

**FACT SHEET**

**CITY OF SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA**

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<b><u>TITLE</u></b> An Ordinance Adopting the 2025 Budget for the Diversion Program Special Revenue Fund, Appropriating the Funds Authorized Therein, and Otherwise Providing With Respect Thereto	<b><u>DATE</u></b> 10/7/2024	<b><u>ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT</u></b> CAO
		<b><u>COUNCIL DISTRICT</u></b> N/A
		<b><u>SPONSOR</u></b> No Sponsor

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**PURPOSE**  
To adopt the 2025 budget for the Diversion Program Fund.

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**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**  
The proposed 2025 budget for the Diversion Program Fund is \$507,100, up 12% from 2024. There is a small amount (\$70,000) in new revenue from City Courts. Almost all of the funds are in an operating reserve, although a small amount is spent for software and computer equipment. There needs to be a discussion about whether it is possible for this program to operate as originally intended or otherwise modified, since jurisdictional issues involving the District Attorney have made it less likely to be effective in its present form.

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<b><u>TIMETABLE</u></b> Introduction: 10/08/2024 Final Passage: 12/10/2024	<b><u>ATTACHMENTS</u></b>
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**SPECIAL PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS**  
Must be adopted by December 25, 2024.  
A public hearing must be held before passage, likely at the Council’s November 8 meeting. The Council is scheduled to review this budget on November 12, 2024.

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<b><u>FINANCES</u></b> \$ \$507,100	<b><u>SOURCE OF FUNDS</u></b> Prior Year Revenues, Court Fees
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**ALTERNATIVES**  
(1) Adopt the ordinance as submitted, or (2) amend the ordinance, or (3) reject the ordinance.

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**RECOMMENDATION**  
It is recommended the City Council adopt the ordinance.

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