

# Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE April 14, 2025

Honorable Members of the Public Safety Committee  
TO Cara Mendelsohn (Chair), Kathy Stewart (Vice Chair), Tennell Atkins, Jesse Moreno,  
Gay Donnell Willis

SUBJECT **April 23, 2025, City Council DRAFT Agenda Item #6; 25-1146A Agreement with the University of Texas at San Antonio to provide consulting services and technical assistance for the Dallas Police Department**

The following agenda item is scheduled to go before Council on April 23, 2025.

## **DRAFT AGENDA ITEM #6; 25-1146A**

Authorize a three-year Interlocal Agreement with the University of Texas at San Antonio to provide consulting services and technical assistance for the Dallas Police Department violent crime reduction effort for the period March 15, 2025, through March 31, 2028 - Not to exceed \$337,305.00 - Financing: General Fund (subject to annual appropriations)

## **BACKGROUND**

Since February 2021, the Dallas Police Department (DPD) has been engaged in a city-wide violent crime reduction effort. Establishing the Dallas Crime Plan through collaboration with researchers from the University of Texas at San Antonio Department of Criminology & Criminal Justice (UTSA Research Team). The UTSA Research Team consists of experienced criminologists and policing scholars with knowledge and expertise in evidence-based crime control strategies, problem identification and measurement, data systems and analysis, and program evaluation methodologies.

This agreement will allow DPD to advance this initiative through the continued partnership with the UTSA Research Team to provide research assistance, strategic advice, and data analysis support to the DPD and City in the implementation and evaluation of the Dallas Crime Plan.

Additionally, the UTSA Research Team will assist DPD with analysis of geographic crime patterns and trends, evaluating crime reduction efforts through evidence-based research and establishing data-driven strategies to reduce violent crime.

UTSA researchers will provide support to DPD in the following areas:

- Preparation and review of reports, presentations, and/or data visualization.
- Participation in Public Safety Committee and City Council meetings.
- Guidance to DPD on modifications to crime reduction plans.

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DPD's continued collaboration with UTSA will support the development of strategic initiatives aimed at identifying, analyzing, and reducing violent crime in Dallas.

## FISCAL INFORMATION

Fund	FY 2025	FY 2026	Future Years
General Fund	\$64,113.00	\$111,368.08	\$161,823.92

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