



# City of Denton

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## AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

**DEPARTMENT:** City Manager's Office

**CM/ DCM/ ACM:** Todd Hileman, City Manager

**DATE:** July 25, 2017

### **SUBJECT**

Receive a report and hold a discussion regarding a progress report on homelessness initiatives from the United Way of Denton County and Denton County Homeless Leadership Team.

### **BACKGROUND**

The Mayor's Housing the Homeless Task Force issued a report in December 2015 to the Denton City Council with several recommendations focused on producing a plan for coordinated, community-wide efforts to address homelessness. Acting on the recommendation, the City of Denton and United Way of Denton County jointly launched a Collective Impact initiative in 2016. To structure and lead this initiative, the City of Denton and United Way of Denton County (UWDC) executed an MOU to hire a Homeless Coordinator, with the City funding \$40,000 per year and UWDC providing additional funds, as well as taking on the responsibility for hiring, training, supervising, and organizing the position under its successful collective impact initiative model.

The Denton County Homelessness Leadership Team (DCHLT) was launched in May 2016 with the UWDC serving as the backbone agency. UWDC will present to City Council at the work session on July 25 (**Exhibit 2**) to provide an overview of the DCHLT Strategic Plan 2017-2020 that was adopted in March 2017 (**Exhibit 3**), the recent progress made including implementation of a coordinated entry system, and next steps. More information on the DCHLT can be found online here: [www.unitedwaydenton.org/DCHLT](http://www.unitedwaydenton.org/DCHLT)

Police Chief Lee Howell and Fire Chief Robin Paulsgrove will also be present to address homelessness from a public safety perspective and answer any questions regarding their department's approach or experience in the community.

### **FISCAL INFORMATION**

#### **United Way of Denton County Requests**

The City Council agreed to fund the Homeless Coordinator position in the amount of \$40,000/year for a two-year agreement from October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2017. UWDC is requesting continued support and to extend the MOU for a two-year period:

- Homeless Coordinator (\$40,000/year); October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2019

UWDC has also included two new requests of support in their presentation:

- Coordinated Entry Specialist (\$40,000/year); October 1, 2017 – September 30, 2019
- Landlord Relationship Management Pilot (\$40,000/year); October 1, 2017 – September 30, 2019

## Social Services Funding History

As background, below is a summary of City Council funding for homeless initiatives paired with the new requests from UWDC:

From General Funds	FY15/16	FY16/17	FY17/18	FY18/19
<b>Current City Council Support</b>				
UWDC Homeless Coordinator	\$40,000	\$40,000		
Employ-to-Empower pilot program with Serve Denton <sup>(1)</sup>		\$21,000	\$21,000	
Emergency Funding for loss of FY2016/17 Emergency Solutions Federal Grant <sup>(2)</sup>		\$200,000		
<b>Requests for Consideration</b>				
UWDC Homeless Coordinator (continued)			\$40,000	\$40,000
UWDC Coordinated Entry Specialist (new)			\$40,000	\$40,000
UWDC Landlord Relationship Management Pilot (new)			\$40,000	\$40,000

(1) This pilot program was approved by the City Council through an MOU on June 20, 2017

(2) The total of \$200,000 was split between 3 non-profit agencies that were impacted as follows: Denton County Friends of the Family (\$60,556), Giving Hope (\$76,286), and Salvation Army of Denton (\$63,158)

Also, for reference only, **Exhibit 6** shows the Human Services Advisory Committee funding recommendations by social service organization for the 2017/18 fiscal year by funding source (CDBG or General Funds). The HSAC funding recommendations were presented to City Council on May 23, 2017 during the work session on the 2017 Action Plan for Housing and Community Development.

## **STRATEGIC PLAN RELATIONSHIP**

The City of Denton's Strategic Plan is an action-oriented road map that will help the City achieve its vision. The foundation for the plan is the five long-term Key Focus Areas (KFA): Organizational Excellence; Public Infrastructure; Economic Development; Safe, Livable, and Family-Friendly Community; and Sustainability and Environmental Stewardship. While individual items may support multiple KFAs, this specific City Council agenda item contributes most directly to the following KFA and goal:

**Related Key Focus Area: Safe, Liveable & Family-Friendly Community**

**Related Goal: 4.5 Provide support to citizens in need through social service agencies and programs**

## **EXHIBITS**

Exhibit 1 – Agenda Information Sheet (AIS)

Exhibit 2 – Presentation

Exhibit 3 – DCHLT Strategic Plan 2017-2020

Exhibit 4 – Coordinated Entry Ad

Exhibit 5 – UWDC New Requests for Support

Exhibit 6 – HSAC Funding History

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