

Mayor and Council Communication

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M&C FILE NUMBER: M&C 24-0762

LOG NAME: 35FY25 ALLIANCE FOR CHILDREN

SUBJECT

(ALL) Authorize Execution of an Agreement with Alliance for Children, Inc. in the Amount Up to \$246,938.95 to Continue Operation of the Advocacy Center for Fiscal Year 2025

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the execution of an agreement with Alliance for Children, Inc. in the amount up to \$246,938.95 to assist with the funding of the Child Abuse Prevention Programs in the City of Fort Worth for Fiscal Year 2025.

DISCUSSION:

Alliance for Children, Inc. is a local children's advocacy center that seeks to protect the children of Tarrant County from abuse. Alliance for Children, Inc. provides coordination efforts to local agencies investigating child abuse in order to reduce the emotional trauma of child abuse victims and to improve the justice system's response to child abuse. Alliance for Children, Inc. unites efforts between public agencies to enlist community support, provide public education about child abuse, and recruit volunteers.

The Fiscal Year 2025 Budget will appropriate up to \$246,938.95 to reimburse Alliance for Children, Inc. for expenses. This includes a grant to cover the advocacy program operating expenses and the lease amount for the Marquita Drive facility that was previously approved in Mayor and Council Communication 24-0396. This contract is funded by the Crime Control and Prevention District Fund.

Funding will be allocated as follows:

1. Children's Advocacy Center in the amount of \$140,474.95;
2. Marquita Drive Lease in the amount of \$106,464.00.

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.

The term of the agreement will be three years, beginning on October 1, 2024 through December 31, 2027, with no renewals.

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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