

TO: Public Health & Safety Committee
FROM: Brian Hurley, Fire Chief
DATE: November 12, 2024
SUBJECT: Interlocal Agreement with Olympia for FDCARES Program

1) Recommended Action:

Place the Interlocal Agreement with Olympia for FDCARES partnership on the November 19, 2024, City Council consent calendar with a recommendation to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign.

2) Background:

In 2024 the Olympia Fire Department stood up an “FDCARES” or Fire Department Community Assistance, Referral, and Education Services program. The CARES program manager and staff are referred potential clients by fire department responders. FD responders often contact individuals in the community who have needs beyond what 911 responders can provide. The CARES program provides a mechanism to screen individuals to identify specific needs and refer to appropriate community resources. The program also provides targeted community outreach for service delivery and education. This partnership will fund one half of a position in the OFD CARES program to assist potential clients in Tumwater as referred by TFD staff.

3) Policy Support:

Build a Community Recognized for Quality, Compassion, and Humanity

- Develop partnerships and support strategies with community human and social service organizations to improve service delivery to people in need, including senior citizens, low-income residents and others.

Provide and Sustain Quality Public Safety Services

- Ensure timely, efficient, and effective public safety response in our community
 - Explore and implement partnerships to improve efficiency of service delivery
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4) Alternatives:

- Do not recommend approval
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5) Fiscal Notes:

Contract amount is \$69,087 for 2025 with 4% adjustment in 2026.

6) Attachments:

A. Interlocal Agreement with the City of Olympia for FDCARES services