, LLC</li><li>• Harrowgate Civic Association</li><li>• Hart Lane Neighborhood Farm</li><li>• Kensington Soccer Club</li><li>• Papermill Food Hub</li><li>• Photography without Borders</li><li>• Power Street Theatre</li><li>• Providence Center</li><li>• Ride Free</li><li>• Rock Ministries of Philadelphia</li><li>• Sisters of Saint Joseph Welcome Center</li><li>• Sisters Returning Home</li><li>• Taller Puertorriqueño</li><li>• Team NAS</li><li>• The Block Gives Back</li><li>• The Salvation Army</li><li>• The Simple Way</li><li>• Urban Extreme Youth Development</li><li>• Youth United for Change</li></ul>	<p>The second round of \$200,000 in funding was awarded February 2022 to a new group of 20 grantees. Round two grantees include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Beyond the Bars</li><li>• By Faith, Health and Healing</li><li>• Centro Nueva Creación</li><li>• Ed Snider Youth Hockey Foundation</li><li>• Fab Youth Philly</li><li>• Firm Hope Baptist Church</li><li>• Greater Philadelphia Diaper Bank</li><li>• Historic Fair Hill</li><li>• Kensington Meals Program</li><li>• Kensington Voice</li><li>• Klean Kensington</li><li>• Mad Beatz Philly</li><li>• Mother of Mercy House</li><li>• Rebel Arts Movement</li><li>• Somerset Neighbors for Better Living</li><li>• Stay True</li><li>• Visitation BVM School</li><li>• We Love Philly</li><li>• Yoga 4 Philly</li><li>• Zerbe Artz</li></ul>
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- Utilizing a similar participatory grant making process, the **Overdose Prevention and Community Healing Fund (Prevention Fund)** is a citywide grant fund that brings resources and investments directly to communities impacted by the overdose crisis across Philadelphia. Utilizing a community-engaged approach, the Prevention Fund awards grants to community-based organizations that engage residents in neighborhoods most affected by the overdose epidemic. Key focus areas of the Prevention Fund include:
  - Expanding community-based prevention, education, and harm reduction



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- Promoting and facilitating connections to behavioral health treatment and recovery services
- Addressing and responding inclusively to complex, unmet community needs related to substance use for communities of color and underserved populations
- Healing individual and collective trauma related to substance use
- Reducing stigma related to substance use in communities
- Promoting public safety and wellness for community workers in the substance use field

In its first round of funding, the Prevention Fund received a total of 31 applications across two grant categories (capacity building grants and program grants) for work being done in the Kensington neighborhood. A total of 30 applications were reviewed by a Community Granting Group (one application was deemed ineligible). Grantees will be announced in May.

## **Topic:** Anti-violence grants

1. How has the City addressed issues with the grant distribution process and ensured the money is accessible to awardees for program implementation?

### **Response:**

- Contrary to program design, the fiscal agent for Community Expansion Grant (CEG) initially distributed grant funds on a reimbursement basis. That discrepancy was resolved promptly once brought to our attention and all grantees are able to access grant funds prior to spending on grant-funded activities.
2. How many of the awarded programs and initiatives were terminated or forced to close due to challenges accessing grant funds?

### **Response:**

- No programs have ended due to inaccessibility of grant funds. Three organizations that were awarded grants are not currently active for various reasons, but only one began programming before becoming inactive.
3. In July 2022, the Anti-Violence Community Expansion Grant program allocated \$13.5 million direct grant funding for organizations and \$6.5 for evaluation and technical assistance. What are the outcomes from the investment in evaluation and technical assistance?

### **Response:**

- Evaluation and technical assistance are nearly complete for CEG Round 1. Evaluation will consist not only of a comprehensive program evaluation but also detailed evaluations for each individual grantee. Technical assistance consisted of capacity building activities such as



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development of a programmatic logic model. Feedback from both the evaluators and the technical assistance provider will be incorporated into CEG Round 2.

**Topic:** Community Crisis Intervention Program (CCIP)

1. Please re-share the first phase of the American Institutes for Research evaluation of the Community Crisis Intervention Program.

**Response:**

- The Phase 1 evaluation for CCIP can be found [online here](#). Work on Phase 2 is already underway, and also includes support for implementation of recommendations from the Phase 1 evaluation.

Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions or concerns you may have.