



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 the Barriers Fund Program 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 serves as the fiscal administrator for the Barriers Fund, which diverts people from homelessness and promotes housing stability. Funds are distributed in collaboration with eligible nonprofits to support City of Denton residents in overcoming barriers to maintaining or obtaining safe, stable housing.

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 reduce 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
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The FY 2025-2026 Service Agreement with the United Way of Denton County provides \$80,000 of General Fund grant dollars for the Barriers Fund to assist City of Denton households to overcome barriers to obtain or maintain safe, stable housing. 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

Respectfully submitted:

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