BOARD BILL NO. 93  INTRODUCED BY:  PRESIDENT LEWIS E. REED, 
ALDERMAN JOHN COLLINS MUHAMMAD

An ordinance recommended by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, 
making a supplemental appropriation to the Annual Budget Ordinance _______for Fiscal 
Year beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018 amounting to the sum of Three 
Hundred Ninety Thousand Dollars ($390,000), and containing an Emergency Clause.

WHEREAS, The Annual Budget Ordinance _______ was approved on June 30, 
2017; and

WHEREAS, the charter, Article XVI, Section 6, authorizes supplemental 
appropriations when any accruing, unappropriated City revenue is available and when the 
Board of Estimate and Apportionment recommends same; and

WHEREAS, the Circuit Attorney’s office serves as an important piece of the 
criminal justice system and can have a significant impact on reducing and preventing 
crime through victim and witness services, prison diversion, and community engagement; 
and

WHEREAS, the Circuit Attorney’s Office includes the Victim Services Unit, 
which provides services to victims of crimes and their families, including, but not limited 
to: counseling, restraining orders, community outreach and witness protection. The 
Witness Protection Program has not received local funding since 2014 and is nearly 
depleted. City Ordinance 64257 allowed the Circuit Attorney’s Office to accept funds 
from the State of Missouri for witness protection, but the amount is capped at $1,300 per 
person, which is insufficient to properly provide for a witness. Providing $145,000 will
properly fund and allow for the much needed expansion of services provided by the Witness Protection Program and the rest of the Victim Services Unit; and

WHEREAS, diversion programs have been proven effective in reducing recidivism through rehabilitation, saving tax dollars, and giving young non-violent offenders a second chance to be contributing members of our society. Providing $145,000 to the Circuit Attorney’s budget will properly fund the necessary staff to facilitate jail diversion programs; and

WHEREAS, Community engagement is a necessary component of providing services to victims and witnesses, as well as determining proper candidates for diversion programs. Providing $100,000 to the Circuit Attorney’s budget will properly fund the staffing of a community engagement specialist; and

WHEREAS, additional funding for victim and witness services, prison diversion, and community engagement will lead to a safer city for our citizens; and

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

SECTION ONE. There is hereby appropriated and set apart the sum of Three Hundred Forty Nine Thousand, Three Hundred Fifty Dollars ($390,000) from the Use Tax Fund No. 1110 for expenses as detailed in Exhibit 1, which is attached hereto and made a part of this ordinance.

SECTION TWO. Emergency Clause.

This being an Ordinance necessary for the immediate preservation of public peace, health and safety, it is hereby declared to be an emergency 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.