

Mayor and Council Communication

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LOG NAME: 35CCPD PROGRAM GRANTS Q4 2024

SUBJECT

(ALL) Authorize Execution of Contracts with Camp Fire First Texas, Guardianship Services, Inc., United Community Centers, Inc. Southside Hornets Athletics Association from the Crime Control & Prevention District Community Based Programs Fund in the Total Program Amount of Up to \$1,101,000.00 to Operate Crime Prevention Programming that Benefits Fort Worth Residents

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the execution of contracts with Camp Fire First Texas, Guardianship Services, Inc., United Community Centers Inc., Southside Hornets Athletics Association from the Crime Control & Prevention District Community Based Programs Fund in the total program amount of up to \$1,101,000.00 to operate crime prevention programming that benefits Fort Worth residents.

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 August 20, 2024, the Board reviewed and approved the recommendation to fund four crime prevention programs. The following programs' awards total up to \$1,101,000.00 and are funded by the CCPD Community Based Fund. The four programs will have a contract term of October 1, 2024 through December 31, 2028 with no renewals.

Funding will be allocated as follows to each agency in Fiscal Year 2025 on a reimbursement basis:

Camp Fire First Texas (\$300,000.00) will implement their program "Teens in Action". Goals are to increase safety, reduce dropout rates, and reduce juvenile crimes by engaging under-served middle and high school students in positive activities, cultivating a growth mindset and conflict resolution skills through social-emotional curriculum, family engagement, one-on-one mentoring, and college and career readiness. The program will serve participants in Council Districts 2, 3, 5, and 8.

Guardianship Services, Inc. (\$300,000.00) will implement "The Financial Exploitation Prevention Center" program which creates a unified network of partners committed to the prevention, protection, and prosecution of financial exploitation of aging and/or disabled adults in Fort Worth. The program will serve participants in All Council Districts.

United Community Centers, Inc. (\$300,000.00) will implement Education Literacy Program (ELP) and Family Assistance and Advocacy services. These programs focus on literacy, family empowerment, and building relationships between neighborhood police officers (NPOs), businesses, and schools. The program will serve participants in Council Districts 2, 8, and 11.

Southside Hornets (\$201,000.00) will implement the "UNITY360" program which aims to combat juvenile delinquency in the Southside communities by engaging 4-12 year-olds in sports, education, and mentorship. Activities include STEM learning, parental engagement, and sports, all underpinned by their PROUD values to instill discipline, respect, and community spirit, thereby enhancing safety, and reducing crime rates. The program will serve participants in Council District 8.

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.

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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