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AL COUNCILMAN
8TH DISTRICT
AUSTIN

Date: May 17, 2022

To: Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Councilmember Al Austin II, Eighth District

Subject: Funds Transfer Request to Support Care Closet LBC

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Recommendation to increase appropriations in the General Fund Group in the City Manager Department by \$5,000, offset by the Eighth Council District One-time District Priority Funds transferred from the Citywide Activities Department to provide a donation to Care Closet LBC to support their ongoing operations to assist and provide opportunities for people experiencing homelessness; and,

Decrease appropriations in the General Fund Group in the Citywide Activities Department by \$5,000 to offset a transfer to the City Manager Department.

BACKGROUND:

Care Closet LBC is a local grassroots organization that provides direct assistance to people experiencing homelessness. The core mission of Care Closet LBC is a steadfast commitment to meeting the needs of the unhoused community, focusing on serving people where they are by attending to both their immediate needs and helping facilitate their long-term goals. From delivering sleeping bags and new shoes to providing scholarships and employment opportunities, Care Closet is helping to address one of the most urgent crises in our community. The transfer of these One-time District Priority Funds will help to support their ongoing mission during this critical time of need.

This matter was reviewed by Budget Manager Grace H. Yoon on May 9, 2022.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This recommendation requests the City Manager to provide a contribution to Care Closet LBC to support their ongoing operations. The total appropriation increase of \$5,000 in the General Fund Group in the City Manager Department will be offset by a decrease of appropriation of the Eighth Council District One-time District Priority Funds in the General Fund Group in the Citywide Activities Department. The recommendation is anticipated to require a minimal level of staff hours beyond the normal budgeted scope of duties and is expected to have a minimal impact on existing City Council priorities.