

Mayor and Council Communication

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LOG NAME: 35FY25 CCPD PROGRAM GRANTS Q3

SUBJECT

(ALL) Authorize Execution of Contracts with CLC Inc. (Community Learning Center), Literacy United, The Women's Center of Tarrant County, Unbound Now, Big Brothers Big Sisters Lone Star and Girls Inc. of Tarrant County from the Crime Control & Prevention District Community Based Programs Fund in the Total Program Amount of Up to \$2,137,221.34 to Operate Crime Prevention Programming that Benefits Fort Worth Residents

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the execution of contracts with CLC, Inc. (Community Learning Center), Literacy United, The Women's Center of Tarrant County, Unbound Now, Big Brothers Big Sisters Lone Star and Girls Inc. of Tarrant County from the Crime Control & Prevention District Community Based Programs Fund in the total program amount of up to \$2,137,221.34 to operate crime prevention programming that benefits Fort Worth residents.

DISCUSSION:

Crime Control and Prevention District (CCPD) Community Based Programs provide funding to agencies that are recommended by a selection panel and then approved by the CCPD Board of Directors (Board). This panel consisted of staff and community representatives who evaluated the proposals to ensure minimum qualifications were met and that the proposed projects met one or more of the goals of the Board.

On February 25, 2025, the Board reviewed and approved the recommendation to fund six crime prevention programs. The following programs' awards total up to \$2,137,221.34 and are funded by the CCPD Community Based Fund. The six programs will have a contract term of April 1, 2025 through June 30, 2028 with no renewals.

Funding will be allocated as follows to each agency in Fiscal Year 2025 on a reimbursement basis:

CLC Inc. (Community Learning Center) (\$300,000.00) will implement "Community-Based Youth At-Risk Program for Crime Prevention" (YARP). This program focuses on reducing risk factors and increasing protective factors for adjudicated youth and young adults (ages 16 to 24) through partnership with industry, businesses, government, schools and community organizations. Their goal is to provide educational, training, and employment services designed to improve jobs and careers. The program will serve participants in Council Districts 5, 8 and 11.

Literacy United (\$120,000.00) will implement program "The Bookworms Afterschool Reading Program" to provide reading intervention to children in grades PK - 2nd grade, in 4 FWISD schools with significantly high levels of poverty. Their objective is to empower youth academically and socially by providing a quality reading program to students in underserved communities as well as direct parent training for at-home follow up. Participants will be children living in poverty, children with learning disabilities and primarily underserved groups. The program will serve participants in Council Districts 9 and 11.

The Women's Center of Tarrant County (\$675,000.00) will implement their program "Rape Crisis Victim Services Continuum of Care Emergency Funding" which provides a comprehensive continuum of care targeting Fort Worth children and adults who are victims of sexual assault, sexual abuse, or violent crime and their family and significant others. The program will serve participants in All Council Districts.

Unbound Now (\$322,221.34) will implement their program "Underground Drop-in Center for Trafficked and Exploited Youth" which provides 24/7 trauma-informed, low-barrier services to youth aged 10-22 who have experienced or are at high risk of exploitation. Funding will expand staff, increasing outreach to law enforcement and referral sources, increasing capacity to serve more youth, reducing crime, and preventing further victimization. The program will serve participants in All Council Districts.

Girls Inc. of Tarrant County (\$420,000.00) will implement their program "Empowering Leaders: Safety and Crime Prevention Reduction for Fort Worth Girls." This program combines a mentoring, a pro-girl culture, and research based programs to address barriers like violence and poverty, support emotional regulation, decision-making, and career readiness. These efforts improve school engagement and reduce risky behavior. The program will serve participants in Council Districts 3, 5, 8 and 9.

Big Brothers Big Sisters Lone Star (300,000.00) will implement their program "B.SAFE (Big Brothers Big Sisters' Safety and Firearm Education)" which provides multiple facilitated activities throughout the year through the B. SAFE program. This program will create and support one-to-one mentoring relationships that address youth personal safety and well-being issues along with the prevention of gun violence. The program will serve participants in All Council Districts.

Funding is budgeted in the CCPD Community Based Fund for the CCPD Community Based Programs Department for the purpose of funding the CCPD Community Base Program FY25 project.

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that funds are available in the current capital budget, as previously appropriated, in the CCPD Community Based Fund for the CCPD Community Based Prgm FY24 and CCPD Community Based Prgm FY25 projects to support the approval of the above recommendation and execution of the contracts. Prior to any expenditure being incurred, the Police Department has the responsibility to validate the availability of funds.

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