

Mayor and Council Communication

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LOG NAME: 35UNITED WAY OF TARRANT COUNTY COMMUNITY LIAISON

SUBJECT

(ALL) Authorize Execution of a First Amendment, in the Amount of \$125,000.00, to a Contract with United Way of Tarrant County for a Community Liaison to Help Increase the Number of Agencies Funded that Address Crime and Safety Priorities, for a Revised Contract Amount Not to Exceed \$174,920.00 Annually for the Police Department

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that City Council authorize the execution of a contract amendment to City Secretary Contract Number 59366, an agreement with United Way of Tarrant County, for a Community Liaison to help increase the number of agencies that are funded to address crime and safety priorities in the amount of \$125,000.00, increasing the contract's total not-to-exceed amount to \$174,920.00 per year for the Police Department.

DISCUSSION:

The Crime Control and Prevention District (CCPD) is funding, provided by a ½ cent sales tax, designated for crime control, crime prevention, and public safety. As part of the City's efforts to implement crime prevention efforts, the CCPD Board of Directors approved the use of funds toward competitive grants to 501(c)3 organizations that provide services with a measurable impact on crime and safety. These grants are offered in two different programs, Program Grants and Development Grants, that are designed to work with agencies that vary in mission, size, and experience. To facilitate better access by these agencies, the Police Department (Police) requires a qualified firm to provide the services of a Community Liaison.

The goal of the Community Liaison is to increase the number of agencies funded that address crime/safety priorities, such as violent crime and police/community relations. The Community Liaison will also target groups/programs including foster care, previously adjudicated youth/adults, and/or victim services.

United Way of Tarrant County was selected as they have unique knowledge and experience working in the non-profit development space and are currently working with the Police Department to engage non-profits in the violent crime needs of the community. Under City Secretary Contract (CSC) 59366, United Way of Tarrant County is already serving as a Grant Navigator, assisting 501(c)3 agencies to better connect their programming to the mission of CCPD as they seek to secure grant funding.

This Mayor and Council Communication (M&C) requests authorization to execute a contract amendment to CSC 59366 in the amount of \$125,000.00, increasing the contract's total not-to-exceed amount to \$174,920.00 per year for a Police Community Liaison for services including, but not limited to the following:

- Meet with and educate community stakeholders about CCPD funding
- Mapping of community crime/safety-related resources
- Serve as Co-Chair of "Partners with a Shared Mission" Expert Panel
- Review and advise on community partnerships and sustainability
- Coordinate Police messaging campaigns for CCPD grants under the direction of the Police Department
- Survey community stakeholders on crime/safety problems and the community's capability and capacity to respond

The City Attorney's Office approved a Chapter 252 Exemption for a procurement for professional services with United Way of Tarrant County.

Funding is budgeted in the Consultant & Other Prof Services account within the State Asset Forfeiture Fund for the Police Department.

DVIN-BE: The Police Department was approved for a Chapter 252 Exemption by the City Attorney's Office. Therefore, the business equity goal requirement is not applicable.

ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGE ORDER: An administrative change order or increase may be made by the City Manager up to the amount allowed by relevant law and the Fort Worth City Code and does not require specific City Council approval as long as sufficient funds have been appropriated.

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies funds are available in the current operating budget, as previously appropriated, in the State Asset Forfeiture Fund, to support the approval of the above recommendation and execution of the contract amendment. Prior to an expenditure being incurred, the Police Department has the responsibility to validate the availability of funds.

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