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Invitation for Presentation and Review of Gun Violence Reduction Grants

Dear [Recipient Name/Non-Profit Organization],

I hope this letter finds you well. On behalf of the city of North Charleston, I extend our sincere gratitude for your dedicated efforts in reducing gun violence within our community. Your contribution and commitment play a vital role in fostering a safer environment for all. As part of our ongoing collaboration and commitment to this cause, we are inviting all recipients of the Gun Violence Reduction Grants to present an overview of their initiatives, achievements, and utilization of grant funds. This is an opportunity to not only showcase your success stories, but also to discuss potential avenues for future funding and continued partnership within the City. We are allocating up to one (1) hour for each presentation, during which time you will address the North Charleston Gun Violence Reduction Grant Committee dedicated to this initiative. The panel consists of the following City employees and Council members:

Special Assistant to the Mayor – Dave Cheatle  
Director of Finance – Rob Jarrett  
Chief of Police – Greg Gomes  
Lieutenant of Community Engagement Section – Tireka Wright  
Grants Administrator – Shannon Praete  
Two Council Representatives

The above panel is dedicated to assessing and supporting effective strategies against gun violence. For your preparation, please complete a comprehensive report and a financial document statement highlighting the impact and successful outcomes of your program. To schedule your presentation, please contact Ms. Monique Mouzon via email at [mmouzon@northcharleston.org](mailto:mmouzon@northcharleston.org) no later than January 31 at 5:00 PM. Your prompt response will assist us in organizing the sessions effectively. We believe that your insights and experiences are invaluable in our shared goal of curbing gun violence. This review and evaluation initiative will be instrumental in assessing potential future grants for those organizations who have made a difference in our community. This meeting is a chance to reflect on our collective achievements and to explore further possibilities for making North Charleston a safer place for everyone. Thank you once again for your unwavering commitment to this cause. We look forward to your participation and continued partnership.

Sincerely,

Dave Cheatle  
Special Assistant to the Mayor  
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Date: 01-19-2024

To: Council Members

From: Mayor Reggie Burgess

Re: North Charleston Gun Violence Reduction Grant Committee

As you are aware, the Finance Committee requested a review of the Gun Violence Reduction Grants. This review represents a crucial step for the city, our staff, and the council to assess and understand the effectiveness of the Gun Violence Reduction Grants. This program is a cornerstone of our commitment to public safety and well-being, and it is imperative that we diligently oversee its implementation and outcomes.

In line with this, a detailed letter from Dave Cheatle, Special Assistant to the Mayor, is attached to this memorandum. This correspondence will outline the expectations and framework for the review process, ensuring a transparent and thorough evaluation of the program. Please feel free to review the letter and give any suggestions before we disseminate it to the grant recipients.

Additionally, I will be appointing two council members to serve on the North Charleston Gun Violence Reduction Grant Committee. This committee will play a crucial role in assessing the outcomes of our efforts against gun violence. I encourage those interested in being part of this committee to express their intent, as your involvement will be invaluable in steering our city towards safer and more peaceful communities.

I am confident that through this review, we will gain deeper insights into the effectiveness of our strategies against gun violence and identify areas for improvement and further investment. Let us use this opportunity to reaffirm our commitment to the safety and well-being of the residents of North Charleston.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to our city's well-being.