

Mayor and Council Communication

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LOG NAME: 35FY25 SAFE CITY COMMISSION ADVOCACY AND CALL CENTER

SUBJECT

(ALL) Authorize Execution of an Agreement with Safe City Commission in the Amount Up to \$408,092.55 to Continue Operation of the Crime Stoppers Program Call Center and the Community Advocacy Crime Prevention Programs for Fiscal Year 2025

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the execution of an agreement with Safe City Commission for a total amount up to \$408,092.55 to continue operation of the Community Advocacy Crime Prevention and Crime Stoppers Call Center Programs for Fiscal Year 2025.

DISCUSSION:

Safe City Commission (SCC) is a vital partner in the City of Fort Worth's crime prevention efforts. SCC seeks to help make Fort Worth the safest major city in the United States through its partnerships with the community, schools, and law enforcement. The Fort Worth Police Department actively supports the SCC Advocacy and Crime Stoppers Programs.

The Crime Stoppers Program, which was established in Tarrant County in 1982, creates a centralized location for anonymous callers to report information about criminal activity in Tarrant County. This information can be used by law enforcement authorities and school districts to prevent and combat crime. The Call Center operates between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday; 7:00 a.m. to midnight on Friday; and 8:00 a.m. to midnight Saturday and Sunday, 52 weeks per year. A voicemail system is in place to receive after-hour calls, which are checked the following morning.

SCC also operates the Community Advocacy Crime Prevention Program, which provides crime prevention, education, and community advocacy throughout Fort Worth. Through its initiatives, SCC promotes a culture of non-violence among Fort Worth's youth.

The Fiscal Year 2025 Budget will include the amount up to \$408,092.55 to reimburse SCC for partial operating costs for these programs from the Crime Control and Prevention District Fund.

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, and as follows:

- Community Advocacy Crime Prevention Program in the amount up to \$309,422.55; and
- Crime Stoppers Program in the amount up to \$98,670.00.

The Agreement will be effective for three years beginning October 1, 2024, and will end on 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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