



City Council Agenda Item Request

Date of Request: May 28, 2023 Requester: Council Member Benavente

Agenda Item Title: Phoenix Center Support for DV Victims

Estimated Cost: TBD Anticipated Funding Source: General Fund

City Department(s) Support Requested: City manager's office

Estimated Staff Time Required: 24 HRS

Anticipated Date for Future Council Work Session Discussion: June 5, 2023

Which City Council approved Goal(s) within the Strategic Plan does this request directly support?

- Goal I Safe and Secure Community
- Goal II Diverse and Viable Economy
- Goal IV Desirable Place to Live, Work and Recreate

What do you envision accomplishing with this agenda item request?

Providing the additional support requested by The Phoenix Center for: 1) financial assistance for paying for a 'victim advocate' to provide services to victims; 2) Emergency Shelter Vouchers for victims of domestic violence in Fayetteville.

Additional Comments:

2022 Annual FPD Report: Domestic Violence (DV) felony arrests up ~60%.
25% of 2022 homicides DV related
2023 1st Quarter FPD Report: DV felony arrests up ~18%
180 Referrals from FPD to Phoenix Center in just 24 Days (04/3/23-04/27/23)
516 Calls to Victims Referred by FPD to Phoenix Center in just 2.5 months (03/6/23-05/22/23)

Please Refer to Email from Phoenix Center Executive Director Deanne Gerdes for more detail about their history in our community and the beginning of increased responsibility since 02/2023 meeting with Chief Braden.