

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE January 15, 2021

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **Caruth Foundation Partnership Update**

On Wednesday, January 13, 2021, City Council authorized an Interlocal Agreement between the University of North Texas at Dallas to provide strategic planning and technical assistance, training, policy development, and guidance for the implementation of Active Bystandership in Law Enforcement (ABLE) at the Dallas Police Department for the period of February 1, 2021 through December 31, 2024- not to exceed \$300,000.00.

During Wednesday's discussion, Councilman Tennell Atkins requested information regarding the University of North Texas at Dallas' partnership with the Caruth Foundation and its ability to financially support the ABLE program.

The Caruth Police Institute (CPI) was established in 2008 through a collaboration agreement that included the Communities Foundation of Texas (CFT - which manages the Caruth Foundation), the City of Dallas, The University of North Texas System and Dallas campus, and the University of Texas at Dallas. CFT continues to oversee an endowment established by the Caruth Foundation which provides ongoing support for the operations and staffing of CPI, including the contract between the UNT-Dallas Foundation and the Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute for the executive management of CPI.

The Caruth Foundation has not made any commitments to date to fund ABLE specifically for the DPD. Support from the Caruth Foundation has enabled CPI to develop the strategy and program capacity to offer ABLE to DPD and other police departments in the State of Texas.

To sustain ABLE training for the future, CPI will collaborate with DPD and public safety stakeholders in strategies to acquire grants to support ABLE. Together, we hope to continue ABLE training beyond the current contract.

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Jon Fortune
Assistant City Manager

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