

# Mayor and Council Communication

**DATE:** 09/12/23

**M&C FILE NUMBER:** M&C 23-0728

**LOG NAME:** 35FY24 ALLIANCE FOR CHILDREN

**SUBJECT**

(ALL) Authorize Execution of an Agreement with Alliance for Children, Inc. in the Amount Up to \$187,100.00 to Continue Operation of the Advocacy Center for Fiscal Year 2024

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the execution of an agreement with Alliance for Children, Inc. in the amount up to \$187,100.00 to assist with the funding of the Child Abuse Prevention Programs in the City of Fort Worth for Fiscal Year 2024.

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**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 2024 Budget will appropriate up to \$187,100.00 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 22-0277. 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 \$127,835.00;
2. Marquita Drive Lease in the amount of \$59,265.00.

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

The term of the agreement will be one year, beginning on October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024, with no renewals.

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**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 Fund. Prior to an expenditure being incurred, the Police Department has the responsibility to validate the availability of funds.

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