

Defund the GRPD Demands on the 2022 Grand Rapids City Budget

1. We demand that the city commission vote NO on May 20th to adopt the proposed Grand Rapids FY2022 budget.

2. We demand a new proposal for the FY 2022 budget that defunds the police department and prioritizes community safety and justice. This includes:

- Defunding the Grand Rapids Police Department to the charter-mandated 32% of the city's budget.
- Engaging in a participatory budget process where community members can decide where and how our tax dollars are being used.
- Investing more dollars into the Cure Violence program. All funds used for Cure Violence should come directly from the Grand Rapids Police Department's budget.

3. We demand that the city commission restart the FY 2022 budget adoption process and implement a new community engagement process that practices full transparency and accessibility. This process should include:

- A short snapshot document of the proposed budget that contains an appendix, glossary, and visual graphics for the community to reference.
- An explanation of where the dollars for each line item are going. (i.e. In the GRPD budget there is a line item titled "800-Other Services and Charges". We demand to know what that means.)
- At least 3 additional weeks for the community to review budget documents prior to a vote to adopt the budget.
- Meeting workshops and town halls scheduled at varied times to accommodate all schedules.