

**CITY OF GOODYEAR  
COUNCIL ACTION REPORT**

**SUBJECT: Southwest Family Advocacy  
Center Intergovernmental Agreement**

**STAFF PRESENTER:** Jerry Geier, Chief of  
Police

**CASE NUMBER:** None.

**OTHER PRESENTER:** None.

**PROPOSED ACTION:**

Approve the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) among the cities of Avondale, Buckeye, Goodyear, and Maricopa County, Arizona, acting by and through the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office (MCSO); and authorize the City Manager or designee to execute the IGA to provide integrated services to children and families at the Southwest Family Advocacy Center (the "Center").

**BACKGROUND AND PREVIOUS ACTIONS:**

On March 26, 2007, Council approved the initial IGA between Avondale, Buckeye, and Goodyear to provide services to families and children who were victims of domestic violence, child abuse, sexual assault and elder abuse. The three municipalities agreed to proportionately allocate the costs associated with the Center's operation and maintenance.

On August 27, 2012 Council approved the renewal of the IGA. The renewal IGA also added the MCSO as a party to the IGA. On July 13, 2015, Council approved the First Amendment to the IGA that allowed for law enforcement to continue providing services to victims at the Center and provided for minor changes to the original agreement. The amended IGA continued to allocate costs among the cities of Avondale, Buckeye, Goodyear, and MCSO (collectively, "Partnering Agencies").

The Partnering Agencies wish to renew the Agreement for an additional term through June 30, 2024.

**STAFF ANALYSIS:**

The Center is a multi-disciplinary facility. The Center opened in May of 2008 and has provided the community with a child and family focused, facility-based program in which representatives from many disciplines, including law enforcement, child protection, prosecution, mental health, and medical, work together to investigate, treat, manage and prosecute child abuse cases, sexual assault, domestic violence and elder abuse.

Continuing the IGA to provide these services is beneficial to the City as resources might not be otherwise available.

**FISCAL ANALYSIS:**

The new IGA does not change how costs are distributed between partner agencies. Under this IGA, the partner agencies will continue to share equally in the operational, maintenance and administrative costs of the Center. The costs of the Center are included in the Police Department's General Fund base budget.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

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**ATTACHMENTS:**

Intergovernmental Agreement