City of Fort Worth, Texas Mayor and Council Communication

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LOG NAME: 35FY25 CCPD COMIN UP GANG

SUBJECT

(CD 2, CD 5, CD 8 and CD 9) Authorize the Execution of a Contract with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Tarrant County, Inc. in the Amount Up to \$1,795,879.22 for the Continued Operation of the Comin' Up Gang Intervention Program for Fiscal Year 2025

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the execution of a contract with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Tarrant County, Inc. in an amount up to \$1,795,879.22 for the continued operation of the Comin' Up Gang Intervention Program for Fiscal Year 2025.

DISCUSSION:

The purpose of this Mayor and Council Communication is to authorize a contract with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Tarrant County, Inc. for the continued support and services of the Comin' Up Gang Intervention Program (Comin' Up). Comin' Up was established in 1994 in order to reduce gang-related violence by diverting gang members into programs and services to help youth avoid negative and destructive behaviors.

Comin' Up provides intervention services to gang-involved youth between the ages of 12 and 24. The Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Tarrant County, Inc. operates Comin' Up at seven sites, including Near Southside (Panther), Stop Six (Eastside), Poly (Martin), Northside, Diamond Hill, Near Southeast (Hillside), and Las Vegas Trail. These Comin' Up sites serve approximately 680 youth nightly Monday through Friday. Program staff provides information and referral services, works directly with gang leaders to assist with conflict resolution, and provides crisis intervention to diffuse potentially troubling or violent situations, which has helped staff successfully develop truces between rival gangs.

On August 20, 2024 the CCPD Board adopted the FY25 CCPD general budget, and authorized the transfer of funds to a life-to-date special project fund in the CCPD Community Based Fund (25100). At the time of this M&C the transfer of these funds is still in progress as the special project is being created. Funding will be budgeted in the CCPD Community Based Fund for the purpose of funding the CCPD Community Base Program FY25 project, as appropriated.

This agreement will be effective for one year beginning October 1, 2024, and will end on December 31, 2027, with no renewals.

This program serves COUNCIL DISTRICTS 2, 5, 8 and 9.

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that upon approval of the above recommendation and adoption of the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget by the City Council, funds will be available in the Fiscal Year 2025 budget, as appropriated, in the CCPD Community Based Fund for the purpose of funding the CCPD Community Base Program FY25 project. Prior to an expenditure being incurred, the Police Department has the responsibility to validate the availability of funds.

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