

MEMORANDUM

TO: Claire Powell, City Manager

FROM: Chris McGinn, Director of Neighborhood and Inspection Services

VIA: Jim Proce, Assistant City Manager

DATE: June 5, 2023

SUBJECT: **Approval of a Resolution Authorizing Agreements Between the City of Lewisville and United Way of Denton County and Christian Community Action.**

BACKGROUND

On November 21, 2022 staff presented to the City Council on the status of our CDBG-CV funding and a need that was arising in our community, senior rental assistance. Staff provided options to fund a rental assistance program for Lewisville seniors. City Council provided direction to pursue creating a Senior Rental Assistance Program utilizing available general fund dollars (\$123,400).

ANALYSIS

City staff created the Lewisville Senior Rental Assistance Grant Program for nonprofits to apply and assist Lewisville senior residents. Christian Community Action (CCA) and United Way of Denton County have applied and agreed to work together to support this program. United Way will also provide a part time staff person to set up hours at the Lewisville Public Library to assist senior residents to apply and upload any necessary eligibility documentation. This staff person at the library will prevent barriers some senior residents may not have computer/internet access. CCA and United Way will both access funding set aside for the program until all funds have been exhausted.

This program is specifically for low-to-moderate income Lewisville seniors who have received an increase in their current apartment lease for the months remaining on that lease. Staff is working with Denton County Transportation Authority (DCTA) to provide GoZone day passes to provide to any senior in need of transportation to the library to meet with United Way staff to apply for assistance. The United Way staff person will also ensure that a Lewisville senior resident gets connected with the Housing Navigators if they see that the resident's currently living situation is not sustainable and may need to move to a more affordable unit.

CITY STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION

That the City Council approve the resolution as set forth in the caption above.