

Mayor and Council Communication

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LOG NAME: 35FY25 CCPD EMERGING PARTNERS PROGRAM GRANTS Q3

SUBJECT

(ALL) Authorize Execution of Contracts with Building Pathways, Inc., Community Link Mission, Inc., Helping Others Prioritize Education (HOPE) Initiative, Inc. and Jewel's Comfort Keeper for Fiscal Year 2025 Emerging Partners Program Grant Funding from the Crime Control and Prevention District Community Based Fund in the Total Amount Up to \$1,947,651.00 to Operate Crime Prevention Programming that Benefits Fort Worth Residents

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the execution of contracts with Building Pathways, Inc., Community Link Mission, Inc., Helping Others Prioritize Education (HOPE) Initiative, Inc. and Jewel's Comfort Keeper for the Fiscal Year 2025 Emerging Partners Program funding from the Crime Control and Prevention District Community Based Fund in the total amount up to \$1,947,651.00 to operate crime prevention programming that benefits Fort Worth residents.

DISCUSSION:

Crime Control and Prevention District (CCPD) Emerging Partners Programs provide funding to agencies that are recommended by a selection panel and then approved by the CCPD Board of Directors (Board). This panel consisting of staff and community representatives evaluates the proposals to ensure minimum qualifications are met and that proposed projects meet one or more of the goals of the Board.

On June 24, 2025, the Board reviewed and approved the recommendation to fund four crime prevention programs. The following programs' awards total up to \$1,947,651.00 and are funded by the CCPD Community Based Fund. The three Program grants will have a contract term of July 1, 2025 through September 30, 2028 with no renewals, and the one Development grant will have a contract term of July 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026.

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

Program Grants:

Building Pathways, Inc. (\$1,097,651.00) will implement their program to provide exemplary educational training, and employment services designed to improve jobs and careers for individuals who need them. This 12-month mentorship program prepares high-risk youth for careers in construction trades including in Aerospace, Welding, CNC Machining, Logistics (MSSC), Production (MSSC), and HVAC. It pairs hands-on training with financial literacy and life skills education, aiming to improve employment outcomes and reduce recidivism. Funding will support staffing, training, mileage, participant stipends, and program operations. The program will serve participants in all districts.

Community Link Mission, Inc. (\$500,000.00) will implement their program "Link to Hope" to provide affordable, quality mental health services through licensed counselors to individuals of all ages and backgrounds in North and West Fort Worth, especially at-risk youth with substance abuse history, gang involvement, or in areas of high crime. They are reducing crime by addressing its root causes and providing compassionate, communal solutions. The program will serve participants in district 2, 3, 4, 7, 9, 10, and 11.

Helping Others Prioritize Education (HOPE) Initiative, Inc. (\$300,000.00) will implement their program "Beyond Change: Building Safer Communities" which combines key components of Youth & Officer Interaction, Mentoring & Life Readiness, College & Workforce Readiness, and Community Engagement to deter juvenile criminal behavior. Through workshops and community events, this project aims to reduce youth crimes, increase public safety and trust, and enhance college/workforce readiness. The program will serve participants in district 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, and 9.

Development Grant:

Jewel's Comfort Keeper (\$50,000.00) supports formerly incarcerated individuals through leadership development, conflict resolution, and reentry support services. Funding will allow them to hire a consultant to assess staff competencies and deliver training in trauma-informed care, case management, and workforce development. They will conduct a study on best practices by reviewing 25 successful national reentry models, and partner with policy experts, academic institutions, and nonprofit leaders to strengthen future program design. The program will serve participants in district 2, 3, and 4.

Funding is budgeted in the CCPD Community Based Fund for the CCPD Emerging Partners Programs Department for the purpose of funding the CCPD Community Based FY25 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 FY25 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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