

FACT SHEET

CITY OF SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA

TITLE

An Ordinance adopting the 2024 Budget for the Diversion Program Special Revenue Fund, appropriating the funds authorized therein, and otherwise providing with respect thereto

DATE

10/9/2023

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT

CAO

COUNCIL DISTRICT

N/A

SPONSOR

No Sponsor

PURPOSE

To adopt the 2024 Diversion Program budget.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The proposed 2024 budget for the Diversion Program Special Revenue Fund is \$453,300, mostly funded from prior-year revenues. The purpose of the Fund was to find ways to develop alternative sentencing programs to avoid the penalties associated with a conviction in City Court. It is somewhat unclear whether the program as currently established is actually meeting this objective and whether the balance in the Fund could be more appropriately spent. The City Attorney has been asked to determine in 2024 what changes, if any, are needed. The only expenditure in 2023 and 2024 is for computer software.

TIMETABLE

Introduction: 10/10/2023

Final Passage: 12/12/2023

ATTACHMENTS**SPECIAL PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS**

All budgets must be adopted prior to December 15, 2023. A public hearing must be held before passage.

FINANCES

\$ \$453,400

SOURCE OF FUNDS

City Court revenues, prior-year balances

ALTERNATIVES

(1) Adopt the ordinance as submitted, or (2) amend the ordinance, or (3) reject the ordinance.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended the City Council adopt the ordinance.

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