

Mayor and Council Communication

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SUBJECT

(ALL) Ratify Application for, and Authorize Acceptance of, if Awarded, the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act Program to Occur in Fiscal Years 2022 and 2023 in an Amount Up to \$125,000.00, Authorize Execution of Related Grant Agreement, and Adopt Attached Appropriation Ordinance

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Ratify application for, and acceptance of, if awarded, the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act grant in an amount up to \$125,000.00 for Fiscal Years 2022 and 2023;
 2. Authorize the execution of a grant agreement with the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services for Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act grant; and
 3. Adopt the attached appropriation ordinance increasing estimated receipts and appropriations in the Grants Operating Federal Fund subject to receipt of the grant in an amount up to \$125,000.00 for the purpose of enhancing the Peer Support and Critical Incident Stress Management Program within the Fort Worth Police Department.
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DISCUSSION:

The purpose of the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS), Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act (LEMHWA) program is to improve delivery of and access to mental health and wellness services for law enforcement officers through implementation of peer support, training, family resources, suicide prevention, and other promising practices for wellness programs. The COPS Office seeks to support projects that allow for the identification and expansion of promising practices that follow the principles of quality-driven, evidence-based, accessible, and memorable support services. Funding is limited to no more than \$125,000.00 for a 24-month grant period.

The Police Department has identified reimplementation, enhancement, and expansion of the Department's Peer Support Program as the focus for an LEMHWA grant program. The funds will be used for specialized training for Peer Support and Critical Incident Stress Management Team leaders and facilitators to acquire the necessary qualifications to provide immediate, incident-specific, supportive crisis intervention.

A Form 1295 is not required because: This contract will be with a governmental entity, state agency or public institution of higher education: U.S. Department of Justice

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that upon approval of the above recommendations and adoption of the attached appropriation ordinance, funds will be available in the current operating budget, as appropriated, in the Grants Operating Federal Fund. The Police Department (and Financial Management Services) will be responsible for the collection and deposit of funds due to the City. Prior to an expenditure being incurred, the Police Department has the responsibility to validate the availability of funds. This is a reimbursement grant.

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