

City of Fort Worth, Texas

Mayor and Council Communication

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LOG NAME: 35FY26 SOCIAL SERVICES PROGRAMS IN FORT WORTH

SUBJECT

(ALL) Authorize the Execution of an Amendment to Agreements with My Health My Resources of Tarrant County, Recovery Resource Council, Safe Haven of Tarrant County, and The Women's Center of Tarrant County Up to an Aggregate Amount of \$199,500.00 to Maintain Social Service Programming while Applying for Crime Control and Prevention District Emerging Partners Grants

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the execution of an amendment to agreements with My Health My Resources of Tarrant County, Recovery Resource Council, Safe Haven of Tarrant County, and The Women's Center of Tarrant County in an aggregate amount up to \$199,500.00 to maintain social service programming while applying for Crime Control and Prevention District Emerging Partners grants.

DISCUSSION:

From Fiscal Year (FY) 2010 through FY 2023, the City contracted with United Way of Tarrant County (United Way) to administer and distribute funds to agencies that provide social service programs that meet the City's established criteria for public safety. During FY 2024 budget process, the City Council approved financial support in the General Fund budget for Neighborhood Services Department (NSD) in order to continue these efforts. Following budget adoption, the leadership teams of United Way and Neighborhood Services met and agreed to return program oversight and contract administration to the City of Fort Worth during FY2024.

During the FY2025 budget process, Neighborhood Services met with the Police Department to discuss alignment with the purpose and procedures of the Crime Control and Prevention District (CCPD) Emerging Partners grant process. The Police Department agreed to assume oversight of these contracts in order to migrate these agencies to the competitive application process required by CCPD. The CCPD Partners with a Shared Mission policies require agencies apply for and successfully complete CCPD Emerging Partners programs in order to be considered for ongoing funding through CCPD Mission Partners programs.

Approval of this Mayor and Council Communication (M&C) will extend the time period for these agencies to submit an application thereby enabling them to complete the CCPD Emerging Partners process. The extension will be approved after each agency completes the first step in the application process and will continue until 60-days following notification of the result of their application.

The following criteria have been used previously to ensure that the chosen agencies serve a public purpose through investing money, expertise, and other resources to improve lives and communities in benefit of the entire Fort Worth community:

- Agencies must have a valid current designation of tax-exempt status under 26 USC 501 from the United States Internal Revenue Service;
- Agencies must have a mission statement and service plan that aligns with public safety;
- Agencies must not engage in inherently religious activities, such as worship, religious instruction, or proselytizing, as a part of the program or services funded by City dollars. Inherently religious activities must be offered separately, in time or location, from the programs, activities, or services supported by City funds;
- Agencies must submit documentation attesting to and demonstrating the entity's capacity to deliver specified services; and
- Agencies must demonstrate via site visits that the nature and performance of the proposed service meets the above-listed criteria.

The following chart provides projections for services to be provided by four (4) selected agencies:

AGENCY	AWARD	PROJECTIONS
My Health My Resources (MHMR) of Tarrant County	\$38,250.00	Supportive outpatient services for teens
Recovery Resource Council	\$37,500.00	Ground Zero services including support groups in alternative schools and prevention services in juvenile detention, teen court and other locations
Safe Haven of Tarrant County	\$67,500.00	Serving women and child victims of domestic violence; 24-hour crisis hotline
The Women's Center of Tarrant County	\$56,250.00	Rape crisis hotline calls; Counseling for survivors of rape at rape exam sites; Counseling for significant others; Child sexual abuse prevention training; Adult sexual abuse prevention training

TOTAL	\$199,500.00	

Funding will be budgeted in Safety Programs account within the General Fund for Fiscal Year 2026.

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that upon approval of the above recommendation and adoption of the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget by the City Council, funds will be available in the Fiscal Year 2026 operating budget, as appropriated, in the General Fund. Prior to an expenditure being incurred, the Police Department has the responsibility to validate the availability of funds.

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