

ORDINANCE #65440
Board Bill No. 329

An ordinance recommended by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment appropriating One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00) from Fund 1110 of the Healthcare Trust Fund for the purpose of assisting victims of domestic violence and children who are victims of sexual abuse in the payment of their medical expenses and depositing such funds in a special account to be known as the Family Violence Fund; further designating the Family Violence Council as the authority to request proposals for the funding of programs, subject to the supervision or administration of the City, to assist victims of domestic violence and children who are victims of sexual abuse in the payment for their medical expenses resulting from such violence or abuse and authorizing the Family Violence Council to fund such programs from the Family Violence Fund, and containing an emergency clause.

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

SECTION ONE. There is hereby appropriated the sum of One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars from Fund 1110 of the Healthcare Trust Fund to be deposited into a new account to be known as the Family Violence Fund to be used solely for the purposes set forth in Section Two of this Ordinance.

SECTION TWO. The City of St. Louis Family Violence Council is hereby designated as the authority to request proposals for the funding of programs, subject to the supervision or administration of the City, to assist victims of domestic violence and children who are victims of sexual abuse in the payment for their medical expenses resulting from such violence or abuse. The Family Violence Council is hereby designated as the appropriate authority to administer the allocation and distribution of the funds from the Family Violence Fund to such programs. All such proposals shall be submitted in accordance with state law and city ordinances. Of the funds deposited in the Family Violence Fund, One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) shall be set aside for programs which provide medical cost assistance directly to individuals whose physical health has been effected as a result of domestic violence and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) shall be set aside for programs which provide medical cost assistance to children who have been sexually abused .

SECTION THREE. The Family Violence Council shall submit a quarterly report to the Office of the Comptroller, on a form approved by the Comptroller, indicating the manner in which the funds from the Family Violence Fund have been allocated and the amount of funding distributed.

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

Approved: March 11, 2002