

City of Fort Worth, Texas

Mayor and Council Communication

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LOG NAME: 36TCCD FD EMS INTERLOCAL

SUBJECT

(ALL) Authorize the Execution of Interlocal Agreement with the Tarrant County College District for an Enhanced Public Safety Training Partnership Permitting the Fire Department to Receive Reimbursement for Eligible Training Activities in the Amount Up to \$850,000.00, and Adopt Appropriation Ordinance

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Authorize the City Manager to execute an Interlocal Agreement between Tarrant County College District and the City of Fort Worth for Emergency Medical Service Training; and
2. Adopt the attached appropriation ordinance increasing estimated receipts and appropriations in the Grants Operating Other Fund in the amount up to \$850,000.00, for the purpose of Fire training expenditures and operating costs.

DISCUSSION:

This agreement permits the Tarrant County College District (TCCD) and Fort Worth Fire Department (FWFD) to utilize the TCCD Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Program and the City of Fort Worth’s Bob Bolen Public Safety Center (BBPSC) as dual agency facilities aimed at creating synergy and developing a Tarrant County enhanced Emergency Medical Service (EMS) training partnership. This agreement is to assist the City, acting by and through FWFD, in the development and implementation of a training program that provides FWFD employees with opportunities to pursue EMS training, higher education, certification classes, and receive college credit for instruction completed.

This also allows TCCD to remit to the City payment for FWFD costs related to EMS educational and instructional expenses from training FWFD staff, not to exceed \$150,000.00 per year. Without this program, these necessary costs would still be expended but the City would not receive compensation. Compensation will be calculated at 30% of the State’s reimbursement schedule for public community colleges and shall be paid out on a quarterly basis for the amount of contact hours for that quarter. This revenue will be used by FWFD to support and maintain EMS training functions at the BBPSC. An appropriation of \$850,000.00 will permit the receipt and expenditure of revenue for multiple years without requiring further Council action.

The FWFD will provide facility usage at the BBPSC and instructional staff. Instructional staff from the FWFD will meet the minimum qualification standards of TCCD, Texas Department of State Health Services, and, when applicable, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and the Southern Association of College and Schools for designation by TCCD as adjunct faculty.

The revenue collected from this partnership will be collected in the Grants Operating Other Fund. Since no City salaries will be charged against the amounts collected, indirect cost recovery does not apply.

This agreement will serve ALL COUNCIL DISTRICTS.

A Form 1295 is not required because: This contract will be with a governmental entity, state agency or public institution of higher education: Tarrant County College District

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that upon approval of the above recommendations and adoption of the attached appropriation ordinances, funds will be available, as appropriated, in the Grants Operating Other Fund. The Fire Department will be responsible for the collection and deposit of funds due to the City. Prior to an expenditure being incurred, the Fire Department has the responsibility to validate the availability of funds. This is a fee-for-service grant.

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