

# Mayor and Council Communication

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LOG NAME: 35CCPD PROGRAM GRANTS Q1 2024

## SUBJECT

(ALL) Authorize Execution of Contracts with Advocates for Community Transformation, Communities in Schools of Greater Tarrant County, Journey4ward and NewDay Services for Children and Families from the Crime Control & Prevention District Community Based Programs Fund in the Total Program Amount of \$1,191,600.00 to Operate Crime Prevention Programming that Benefits Fort Worth Residents

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## RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the execution of contracts with Advocates for Community Transformation, Communities in Schools of Greater Tarrant County, Journey4ward and NewDay Services for Children and Families from the Crime Control & Prevention District Community Based Programs Fund in the total program amount of \$1,191,600.00 to operate crime prevention programming that benefits Fort Worth residents.

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## DISCUSSION:

Crime Control and Prevention District (CCPD) Community Based Programs provide funding to agencies that are recommended by a selection panel and then approved by the CCPD Board of Directors (Board). This panel consisted of staff and community representatives who evaluated the proposals to ensure minimum qualifications were met and that the proposed projects met one or more of the goals of the Board.

On February 27, 2024, the Board reviewed and approved the recommendation to fund four crime prevention programs. The following programs' awards total up to \$1,191,600.00 and are funded by the CCPD Community Based Fund. The four programs will have a contract term of April 1, 2024 through March 31, 2027 with no renewals.

Funding will be allocated as follows to each agency in Fiscal Year 2024 on a reimbursement basis:

**Advocates for Community Transformation (ACT) (\$300,000.00)** will implement their program called "Collaborative Legal Advocacy Solution to High Crime in Fort Worth". ACT uses the civil justice system to create neighborhood safety. The agency collaborates with both local community partners and city stakeholders (police, city attorney, code). ACT will reach out to 1869 Fort Worth residents in Como, Northside, Highland Hills, Stop Six, and East Side neighborhoods. By shutting down 200 active drug houses alongside residents, ACT will intervene in violent crime, prevent future crime, and strengthen community/police relationships. Funding will be used to compensate an advocate manager and staff attorneys. This program will serve participants from Council Districts 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10 and 11.

**Communities in Schools of Greater Tarrant County (CIS) (\$300,000.00)** will implement their program "Case Management and Crime Prevention for At-Risk Students in Tarrant County". CIS works with contracted schools to provide case management services for at-risk students dealing with barriers to academic success. Adverse Childhood Experiences in the home like abuse, neglect and violence are frequently carried into the classroom. CIS is student-focused to create solutions that lead to a greater sense of belonging. CIS will serve Fort Worth ISD schools in zip codes 76104, 76105, 76106, 76112, 76133 and 76119. Funding will be used to compensate three Vice Presidents, a Director, transportation costs and project supplies. This program will serve participants from Council Districts 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 11.

**Journey4Ward (\$291,600.00)** will implement "Journey4Ward Counseling Program". The program aims to restructure at-risk youth's distorted thinking and perception, significantly reducing crime by addressing underlying factors contributing to criminal behavior with the tools and support they need to make positive choices and ultimately reduce crime. The agency will provide services to participants from all Districts, where most of their client base is situated in zip codes 76112, 76119, 76140, 76105, 76115, 76103, 76104 and 76134. Funding will be used to compensate a Counselor, Community Advocate/Outreach Coordinator, and computer and office supplies. This program will serve participants from ALL COUNCIL DISTRICTS.

**NewDay Services for Children & Families (\$300,000.00)** will implement FOCUS+ parenting program for 500 Fort Worth mothers and fathers involved in Child Protective Services, Family, IV-D (Child Support) or Diversion Courts with children in foster care or at risk of removal from the home. FOCUS+ teaches positive coping strategies to parents in order to create a safer home for children. The program will serve participants from all Districts, with majority of clients coming from Western Hills (76116), White Settlement (76108), Handley Area (76112), Sansom Park (76114), and Polytechnic (76107). The program's goal is reunification in a safe, loving home. Funding will be used to compensate personnel responsible for the FOCUS program. This program will serve participants from Council Districts 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9.

Funding is budgeted in the CCPD Community Based Fund for the CCPD Community Based Programs Department for the purpose of funding the CCPD Community Base Program FY24 project, as appropriated.

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## FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that funds are available in the current capital budget, as previously appropriated, in the CCPD Community Based

Fund for the CCPD Community Based Prgm FY24 project to support the approval of the above recommendation and execution of the contract. Prior to any expenditure being incurred, the Police Department has the responsibility to validate the availability of funds.

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