



Legislation Text

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Agenda Information Sheet

DEPARTMENT: Police Department

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SUBJECT

Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton, Texas, authorizing an agreement between the City of Denton, Texas and the Children's Advocacy Center for Denton County, Incorporated for providing aid to the City of Denton Police Department; in the investigation of child abuse cases; providing client and clinical services to victims of child abuse and non-offending family members; providing for the expenditure of funds in the amount of \$102,862 therefor; and providing for an effective date.

BACKGROUND

investigation and prosecution of child abuse cases in Denton County. CACDC uses a team approach to consolidate law enforcement, Child Protective Services, prosecutors, therapists and volunteers in one location which helps to minimize the trauma experienced by victims of child abuse. CACDC also provides free counseling services to abused children and their family members. This collaborative approach has become the gold standard for investigating child abuse.

The CACDC does not bill law enforcement for its services, but rather makes an annual request that participating municipalities consider allocating their "fair share" of funding based on the percentage of CACDC services received. The fair share is calculated by multiplying the police department's percent of services received from CACDC by the expenses remaining after subtracting federal and state funding, and special event/fundraising expenses from total agency expenses for the previous fiscal year.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that Council approve the ordinance as written.

PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW (Council, Boards, Commissions)

On September 20, 2016, City Council formally approved an allocation of \$102,862 as part of the 2016-17 budget process.

FISCAL INFORMATION

Subject to this Agreement the funds were allocated as part of the Fiscal Year 2016-17 Budget process. The funds will continue to be administered by the Denton Police Department.

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

2016-17 CACDC Ordinance and Contract

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