

**CITY OF TEMECULA  
AGENDA REPORT**

**TO:** City Manager/City Council

**FROM:** Erica Russo, Director of Community Services

**DATE:** February 14, 2023

**SUBJECT:** Approve License Agreement with SAFE Alternatives for Everyone, Inc. for Use of City Real Property

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**PREPARED BY:** Dawn Adamiak, Community Services Superintendent

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the City Council approve the license agreement between the City of Temecula and SAFE Alternatives for Everyone, Inc. (S.A.F.E.) for use of City Real Property.

**BACKGROUND:** The City of Temecula has been sponsoring S.A.F.E. for the past eighteen years to support the non-profit in providing social services to children, youth and families in our community who have experienced or are at risk of abuse and violence. S.A.F.E. serves thousands of clients each year through their programs listed below:

- Basic Needs Assistance - This service provision has proven to be a keystone in the agency's service delivery, because these basic needs address and alleviate immediate day to day family needs such as food, gasoline, emergency hotel stays and critical childcare/medication, etc. These expenses are imperative and critical to a family's stabilization and reduction of stress so that they can focus on programs that will enable their children, and ultimately the family, to be successful. S.A.F.E. has seen an increase in the need for these types of services along with assistance to make the next steps towards family safety. Financial assistance is also available via the Southwest Family Justice Center through their staff housed at that facility.
- Case Management – This is a core service of S.A.F.E. Family case management helps each family to identify unique struggles, problems or issues, including family strengths. The family and Family Care Coordinator together design a plan with goals and objectives for each individual family member to work on. Some case management services are intensive and require multiple meetings and services over several years to address family crisis, while others are less intensive requiring 3-6 months of services. Plans are designed to assist in remediating the issues and build upon the identified strengths of each family member with the ultimate goal of building family stability.

- Domestic Violence Services – S.A.F.E. provides domestic violence assistance out of the Family Justice Center (FJC). This is the primary location where victims of domestic violence are able to receive comprehensive crisis services from multiple agencies under one roof. S.A.F.E. has a designated staff person on site to assist clients with restraining orders, court accompaniment, case management, shelter referrals and placement. S.A.F.E.'s service provision also extends to offer a 10-week domestic violence education group for victims. Their goal is to assist victims in safely making decisions for themselves and their families, so that returning to the abuser is not a viable option. Services to victims of domestic violence are provided through community partners such as victim witness, law enforcement and other non-profits. Classes offered with this service include DV Classes and Self-Empowerment in Employment and Finances. Clients in these classes learn life skills to help them become more independent and cover such topics as financial safety planning, budgeting and resume writing.
- Emergency Assistance – Families and children escaping violent situations need emergency help with food, shelter, medication, gas and other things to get through on an emergency basis.
- Parent Project – Learning to make the right decisions is a natural part of growing up. Sometimes, older children in households are given increased responsibility to help parent and engage in decisions that are not often good. When a child chooses to engage in destructive behavior such as skipping or dropping out of school, drug or alcohol use, drinking and driving or gang involvement, the consequence may be addition, a ruined life or worse. This parenting program is designed for families with challenging pre-teens and teens that are actively engaging in “at risk” behaviors such as drug and alcohol use, school truancy and teen dating violence, to name a few. S.A.F.E. staff partners with the Riverside County Sheriff, to offer this program two times per year.
- Police Activities League (P.A.L.) – P.A.L. is a youth violence prevention and intervention program that provides educational and recreational activities for youth ages 5 to 17 accompanied by volunteer law enforcement officers. The program is offered in collaboration with the Murrieta and Temecula Police Departments. S.A.F.E. accepts sign-ups year-round for the Temecula/Murrieta Police Activities league. The annual fee for P.A.L. membership is \$30 which includes a P.A.L. t-shirt. Fees are negotiable and no one is turned away for inability to pay.
- Training and Workshops – S.A.F.E. provides community education, outreach, and training. One of the many trainings and workshops offered by S.A.F.E. is a 40-hour Domestic Violence Training class which is required by the State of California for individuals interested in working or volunteering at a Domestic Violence agency. Trainings are scheduled throughout the year.
- Resource and Referral – S.A.F.E. provides appropriate resources and referrals to all callers requesting services regardless of issues they are presenting. There are times when S.A.F.E. is not able to provide a direct service; however, their trained staff is able, through client assessment, to ascertain their needs and then direct them to resources

within our community. S.A.F.E. realizes that accessing services can be difficult and frustrating, and they offer options to clients that they may not have considered in maneuvering through the social services network of help.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** The costs of maintaining the facility are included in the Annual Operating Budget process.

**ATTACHMENTS:** Agreement