



# City of Denton

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## AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

**DEPARTMENT:** Community Services

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

**DATE:** June 3, 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 Denton County Friends of the Family to provide Community Development Block Grant funds for pre-development costs for the construction of the Family Justice Center in Denton, Texas; authorizing the expenditure of funds in an amount not to exceed \$117,212.13; and providing an effective date.

### **STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT**

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

### **BACKGROUND**

On [June 28, 2022](#), City Council approved Ordinance 22-876 to provide Denton County Friends of the Family (DCFOF) with \$402,327 of Community Development Block Grant funds for pre-development costs of their Family Justice Center (the Center) in Denton, Texas. The Center will provide emergency shelter, transitional housing, and supportive services to assist those impacted by rape, sexual abuse, and domestic violence.

On [July 18, 2023](#), City Council approved Ordinance 23-1097 with the Denton County Friends of the Family (DCFOF) for a term extension ending January 31, 2025 to give DCFOF additional time to expend the pre-development costs.

On December 16, 2024, DCFOF communicated to staff that the Center was delayed due to administrative, funding, and staffing challenges during planning and submitted a request for a second amendment (Exhibit 3) for an additional term extension; however, the agreement was not eligible for a second amendment and it expired January 31, 2025. Of the \$402,327 originally allocated, \$117,212.13 remained to be spent.

To reallocate the remaining funds, staff were required to create a new agreement, including consideration by the Community Services Advisory Committee, a 15-day comment period, and an ordinance by the City Council authorizing the agreement.

On [February 21, 2025](#), the Community Services Advisory Committee directed staff to proceed with a second agreement with Denton County Friends of the Family. A public notice on the second agreement was in the Denton Record Chronicle on Wednesday, May 7, with a comment period from May 8 through 22. Email, social media and website communications were completed during the comment period to encourage public participation. One comment was received regarding DCFOF's operations and services in current facilities and was not specific to the pre-development activities for the new facility.

This second agreement will allow DCFOF to continue receiving reimbursement of pre-development costs for the Center. If funds are authorized, groundbreaking on the Center is anticipated July 2025, with an estimated completion in June 2026. Denton County awarded DCFOF \$8 million for the Center's construction and those funds must be spent by Nov. 2026 to meet the County requirements.

If a second agreement is not authorized, the balance of \$177,212.13 would be reallocated to another project as part of a substantial amendment to the 2021 Action Plan. DCFOF would need to determine other funding sources to cover the pre-development costs to continue the project and to meet the federal requirements for the original agreement. If the project is not carried out, DCFOF would be required to repay the pre-development expenditures paid up to contract expiration of \$285,114.87.

### **OPTIONS**

- Approve the Denton County Friends of the Family CDBG Agreement
- Do not approve the Denton County Friends of the Family CDBG Agreement.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

Approve the Denton County Friends of the Family CDBG Agreement.

### **EXHIBITS**

Exhibit 1 – Agenda Information Sheet

Exhibit 2 – DCFOF Justice Center Ordinance-Agreement

Exhibit 3 – DCFOF Request for Extension

Exhibit 4 – Ordinance 22-876 and 23-1097

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