



City of Denton

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AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Community Services

CM/ DCM/ ACM: Christine Taylor, Assistant City Manager

DATE: September 30, 2025

SUBJECT

Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton authorizing the City Manager to execute a funding agreement between the City and United Way of Denton County, Inc. to provide General Fund Dollars for a coordinated system of homeless assistance programs in Denton, Texas; authorizing the expenditure of funds in an amount not to exceed \$80,000.00; and providing an effective date.

STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT

This action supports Key Focus Area: Foster Economic Opportunity and Affordability.

BACKGROUND

The United Way of Denton County (UWDC) provides backbone support to oversee the Homelessness Initiatives that City of Denton has prioritized to make homelessness rare, brief, and nonrecurring, as outlined below.

- **Collective Impact Backbone Support:** Served as backbone support for the Collective Impact project known as the Denton County Homelessness and Housing Leadership Team (DCHHLT) that provides project management and leadership through strategic planning and workgroups
- **Community Engagement & Resource Development:** Coordinate with City and community partners to secure funding and support by expanding the impact of the Barriers Fund and advocate for homelessness policies and funding to support the efforts of making homelessness rare, brief, and nonrecurring
- **Data Management & System Monitoring:** Management of shared database systems, coordination of uniform data capture, monitoring and visualization, and training and support to ensure intake and referral processes are consistent across all nonprofits serving Denton residents at risk of or experiencing homelessness.
- **Administrative & Staffing Support:** Administrative support to oversee all DCHHLT initiatives related to meetings, reports, and communications.

The City of Denton provides \$703,450 of General Fund dollars annually as part of the City's Program Services Budget, as outlined below, to strengthen the housing crisis response system and homelessness in Denton County.

Table 1: City of Denton Annual Homelessness Initiatives Funding Allocations

Program and Description	Recipient	Funding Amount
Emergency Shelter for the operation of a day shelter and emergency night shelter daily/nightly at the Denton Community Shelter.	Our Daily Bread	\$400,000
Funding to provide Street Outreach services to unhoused people through information and referrals, diversion, and connection to shelter and housing programs.	Giving Grace	\$125,450
Diversion for the Barriers Fund to divert households from homelessness, administered by the United Way of Denton County.	United Way of Denton County	\$80,000
Funding to provide backbone support to the Denton County Homelessness and Housing Leadership Team, a quasi-governmental, county-wide body that fosters an effective and coordinated system of homelessness prevention and intervention, resulting in homelessness that is rare, brief, and nonrecurring.	United Way of Denton County	\$80,000
Funding for database licenses for City of Denton nonprofits serving people experiencing or at risk of homelessness to ensure a coordinated system of homeless assistance programs.	United Way of Denton County	\$18,000

The FY 2025-2026 Service Agreement provides \$80,000 of General Fund grant dollars to support positions that provide backbone support for homelessness initiatives, as outline here. The responsibilities, outputs and outcomes, and duration of the agreement are outlined in the Ordinance and Agency Service Agreement (*Exhibit 2*).

EXHIBITS

Exhibit 1 - Agenda Information Sheet

Exhibit 2 - Ordinance & Agency Service Agreement

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Jesse Kent
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