

**Title: Amendment to Operation New Hope Contract****Meeting Date:** February 9, 2026**Section:** Families, Parks and Recreation**Contact:** Abraham Morris**District:** 3, 5, 6**Fiscal Impact:** Fiscal Impact Statement Attached

**Summary:** The City of Orlando is amending its current contract with Operation New Hope (ONH) to continue its Community Violence Intervention (CVI) initiative, thereby ensuring the on-going implementation of outreach interventions. ONH, a trusted local nonprofit with extensive experience in second-chance employment, job readiness, and re-entry support, will now also take on CVI's outreach intervention responsibilities.

This amendment builds on ONH's existing contract, which currently funds job-readiness training and mental health services. The expanded scope will add outreach services, enabling ONH to engage directly with individuals most impacted by community violence and connect them to stabilizing supports that have been shown to effectively prevent violence.

Under the amended contract, ONH will:

- **Continue providing job-readiness and mental health services:** ONH will maintain its core programming, offering structured workforce development, career coaching, and mental health support to help participants build long-term stability.
- **Add targeted outreach services:** ONH will deploy Neighborhood Change Associates and outreach specialists to identify, engage, and build relationships with individuals at elevated risk of involvement in gun violence. This includes street-level engagement, conflict mediation, and consistent follow-up.
- **Provide comprehensive case management and wraparound support:** Participants will be connected to employment pathways, behavioral health services, housing resources, and other supports that address the underlying drivers of violence.
- **Ensure continuity of CVI services:** By amending ONH's existing contract rather than starting a new provider relationship, the City ensures there is no interruption in services, outreach, or support for CVI participants.

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Overall, this contract amendment positions Operation New Hope to deliver a more comprehensive, integrated approach to violence prevention—combining outreach, mental health support, and job-readiness services to reduce gun violence and promote stability, opportunity, and healing within the community.

**Recommended Action:** Approve the Amendment to the Operation New Hope Contract and authorize Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem and City Clerk to execute the same, subject to review and approval by the City Attorney's Office.