

# Mayor and Council Communication

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## SUBJECT

(ALL) Authorize Execution of a Contract with United Way of Tarrant County in the Amount of \$199,500.00 to Fund Various Organizations and Coordinate Area Agencies and Social Service Programs for the Benefit of the Entire Fort Worth Community for Fiscal Year 2023

## RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the execution of a contract with United Way of Tarrant County in the amount of \$199,500.00 to fund various organizations and coordinate area agencies and social service programs that meet the City's criteria for serving a public purpose to benefit the Fort Worth community for Fiscal Year 2023.

## DISCUSSION:

During the Fiscal Year 2023 budget process, the City Council approved financial support for the United Way of Tarrant County (United Way) in the amount of \$199,500.00, which is currently budgeted in Neighborhood Services department's General Fund Budget in order to fund various agencies and social service programs throughout the City. The City contracts with United Way to administer and distribute these funds to agencies that provide social service programs that meet the City's established criteria. The City will make a single payment in the amount of \$199,500.00, and the United Way will have discretion to select the particular agencies and funding amounts subject to the criteria listed below designed to ensure that the funds are used for a public benefit in the Fort Worth community. In exchange for the funds, United Way will choose agencies based on these criteria and deliver quarterly reports detailing how the funds were expended by United Way and the chosen agencies.

United Way shall apply the following criteria to ensure that the agencies chosen serve a public purpose through investing money, expertise, and other resources to improve lives and communities in benefit of the entire Fort Worth Community:

- Agencies must have a valid current designation of tax-exempt status under 26 USC 501 from the United States Internal Revenue Service.
- Agencies must have a mission statement and service plan that aligns with public safety.
- Agencies must not engage in inherently religious activities, such as worship, religious instruction, or proselytizing, as a part of the program or services funded by City dollars. Inherently religious activities must be offered separately, in time or location, from the programs, activities, or services supported by City funds.
- Agencies must submit documentation attesting to and demonstrating the entity's capacity to deliver specified services.
- Agencies must demonstrate to United Way via site visits that the nature and performance of the proposed service meets the above-listed criteria.

This is the City's thirteenth year to collaborate with United Way to disseminate funds and provide coordination with area agencies. The contract requires these funds to be used for programming within the City. This allows the City, through United Way, to continue to provide financial assistance to non-profit agencies who offer critical social services for the benefit of the entire Fort Worth community. United Way has over 87 years of experience investing money, expertise and other resources to improve lives and communities. These programs will provide the public with a clear benefit by providing mentorship and training to children to help ensure they remain in school and by ensuring the health, safety, and welfare of Fort Worth citizens, specifically those who are experiencing or survivors of traumatic events, such as domestic violence and sexual assault. Staff will ensure that proper controls are in place so that United Way carries out the beneficial public purposes stated above, including reporting requirements and auditing rights.

The following chart provides projections for services to be provided by 4 selected agencies:

AGENCY	AWARD	PROJECTIONS
Recovery Resource Council	\$37,500.00	600 teens with Ground Zero services, including support groups in alternative schools and prevention services in juvenile detention, teen court and other locations;  70% of students report a reduction Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs (ATOD) use and violence or improved decision making,

		perception of harm related substance use.
Safe Haven of Tarrant County	\$67,500.00	1,300 women and child victims of domestic violence; 10,000 calls on the 24 hour crisis hotline; 2,000 hours of volunteer service
Tarrant County Youth Recovery Campus	\$38,250.00	100 teen clients in supportive outpatient services
The Women's Center	\$56,250.00	2,000 rape crisis hotline calls; Counseling for 400 survivors of rape at rape exam sites; Counseling for 175 significant others at rape exam sites; Clinical counseling for 700; Child sexual abuse prevention training for 20,000 children; Adult sexual abuse prevention training for 1,500 persons; Training and technical assistance for 1,000 criminal justice professionals
	\$199,500.00	

A Form 1295 is not required because: This M&C does not request approval of a contract with a business entity.

**FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:**

The Director of Finance certifies that upon approval of the above recommendations, funds are available in the current operating budget, as appropriated, of the General Fund and that, prior to an expenditure being incurred, the Neighborhood Services Department has the responsibility to validate the availability of funds.

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