

Mayor and Council Communication

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SUBJECT

(CD 8) Authorize the Execution of a Contract with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Tarrant County, Inc. in the Amount Up to \$353,067.25 for the Operation of a Safe Haven Youth Program at the Boys & Girls Club Martin Branch Located at 3123 Avenue G for Fiscal Year 2024

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 the amount up to \$353,067.25 for the operation of a Safe Haven Youth Program at the Boys & Girls Club Martin Branch, located at 3123 Avenue G for Fiscal Year 2024.

DISCUSSION:

Youth Safe Havens are places where children in targeted neighborhoods can play and learn with other children without fear of being victims of a crime. The original Safe Haven Program was operated in the southeast part of Fort Worth and was later expanded to other neighborhoods in Fort Worth. The Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Tarrant County, Inc. provides a Youth Safe Haven Program for youth living within a five mile radius of the Boys & Girls Club Martin Branch, located at 3123 Avenue G.

The program strives to offer character and leadership development, educational activities, cultural arts, health and life skills, and recreational opportunities. Program staff address any additional educational, social, psychological, and physical needs that the youth may have. Program staff provide the youth with the tools they need to become responsible adults. This Mayor and Council Communication will authorize the execution of a one-year agreement with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Tarrant County, Inc. in the amount up to \$353,067.25 for the operation of its Safe Haven Youth Program.

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

Funding will be budgeted in the Other Contractual Services account within the Crime Control and Prev Distr Operating Fund for Fiscal Year 2024.

This program serves COUNCIL DISTRICT 8.

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that upon approval of the above recommendation and adoption of the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget by the City Council, funds will be available in the Fiscal Year 2024 operating budget, as appropriated, in the Crime Control & Prev Distr. Prior to an expenditure being incurred, the Police Department has the responsibility to validate the availability of funds.

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