

# Mayor and Council Communication

**DATE:** 03/26/24

**M&C FILE NUMBER:** M&C 24-0253

**LOG NAME:** 35FY24 CCPD VIOLENT CRIME INITIATIVE INCREASE - UCC

## **SUBJECT**

(CD 8) Authorize Increase to the Agreement with United Community Centers, Inc. in the Amount of \$15,294.00 for the Expansion of Participant Services for the Safe Haven Youth Program at the Bethlehem Community Center Located at 970 East Humbolt Street as Part of the Crime Control Prevention District Violent Crime Initiative for Fiscal Year 2024

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## **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council authorize an increase in the amount to an agreement with United Community Centers, Inc. in the amount of \$15,294.00 for the expansion of participant services for the Safe Haven Youth Program at the Bethlehem Community Center located at 970 East Humbolt Street as part of the Crime Control Prevention District Violent Crime Initiative for Fiscal Year 2024.

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## **DISCUSSION:**

The purpose of the Mayor and Council Communication (M&C) is to authorize the increase of an agreement with United Community Centers, Inc. in the amount of \$15,294.00 for a total of \$168,232.36 for the operation of a Safe Haven Youth Program at the Bethlehem Community Center for Fiscal Year 2024.

On 10/5/2022 the Fort Worth Police Department met with Partners with a Shared Mission agencies and provided an outline of how Partner agencies could participate in a Violent Crime Initiative. As part of this initiative there was a 10% budget allocation appropriated in Fiscal Year 2023 to Crime Control and Prevention District (CCPD) Partners. To receive a one-time increase, programs must address either an increase in participant services in Police Reporting Areas (PRAs) or Gap Zip Codes, or add/enhance Violent Crime prevention programming. The goal of this effort is to identify opportunities to leverage partnerships and resources toward reducing violent crime, especially in identified hotspot areas and zip codes in Fort Worth. Agencies requesting this increase must ensure their program strategy to align with the Violent Crime Plan objectives.

On 9/12/2023 the City Council approved M&C 23-0732 to authorize execution of an agreement with United Community Centers in the amount of up to \$152,938.36 for the operation of the Safe Haven Youth Program at the Bethlehem. The current Youth Safe Haven program at United Community Center operates out of the Bethlehem Center and is a prevention program operated by the United Community Center. The program provides after school programming for at-risk children and youth. The program also seeks to address factors that lead to at-risk behavior at home and school. During the course of the year, a typical participant will spend more than 1,000 hours participating in cultural, sport, and educational activities. The participating children and youth primarily live in the 76104 zip code.

As part of the Violent Crime Initiative, the United Community Center Safe Haven Program will extend programming hours into the evenings and to one Saturday a month in order to serve an increase of 25% more participants.

This Agreement will be effective for one year beginning October 1, 2023, and end on September 30, 2024, with no renewals.

Funding is budgeted in the CCPD Community Based Fund for the CCPD Community Based Programs Department for the purpose of funding the CCPD Community Based Pgrm FY24 project.

This program serves COUNCIL DISTRICT 8.

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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 authorization of the increase. Prior to any expenditure being incurred, the Police Department has the responsibility to validate the availability of funds.

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