

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

### ARIZONA CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION DRUG, GANG, AND VIOLENT CRIME CONTROL COMMITTEE

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the **Drug, Gang, and Violent Crime Control Committee** and the general public that the **Drug, Gang and Violent Crime Control Committee** will hold a meeting open to the public on **Wednesday, January 13, 2021**, beginning at **1:30 p.m.** at the **Arizona Criminal Justice Commission Office, 1110 W. Washington, Suite 230, Phoenix, Arizona 85007**. Members of the Committee may attend either in person or by telephone, video, or internet conferencing.

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The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

	<b>Agenda Items</b>	<b>Presenter</b>
I.	<b>Call to Order and Roll Call</b>	<b>Chairperson Mark Napier</b>
II.	<b>Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes</b>	<b>Chairperson Mark Napier</b>
	- October 7, 2020	<b>P-F-T</b>
III.	<b>Phoenix Police Department Crime Reduction Pilot Project (Restructuring Area Dynamic and Relationships)</b>	<b>Tony Vidale P-F-T</b>
IV.	<b>FY 2022 Criminal Justice Innovative Grant</b>	<b>Tony Vidale P-F-T</b>
VI.	<b>Call to the Public</b>	
	Those wishing to address the Committee need not request permission in advance. Action taken as a result of public comment will be limited to directing staff to study the matter or rescheduling the matter for further consideration and decision at a later date.	
VII.	<b>Next Meeting</b>	
	The next Drug, Gang, and Violent Crime Control Committee meeting will be held at the call of the Chair.	

A copy of the agenda background material provided to Committee members is available for public inspection at the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission Office, 1110 West Washington, Suite 230, Phoenix, Arizona 85007, (602) 364-1146. This document is available in alternative formats by contacting the Commission Office.

**ARIZONA CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION  
DRUG, GANG AND VIOLENT CRIME CONTROL COMMITTEE  
ACTION-MOTION/ INFORMATION ITEM**

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<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Mark Napier</b>	<b>Chair, DGVCC</b>
<b>Agenda Title</b>	<b>Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes</b>	

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<b>Recommended Action</b>	The Committee considers approval of the minutes of its <b>October 7, 2020</b> meeting.
<b>Details/Discussion</b>	N/A
<b>Fiscal Impact</b>	None
<b>Alternatives Considered</b>	Not Approve-Modify-Table

**Drug, Gang, and Violent Crime Control Committee Minutes**  
**October 7, 2020**

**A public meeting of the Drug, Gang, and Violent Crime Control Committee of the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission was convened on October 7, 2020, at the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission: 1110 W. Washington, Suite 230, Phoenix, AZ 85007.**

**Members Present:**

**Mark Brnovich, Attorney General, Thomas Rankin representing  
Paul Penzone, Maricopa County Sheriff, Rick Morris representing  
David Shinn, Director, Department of Corrections, Joe Profiri representing and acting  
Chairperson  
Alister Adel, Maricopa County Attorney, Vince Goddard representing**

**Members Absent:**

**Mark Napier, Chairperson, Pima County Sheriff  
Sheila Polk, Yavapai County Attorney**

**Staff Participating:**

**Andrew LeFevre, Director  
Tony Vidale, Deputy Director  
Simone Courter, Program Coordinator  
Ashley Mully, Program Coordinator  
Matt Bileski, Applications Developer  
Siyeni Yitbarek, Program Coordinator  
Molly Edwards, Public Information Officer**

**I. Call to Order and Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order by Joe Profiri at 2:05 p.m. Roll was taken, and a quorum was declared present.

**II. Minutes of the April 30, 2020 Meeting**

Joe Profiri called for a motion on the minutes. Thomas Rankin entered a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held on April 30, 2020. The motion was seconded by Vince Goddard and was unanimously approved by the Committee.

**III. CY 2020 Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Program (RSAT) Grant Award Extension Recommendation**

Tony Vidale gave a 10-minute presentation and discussed recommendations for allocation of CY2020 RSAT grant awards. Vince Goddard entered a motion to recommend to the Commission that CY2020 RSAT grant awards be allocated with Table 1 on page 6 of the agenda. Thomas Rankin seconded the motion. The Committee unanimously approved the motion.

**IV. Approval of FY 2020 Enhanced Drug & Gang Enforcement (EDGE) Report**

Tony Vidale gave a 10-minute presentation of the report and highlights of the findings. Discussion by Joe Profiri about notifying the commission members that the report was sent to the Governor, House, and Senate prior to the commission meeting to comply with the statutorily required deadline. Thomas Rankin entered a motion to approve the EDGE Report. The motion was seconded by Rick Morris and was unanimously approved by the Committee.

**V. Discussion about Creation of a Criminal Justice Innovative Projects Grant**

Tony Vidale gave a 10-minute presentation to discuss the creation of a criminal justice innovation project. Thomas Rankin asked about any projects that have come forward to the agency that may fit this topic. Joe Profiri and Thomas Rankin approve the idea of exploring innovative projects to bring before the next committee meeting.

**VI. Call to the Public**

Joe Profiri made a call to the public, and there were no public comments provided.

**VII. Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting**

The next Drug, Gang, and Violent Crime Control Committee meeting will be held at the Chairperson's call.

**VIII. Adjournment**

Joe Profiri motioned to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 pm.

**Respectfully submitted,**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew T. LeFevre", is enclosed within a yellow rectangular border.

**Andrew T. LeFevre  
Executive Director**

# ARIZONA CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION

## DRUG, GANG AND VIOLENT CRIME CONTROL COMMITTEE

### ACTION-MOTION/ INFORMATION ITEM

<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Tony Vidale</b>	
<b>Agenda Title</b>	<b>Phoenix Police Department Crime Reduction Pilot Project (Restructuring Area Dynamic and Relationships)</b>	

<b>Recommended Action</b>	The Drug, Gang, and Violent Crime Control Committee recommend to the Commission approval of the Phoenix Police Department Crime Reduction Pilot Project and the award of \$15,000 in Byrne Justice Assistance Grant funds.
<b>Details/Discussion</b>	See attached
<b>Fiscal Impact</b>	Significant to recipient agencies
<b>Alternatives Considered</b>	None or Not Approve-Modify-Table

## **Request**

Staff is requesting Committee approval of a recommendation to fund a crime reduction pilot project with the Phoenix Police Department in the amount of \$15,000 called Restructuring Area Dynamic and Relationships (RADAR).

## **Issue Background**

The Restructuring Area Dynamic and Relationships (RADAR) program concentrates on the social network theory and mismanaged properties to reduce calls for service and crime rates instead of arrests and prosecutions, seizure of contraband and serving of search warrants. Officers identify high crime areas in the precinct and related properties attracting high calls for service and related crime. Officers meet with property owners and offer to work with them to provide solutions to lower crime activity and associated calls for service. If owners do not participate in crime reduction efforts and the property continues to realize high crime rates, the property is labeled a nuisance under Arizona statute and the property subject to seizure. The threat of property seizure is meant to incentivize property owners to work with community liaisons and precinct officers to address crime rates and calls for service. Without some intervention, criminals, renters, and managers “using” the location create a buffer between the owner and police. Police unintentionally become free security protecting the owner’s investment while the owner chooses to allow criminals to control the property and damage the neighborhood.

Under the social network theory, individuals’ attributes are less important than their relationships and ties with other network actors. The people who participate in criminal activity need to build relationships within an area to be successful. If those networks are disrupted, the individual criminal is going to be less successful. Using this approach, efforts transform the organized, collaborative groups of criminals into displaced and disorganized individual criminals who can only perpetrate random and isolated acts of crime and become less able to damage the neighborhood’s health.

Applicable Arizona Revised Statutes:

12-991 Nuisance; applicability; residential property used for crime; action to abate and prevent; notice; definitions

12-998. Nuisance; commercial buildings used for crime; action to abate and prevent

33-1368. Noncompliance with rental agreement by tenant; failure to pay rent; utility discontinuation; liability for guests; definition

33-1377. Special detainer actions; service; trial postponement

## **Past Success**

This approach was used in 2006-2007 and 2015-2016. Overall violent crime dropped 20 percent in the precinct. Calls for service in the precinct dropped by 43 percent, and reported crimes declined 48 percent. There were only three occasions where seizures were used involving property owners that would not cooperate with crime reduction efforts.

## **Funding**

The project will utilize \$15,000 in unexpended Byrne Justice Assistance Grant funding from prior year grant awards.



Cactus Park Precinct  
12220 N. 39<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
Phoenix, AZ 85029

December 15, 2020

To whom it may concern:

I am the property manager for the property located at 8010-8058 N. 27<sup>th</sup> Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85051, collectively known as Alta Vista Plaza.

I have managed the property for over 3 years now and have witnessed the changes that have taken place in such a short amount of time. We have been negatively impacted by the many vagrants, violence, prostitution, and crime, that has migrated to our neighbourhood. I firmly believe the cause of the aforementioned, is the derelict hotels, apartments, and various retail centres that have been nearly abandoned in our immediate surroundings.

We, as property managers and property owners have done our due diligence to no avail to ensure the property, as well as its tenants remain safe, open, and successful. It has been very challenging, and I have requested assistance from our local precinct and their Community Action Officers over the last three years.

I would appreciate any assistance or ideas how we can help with the issues the community is having.

Please feel free to contact me at (480) 688-4349 or via email at [ivarelas@arcdiamgmt.com](mailto:ivarelas@arcdiamgmt.com)

I appreciate your time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Irene Varelas'.

Irene Varelas  
Evergreen Phoenix Investors II, LLC  
By: Arcadia Management Group, Inc. as managing agent

December 15, 2020

Lt. Nicholas Jimenez  
Phoenix Police Department  
Desert Horizon Precinct  
16030 N. 56<sup>th</sup> Street  
Phoenix, AZ 85028

Lt. Jimenez,

Thank you for your participation with my fellow neighborhood leaders, regarding the rising crime along the 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue corridor and the impact of this crime on our established neighborhoods.

It is clear by the calls for service to this corridor, specifically from Glendale Avenue to Dunlap Avenue, that the crime has not only escalated but that it has become violent. The types of crime we have not experienced in our neighborhoods, such as homicides, domestic violence, sexual assaults and child molestation, dangerous drugs and trespassing. Assaults occurring are now most often with some type of deadly weapon. Nightly, as our neighbors report, we hear gun fire. Needless to say, it is troubling.


Even more troubling is that by looking at the data, the crime points to a small number of large apartment complexes in this corridor that are committing the crimes and generating the calls for service.

I make these statements from facts as I have been utilizing the Community Crime Map as well as the Phoenix Police Department's datasets, specifically the calls for service. I do this to provide factual information to residents regarding public safety.

I am grateful to be able to work with you, our CAO's and the entire department.

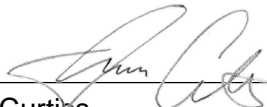
Thank you and stay safe.

Regards,



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Pam Fitzgerald  
Washington Park Neighborhood Association



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Ian Curtiss  
Washington Park Neighborhood Association





Glendale Avenue to Northern Avenue; 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 35<sup>th</sup> Avenue

Cactus Park Precinct  
12220 N. 39<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
Phoenix, AZ 85029

December 16, 2020

To whom it may concern:

I am the President of the North Glen Square Neighborhood Association. Our organization represents about 1400 homes and businesses between 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 35<sup>th</sup> Avenue from Glendale Avenue to Northern Avenue. We were incorporated in 1988 and are a registered neighborhood association with the City of Phoenix.

Several years ago, Phoenix Police initiated the Violence Impact Project to address violent crime along 27<sup>th</sup> Ave. This project was very successful in addressing several difficult issues that had gone unresolved for some time.

Unfortunately, the neighborhood is seeing a resurgence in criminal activity in the area. Listening to residents, working with community officers, and reviewing calls for service, it is clear that there are a number of apartments and hotels that are a significant source of criminal activity. This criminal activity permeates into our community and affects the safety of our neighbors. We are looking for additional help from Phoenix Police to mitigate the criminal activity at these properties.

Thank you,

Michael Simms

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President  
North Glen Square Neighborhood Association

P.O. Box 39485  
Phoenix, Arizona 85069-9485

**ARIZONA CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION  
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ACTION-MOTION/ INFORMATION ITEM**

<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Tony Vidale</b>	
<b>Agenda Title</b>	<b>Approval of FY 2022 Criminal Justice Innovative Grant</b>	

<b>Recommended Action</b>	Staff is requesting Committee approval of the FY 2022 Criminal Justice Innovative Projects Grant funded by the Byrne Justice Assistance Grant.
<b>Details/Discussion</b>	Over the last three grant years, ACJC has tracked and set aside unexpended federal grant funds awarded through the Drug, Gang, and Violent Crime Control Program. In years past, these funds would be recycled through the program, which funded a consistent group of agencies and projects according to the statewide strategy. At its February 2018 meeting, the Drug Committee expressed a desire to fund projects outside of the typical group that was funded, however, there were concerns about how new projects could be funded without adversely affecting traditionally funded projects. Specifically, members discussed a need for drug prevention and education efforts. In addition, the Commission revised the goals of the program in the statewide strategy to include drug prevention and education, recidivism reduction, and effective reentry. Staff estimates that about \$400,000 would be available for an innovative projects grant program.
<b>Fiscal Impact</b>	N/A
<b>Alternatives Considered</b>	None or Not Approve-Modify-Table

## Supplemental Information

### Funding Plan

Innovative projects would utilize up to \$400,000 in prior year unexpended Byrne Justice Assistance Grant funds. The grant period would be for 36 months. Grantees would be given a 6 to 12 month period to develop action plans to implement the innovative project and 24 months to implement the project. The funding would allow for two projects, granted a maximum amount of \$200,000.

### Innovative Grant Project Goals

A successful innovative grant project will have at least one of the following goals from the 2020-2025 Statewide Strategy:

- Curtail the flow of illicit drugs, drug proceeds, and instruments used to perpetuate violence across Arizona.
- Reduce violent crime by implementing strategies and methods to combat crime and ensure public safety and hold offenders accountable.
- Reduce illicit drug use by enhancing prevention efforts and educating the community about the harms posed by illegal drugs and their abuse.
- Reduce recidivism and implement effective reentry efforts through comprehensive and collaborative strategies focused on successfully reintegrating offenders back into the community.

### Innovative Grant Project Criteria

	<b><u>Criteria</u></b>
1.	The project is a new approach that does not duplicate or replicate existing services.
2.	The project includes evidence-based practices or policies.
3.	The problem of focus is a long-standing deep-rooted problem in the community based on objective data.
4.	The project demonstrates the ability to solve the identified problem in the community.
5.	Past efforts by the applicant have experienced success.
6.	Past successes are leveraged or built upon with a new approach.
7.	The new approach includes best practices from the field.
8.	The project defines the roles and responsibilities of a wide variety of stakeholders co-producing all parts of the project.
9.	Project output or outcomes are easily accessible or experienced by the public.
10.	The project supports an underserved population (defined by specific demographics or target audiences) or a racially diverse community, and the project includes cultural competency and trauma-informed response training as applicable.
11.	The project provides reasonable assurance (ex: a history of serving the targeted population) to serve the targeted demographics and clearly articulate output or outcomes to create a broad community

	impact.
12.	The project utilizes multiple funding sources, including in-kind and donations, to be fiscally responsible and effective.
13.	The project sustainability plan includes realistic funding and evaluation plan for an appropriate number of years after the project ends (evaluation findings must inform future planning, and evaluation planning should be tied to project objectives).
14.	The project has broad-based support from the community.
15.	Project development and implementation include appropriate subject matter experts and has clear goals, objectives, and performance measures.
16.	There is a strong, identified desire in the community for the project services.
17.	Barriers to successful project implementation have been identified and assessed as low.
18.	The project creates value and new opportunities for the community.
19.	The project offers benefits that are an improvement on previous efforts to solve/address the problem.
20.	The innovative project is a means to achieving strategic goals.

The scoring criteria will be used to determine if the project is Highly Innovative, Strong Innovation, Mid-level Innovation, Minor Innovation, or No Innovation.

Highly Innovative: The project is original and a transformative solution to a problem. Innovation may create value and new opportunities for the community and offer benefits that improve previous efforts.

Strong Innovation: The project may not be original to the organization, jurisdiction, or system but offers significant value to the community.

Mid-level Innovation: The project is new to the organization, jurisdiction, or system. The innovation does not significantly change the organization's processes, service, or offerings than existing practices or approaches.

Minor Innovation: The project offers new components of existing approaches but is not an original or unique idea and does not provide value above past efforts.

No Innovation: The project lacks originality or newness to the organization, jurisdiction, or system and does not provide value above past efforts.