

Mayor and Council Communication

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LOG NAME: 35FY26 CCPD PARTNERS SUSTAINMENT GRANTS Q2

SUBJECT

(ALL) Authorize Execution of Contracts with Christ's Haven for Children, Rivertree Academy, and Unbound Now for Emerging Partners Programs Funding in the Total Amount Up to \$936,000.00, funded by the Crime Control and Prevention District, to Continue Operations of Crime Prevention Programming that Benefits Fort Worth Residents

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the execution of contracts with Christ's Haven for Children, Rivertree Academy, and Unbound Now from the Crime Control and Prevention District Fund for Emerging Partners Programs Funding in the total amount up to \$936,000.00 to continue operations of crime prevention programming that benefits Fort Worth residents.

DISCUSSION:

Crime Control and Prevention District (CCPD) Emerging Partners Programs implemented Sustainment Grants in efforts to assist agencies with further strengthening their capacity and development of crime prevention and safety initiatives. Sustainment Grants provide phased financial support for eligible agencies as they work to sustain impact in needed areas of the community. To be eligible agencies should demonstrate effective utilization of CCPD funds in addition to addressing a selected Mission Priority.

On January 21, 2026, Christ's Haven for Children, Rivertree Academy, and Unbound Now presented to the Fort Worth Police Department (FWPD) Budget Committee Board. The three programs were approved for a total amount up to \$936,000.00 and will have a contract term of January 1, 2026 through February 28, 2029 with no renewals. The parties may extend the contracts by mutual agreement to accomplish administrative closeout activities associated with the programs.

Funding will be allocated as follows to each agency in Fiscal Year 2026 on a reimbursement basis:

Christ's Haven for Children (\$312,000.00) will continue operations of their Family Resource Center to serve at-risk youth and families in Fort Worth. The Family Resource Center provides parent/caregiver education trainings, weekly food boxes, counseling services, and "Foster Family Care Packages" containing food, toiletries, and clothing items. This program serves participants in Council District 7.

Rivertree Academy (\$312,000.00) will continue operations of their Behavior Management Program to serve Fort Worth students, grades Pre-K to Fifth. The Behavior Management Program uses a framework of interventions and supports to address students' behavioral and academic challenges. The MTSS (Multi-Tiered System of Support) framework involves evaluating and placing each student in one of three tiers that correlate with the academic and behavioral hurdles the child is experiencing. Mentoring, behavior management plans, one-on-one counseling, chapel services, tutoring, and restorative practice sessions are a few of the services offered to help to serve students both academically and behaviorally. This program will serve participants in Council District 3.

Unbound Now (\$312,000.00) will continue their program operations through the use of the Outcomes for Survivors of Human Trafficking (OHTS) tool. Unbound North Texas provides 24/7 resources and trauma services to survivors of human trafficking to aid them in their restorative journey. Advocates work closely with clients through motivational interviewing techniques to educate them on the signs of trafficking and develop safety plans to avoid revictimization or criminal activity. The program will serve participants from all Council Districts.

Funding is budgeted in the CCPD Community Based Fund for the CCPD Emerging Partners Programs Department for the purpose of funding the FY26 Emerging Partners project.

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that funds are available in the current budget, as previously appropriated, in the CCPD Community Based Fund for the FY26 Emerging Partners Program project to support the approval of the above recommendation and execution of the contracts. Prior to any expenditure being incurred, the Police Department has the responsibility to validate the availability of funds.

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