

Mayor and Council Communication

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LOG NAME: 35FY24 VIOLENCE INTERVENTION PREVENTION PROGRAM FORT WORTH

SUBJECT

(CD 3, CD 5, and CD 8) Authorize the Execution of a Contract with VIP FW (Violence Intervention and Prevention Fort Worth) in the Amount Up to \$540,782.00 for the Operation of the Violence Intervention Program for Fiscal Year 2024

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the execution of a contract with VIP FW (Violence Intervention and Prevention Fort Worth) for the Fiscal Year 2024 under the Crime Control and Prevention District Partners with a Shared Mission in an amount up to \$540,782.00 for the operation of the Violence Intervention Program.

DISCUSSION:

The purpose of this Mayor and Council Communication is to authorize a contract with VIP FW (Violence Intervention and Prevention Fort Worth) for the support and services of the Fort Worth Violence Intervention Program (Program) under the Partners with a Shared Mission.

The Program was established in 2020 to address increasing incidents of gun-related group violence and gang activity.

On August 4, 2020, Mayor and Council Communication (M&C) 20-0508 authorized the execution of a Grant Agreement for Comprehensive Anti-Gang Programs for Youth with the Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) for Fiscal Year 2020. Under the Grant Agreement VIP FW programming focused on youth gang involvement and youth gang violence, and implemented elements of the Advance Peace curriculum which is dedicated to ending cyclical and retaliatory gun violence in urban neighborhoods by investing in the development, health and wellbeing of those at the center of this crisis. VIP FW places participants in a high-touch, personalized mentorship in order to reduce the likelihood they will re-offend or participate in gang activities. VIP FW responds to gang-related incidents and performs outreach services for families and victims of violent crime in the Fort Worth community.

Under the Partners with a Shared Mission initiative, VIP FW will expand programming to young adults ages 18 – 29.

Funding for this program falls under the Partners with a Shared Mission portion of the Crime Control and Prevention District Budget. Funding is budgeted in the Other Contractual Services account of the Crime Control & Prevention District Fund for Fiscal Year 2024.

The Crime Control and Prevention District Fund Fiscal Year 2024 budget appropriates the amount up to \$540,782.00.

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

This program serves COUNCIL DISTRICTS 3, 5, and 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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