

**ORDINANCE
71026**

BOARD BILL NUMBER 105AA INTRODUCED BY: PRESIDENT LEWIS E. REED/ALDERWOMAN MARLENE DAVIS/ALDERWOMAN TAMMIKA HUBBARD/ALDERWOMAN LISA MIDDLEBROOK/ALDERWOMAN SHAMEEM CLARK-HUBBARB/ALDERWOMAN PAM BOYD/ALDERMAN JESSE TODD/ALDERWOMAN BETH MURPHY/ALDERMAN DAN GUENTHER/ALDERMAN TOM OLDENBURG/ALDERMAN JOSEPH VACCARO/ALDERMAN BRET NARAYAN/ALDERMAN SHANE COHN/ALDERWOMAN HEATHER NAVARRO/ALDERWOMAN MEGAN GREEN/ALDERWOMAN CHRISTINE INGRASSIA/ALDERMAN JOHN COATAR/ALDERMAN JEFFREY BOYD/ALDERMAN SAM MOORE/ALDERWOMAN ANNIE RICE/ALDERWOMAN CARA SPENCER

1 An ordinance recommended by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, making a
2 supplemental appropriation to the Annual Budget Ordinance 70963 for Fiscal Year beginning
3 July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020 amounting to the sum of Five Million Dollars
4 (\$5,000,000) for the purpose of providing funding for the violence prevention alternative
5 program, “Cure Violence,” and containing an Emergency Clause.

6 **WHEREAS**, the Annual Budget Ordinance 70963 was approved on June 30, 2019; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the charter, Article XVI, Section 6, authorizes supplemental appropriations
8 upon the recommendation of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment; and

9 **WHEREAS**, in 2018, there were 1,630 aggravated assaults with a firearm in the City of
10 St. Louis according to the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department crime statistics; to date in
11 2019, there have been more than 1,757 aggravated assaults with a firearm in the City of St.
12 Louis; and

13 **WHEREAS**, “Cure Violence” takes an evidence-based approach in reducing violent
14 crime in urban settings; it uses community members as violence interrupters, connects at-risk
15 people with relevant community services, and results in rapid and sustained reduction of gun
16 violence; and

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1 **WHEREAS**, the “Cure Violence” model is based on the World Health Organization’s
2 epidemic control approach for stopping the spread of infectious diseases such as AIDS, cholera,
3 and tuberculosis; the model advances a prevention methodology to identify and detect violent
4 events; interrupt, intervene and reduce risk of their occurrence; and change the behaviors and
5 norms that perpetuate violence; communities that have adopted a health approach to violence
6 prevention have seen up to 70 percent reductions in shootings and killings worldwide; and

7 **WHEREAS**, “Cure Violence” has extensive experience bringing its health-based
8 violence prevention model to scale in multiple cities; the model is currently being implemented
9 in more than 50 sites in 25 cities in 10 countries (currently, Mexico, Honduras, El Salvador,
10 Colombia, Argentina, Trinidad and Tobago, South Africa, Canada, Syria, the West Bank, and the
11 United States); and

12 **WHEREAS**, to date in 2019, there have been 138 lives lost in the City of St. Louis due
13 to homicide; in 2018, 187 lives were lost in the City of St. Louis due to homicide with 93.6
14 percent of the homicides committed by use of a firearm; and

15 **WHEREAS**; “Cure Violence” is proven to reduce shootings and killings dramatically in
16 urban settings in just one year; cities such as Philadelphia saw a 30 percent reduction in
17 shootings, Baltimore had a 56 percent reduction in killings and 34 percent in shootings; and in
18 New York City, there was a 63 percent reduction in shootings in one year; according to the New
19 York City Police Department, an East New York neighborhood utilizing the “Cure Violence”
20 program saw 1,000 days without a homicide.

21 **BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS AS FOLLOWS:**

22 **SECTION ONE.** Pursuant to the recommendation of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment,

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1 there is hereby authorized a supplemental appropriation amending Ordinance 70963 in the
2 amount of Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000) for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2020 to Fund
3 1116, Department 700, Account 5659000 for expenses related to professional services for the
4 violence prevention alternative program Cure Violence as outlined in Exhibit A and to be
5 administered by resolution of the St. Louis Board of Aldermen with approval of the Public
6 Safety Committee and overseen by the City’s Health Department.

7 **SECTION TWO.** Emergency Clause.

8 This being an Ordinance necessary for the immediate preservation of public peace, health and
9 safety, it is hereby declared to be an emergency measure within the meaning of Sections 19 and
10 20 of Article IV of the Charter of the City of St. Louis and therefore this Ordinance shall become
11 effective immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.