

Mayor and Council Communication

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LOG NAME: 0202ONESAFEPLACE2024 PARTNERSHIP FUNDS

SUBJECT

(CD 9) Authorize Agreement with Safe Cities Commission, d/b/a One Safe Place, in the Amount of \$250,000.00, and Authorize Community Partnerships Funds Contribution to the 2024 One Safe Place Funding Project in the Amount of \$250,000.00 as a One-Time Contribution to Support One Safe Place, Find that the Contribution Serves a Public Purpose and that Adequate Controls are in Place to Ensure the Public Purpose is Carried Out; Adopt Appropriation Ordinance and Amend the Fiscal Years 2024-2028 Capital Improvement Program

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Authorize the agreement with Safe Cities Commission, d/b/a One Safe Place, in the amount of \$250,000.00 as a One-Time contribution using Community Partnership Funding and matching the same amount from Tarrant County.
2. Find the contribution serves the public purpose of assisting victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in Tarrant County by providing coordinated medical, legal, and counseling services and access to on-site professionals including child protective services, law enforcement personnel, prosecutors, and victim advocate specialists. And find that adequate controls are in place to ensure the public purpose is carried out in the form of the funding agreement;
3. Adopt the attached appropriation ordinance adjusting estimated receipts and appropriations in the General Capital Projects Fund by increasing receipts and appropriations in the 2024 One Safe Place Funding project (City Project No. 105410) in the amount of \$250,000.00 and decreasing receipts and appropriations in the Future Community Partnerships programmable project (City Project No. P00047) by the same amount to fund a one-time capital contribution to support services that prevent crime and violence in Fort Worth's neighborhoods, schools, and homes; and
4. Amend the Fiscal years 2024-2028 Capital Improvement Program.

DISCUSSION:

The Safe City Commission (SCC) exists to provide a cooperative, collaborative, multi-disciplinary effort between various agencies in Tarrant County for the investigation, prosecution, protection, and treatment of domestic violence and sexual assault related to domestic violence victims and their children.

SCC operates One Safe Place (OSP), a Regional Family Justice Center, that 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 including child protective services, law enforcement personnel, prosecutors, and victim advocate specialists. The City of Fort Worth (City) worked closely with SCC to develop the vision of OSP.

During Fiscal Year 2023, One Safe Place approached the City and Tarrant County regarding funding support to allow One Safe Place to advance the retirement of their outstanding debt for previously constructed capital projects.

The Community Partnership Funding is intended to provide one-time funding and to match other non-city funding sources to meet capital needs in the community. These funds will match \$250,000.00 from Tarrant County and \$250,000.00 from the JP Morgan Leo Potishman Fund and the Meadows Foundation (\$250,000.00) One Safe Place will use the funds to retire their outstanding debt and position themselves for future capital campaigns.

OSP has already secured funding from Tarrant County (\$250,000.00) and the JP Morgan Leo Potishman Fund and the Meadows Foundation (\$250,000.00) for their efforts at crime prevention throughout the county.

The funding for this contribution is available in the Future Community Partnerships Programmable project within the General Capital Projects Fund.

The action in this M&C will amend the Fiscal Years 2024-2028 Capital Improvement Program as approved in connection with Ordinance 26453-09-2023, Section 7 Capital Improvements.

This property is located in Council District 9.

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that funds are currently available in the Future Community Partnerships project within the General Capital Projects Fund and upon approval of the above recommendations and adoption of the attached appropriation ordinance, funds will be available in the General Capital Projects Fund for the 2024 One Safe Place Funding project. Prior to an expenditure being incurred, the City Manager's Department has the responsibility of verifying the availability of funds.

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