

Mayor and Council Communication

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LOG NAME: 35FY25 SAFE CITY COMMISSION SUPPORT SERVICES

SUBJECT

(ALL) Authorize Execution of Agreement with Safe City Commission in the Amount Up to \$394,680.00 to Operate One Safe Place as a Regional Family Justice Center in Tarrant County During Fiscal Year 2025

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the execution of an agreement with Safe City Commission in the amount up to \$394,680.00 to operate One Safe Place as a Regional Family Justice Center in Tarrant County during Fiscal Year 2025.

DISCUSSION:

One Safe Place, a Regional Family Justice Center, brings together a multi-agency task force dedicated to providing coordinated services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in Tarrant County. Victims of domestic violence receive coordinated medical, legal, and counseling services and have access to on-site professionals. The on-site professionals include child protective services, law enforcement personnel, prosecutors, and victim advocate specialists. The increased access to professional services at one centralized location encourages victims of domestic violence to report the abuse, provides victims with access to necessary services, and creates an opportunity to break the cycle of violence.

The City of Fort Worth worked closely with Safe City Commission (SCC) to develop the vision of One Safe Place. Under the terms of the agreement, SCC will be disbursed during Fiscal Year 2025 an amount up to \$394,680.00 to cover administration and facilities expenses as a support service provider under the terms of the Crime Control and Prevention District (CCPD) Financial Policy. SCC will provide this support to the Fort Worth Police Department and four third party CCPD mission eligible direct service providers.

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.

This agreement will be effective for three years beginning October 1, 2024, and will end on December 31, 2027, with no renewals.

One Safe Place provides services to ALL COUNCIL DISTRICTS.

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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