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**TO: JIM GRAY, MAYOR
URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL**

**FROM: IRENE GOODING, DIRECTOR
DIVISION OF GRANTS AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS**

DATE: OCTOBER 17, 2016

**SUBJECT: SAFETY AND JUSTICE CHALLENGE INNOVATION FUND GRANT
COMPETITION**

Request:

Request Council Authorization to submit application for funding in the amount of \$50,000 for the Safety and Justice Challenge Innovation Fund Competition Grant, provided by the MacArthur Foundation, for activities that strengthen community engagement and systems reform.

Why are you requesting?

The Division of Corrections has prepared a grant application for submission to the Safety and Justice Challenge Innovation Fund Competition Grant, requesting \$50,000 for activities that strengthen community engagement and systems reform.

The number of people residing in local jails has increased dramatically over the last three decades, and so has the amount of expenditures related to operating the jails. The MacArthur Foundation created a five-year initiative, the Safety and Justice Challenge, as a means of investing in local research and reform with the goal of reducing over-incarceration in America. If funded, the Division of Corrections will work with the MacArthur Foundation on activities that strengthen community engagement and systems reform.

What is the cost in this budget year and future budget years?

If the application is approved, the cost in the budget will be \$50,000. No matching funds are required. Future years' funding is dependent upon availability of funds for this program.

Are the funds budgeted: Funds will not be budgeted until approved by the granting agency.

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Director/Commissioner: Haney/Bastin

Irene Gooding, Director

