City of Phoenix

Report

Agenda Date: 6/14/2023, **Item No.** 61

Authorization to Enter Into an Intergovernmental Agreement with Arizona State University to Conduct a Study of Prosecutorial Diversion Programs (Ordinance S-49828)

Request to authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to enter an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Arizona State University (ASU) to conduct a study of the Prosecutor's Office Diversion Programs. Further request authorization for the City Controller to disburse all funds related to the IGA.

Summary

The City Prosecutor's Office seeks to pursue a study of the Prostitution and Prostitution Solicitation Diversion programs. The Diversion Unit of the Prosecutor's Office sought proposals from qualified institutions of higher education across the nation for a comprehensive study of all current Diversion programs. Based on responses, ASU's School of Criminology was selected as the consultant for the Diversion Programs Study project.

The results of the study will be used to identify best practices, identify necessary changes or improvements, and address the impact of the program on participants. It will further assist the City in the solicitation of private and non-profit partnerships to solicit for Request for Proposals and address the impact of the diversion programs.

Financial Impact

The total cost for all studies is $700,000. The funds will be used to pay the salary, expenses, and supplies for the ASU consultants. The upfront costs of $175,000 are designated for the Prostitution and Prostitution Solicitation programs for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24. The remaining $525,000 are to be allocated to the remaining five diversion programs that will be studied. These programs include Domestic Violence, Positive Alternatives (Anger Management), Underage Drinking, Shoplifting and Cognitive Skills over the course of the next six and a half years. Each study period is estimated to take approximately 18 months.

Funding for these services is available in the Law Department's General Fund budget. Contract payments may be made up to the contract limits for all rendered contract services, which may extend past the contract termination.

Responsible Department

This item is submitted by Assistant City Manager Lori Bays and the Law Department.