

Mayor and Council Communication

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LOG NAME: 35SAFE CITY COMMISSION DIRECT PROVIDER PROGRAM FY21

SUBJECT

(ALL) Authorize Execution of an Agreement with Safe City Commission in the Amount of \$356,724.25 to Continue Operation of the Crime Stoppers Program Call Center and the Community Advocacy Crime Prevention Programs for Fiscal Year 2021

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the execution of an Agreement with Safe City Commission for a total amount of \$356,724.25 to continue operation of the Community Advocacy Crime Prevention and Crime Stoppers Call Center Programs for Fiscal Year 2021.

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 2021 Budget will include the amount of \$356,724.25 to reimburse SCC for partial operating costs for these programs from the Crime Control and Prevention District Fund.

Funding will be allocated as follows:

Community Advocacy Crime Prevention Program in the amount of \$270,474.25.

Crime Stoppers Program in the amount of \$86,250.00.

The Agreement will be effective October 1, 2020, and will end on September 30, 2021.

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that funds will be available contingent upon the approval of the Fiscal Year 2021 operating budgets of the General Fund and the Crime Control & Prevention District (Crime Control & Prev Distr) Fund. Funding is anticipated to be available shortly after October 1, 2020. Prior to any expenditure being incurred the Police Department has the responsibility to validate the availability of funds.

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