

## **MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Mayor and City Council

From: Vicki Chiavetta, Deputy City Manager

**Date:** September 24, 2021

Reference: Consider approval of an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Carrollton,

Farmers Branch, Coppell, Addison and Dallas County, Texas, for a Mental Health and Justice Systems Assessment to study and provide recommendations regarding prevention-oriented mental health services and the reduction of emergency and first responder systems for mental health services, in the amount of \$25,000, funded by

ARPA funds, and authorizing the Mayor to sign any necessary documents.

## **Introduction:**

The Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute submitted a proposal to the four cities of Carrollton, Addison, Farmers Branch and Coppell, and Dallas County, Texas on behalf of the Dallas County Criminal District Attorney, to assess mental health and criminal justice/first responder systems' needs with a specific focus on homeless and transient populations that are served by Metrocrest Services.

The overall goal of this assessment is to provide data, information, and recommendations to support region-wide planning for prevention-oriented mental health services, and ultimately reduce the use of emergency and first responder systems to address mental health crises. A complete description of the assessment is provided in Exhibit A.

Carrollton, Addison, Farmers Branch and Coppell have agreed to fund the Phase II cost of this assessment in the amount of \$100,000 with each city to pay \$25,000. Dallas County will pay the Phase I cost of \$200,000. The Interlocal Cooperation Agreement establishes the terms and conditions of this project.

## **Legal Review:**

The City Attorney has reviewed the agreement.

**Fiscal Impact:** Addison, Carrollton, Coppell, and Farmers Branch each agree to pay an equivalent share of the cost of Phase II of the Services pursuant to the Consultant Agreement. The total cost of Phase II shall not exceed \$100,000.00. Coppell's share of the cost is \$25,000. This assessment will be funded by American Rescue Plan Act funds.

## **Recommendation:**

Staff recommends approval of the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement.