



AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Community Services

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

DATE: May 10, 2024

SUBJECT

Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding the Street Outreach grant application for fiscal year 2024-2025.

STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT

This action supports the Key Focus Area: Strengthen Community and Quality of Life

BACKGROUND

The City has prioritized investment in the Housing Crisis Response System (HCRS) as a collaborative and coordinated system response to address homelessness in our community. The chart below includes a breakdown of Council Initiatives funding to address homelessness:

Program	FY23-24 Amount	FY23-24 Recipient	Description
*Street Outreach Grant	\$125,450	Giving Grace	Street Outreach provides services to unhoused people through information and referrals, using diversion problem-solving skills to resolve homelessness quickly when possible, and connecting to the Coordinated Entry assessment for placement in a supportive housing program when openings become available.
Denton County Housing and Homelessness Leadership Team Backbone Support	\$80,000	United Way of Denton County	Partial funding for two staff positions and admin that provide backbone support to the Denton County Housing and Homelessness Leadership Team: Chief Programs Officer and Homelessness Data Management Specialist
Denton County Barriers Fund	\$80,000	United Way of Denton County	The Denton County Homelessness Barriers Fund was created to help families overcome barriers to getting and staying housed. Funds may be requested by any agency providing homelessness prevention or intervention services to assist households with housing barrier costs no otherwise available through existing programs.
HMIS Licenses	\$18,000	United Way of Denton County	Funds Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Licenses for City of Denton nonprofits serving people experiencing or at-risk of homelessness in furtherance of the coordinated system of homeless assistance programs
Denton Community Shelter	\$400,000	Our Daily Bread	Funds support the operations and management of the low-barrier shelter on Loop 288.
Annual Total	\$703,450		

*Funding awarded annually through competitive application process.

Additional information regarding performance outcomes and the future of homelessness funding in the City of Denton was provided in an [Informal Staff Report on December 15, 2023 \(linked\)](#).

Street Outreach is a vital part of the continuum of services in the HCRS and in the City’s response to unsheltered homelessness. The annual \$125,450 Street Outreach grant funds support a multidisciplinary outreach team approach that works collaboratively with Denton Police Department’s Homeless Outreach Team and Community Services. The dedicated non-profit agency coordinates with DPD and Community

Services to connect people experiencing unsheltered homelessness to temporary shelter, behavioral health services, diversion assistance, and permanent housing.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff are seeking committee direction for the 2024-2025 Street Outreach grant application, outlined below.

1. Extend the term and service agreement of the Street Outreach grant to two years, pending council approval of annual budget.
2. Updating applicant eligibility criteria to include only agencies with current street outreach programs may apply.

ESTIMATED SCHEDULE OF PROJECT

2024-2025 Street Outreach Grant Program Application Timeline

PROPOSED ACTIVITY	DATE
CSAC Review SO Draft App and Recommendations	May 10, 2024
Application Release Date	June 1, 2024
Applications Close	June 30, 2024
CSAC Review/Recommend SO Applications	July 12, 2024
Legal/Non-profit Approval of Contract	August 9, 2024
City Council Approval of Contract	September 17, 2024
Start of 2024-2025 SO Grant Contract	October 1, 2024

EXHIBITS

1. Agenda Information Sheet
2. Draft Street Outreach Application
3. Presentation

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