

Mayor and Council Communication

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LOG NAME: 35MHOT FY 2020

SUBJECT

(ALL) Ratify the Application for, and Ratify the Acceptance of the Mental Health Officer Training (MHOT) FY 2020 Off-Cycle Grant from the Morris Foundation in the Amount of \$47,495.00, Ratify Execution of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), and Adopt Appropriation Ordinance

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Ratify the application for, and ratify the acceptance of the Mental Health Officer Training (MHOT) grant from the Morris Foundation in the amount of \$47,495.00;
 2. Ratify the execution of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Morris Foundation; and
 3. Adopt the attached Appropriation Ordinance increasing receipts and appropriations in the Grants Operating Other Fund in the amount of \$47,495.00.
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DISCUSSION:

The Fort Worth Police Department (FWPD) applied for program funding in the amount of \$47,495.00 in eligible donated grant expenses including but not limited to a 40-hour State Certification Program called the Mental Health Officer Training (MHOT) Program. MHOT is a comprehensive training course, designed to improve an officer's understanding of mental health diagnoses and identify opportunities for treatment and jail diversion. The course will be taught by a certified Mental Health Officer and a licensed social worker trained specifically in crisis intervention from My Health My Resources.

The primary goal of the MHOT is to decrease the use of force incidents in relation to mental health application for detentions. A second goal would be to reduce complaints associated with mental health calls. The MHOT program will teach Officers to de-escalate and take their time in finding a successful resolution which should mitigate complaints.

The FWPD created the Crisis Intervention Team in 2017 as an integrated community partnership with My Health My Resources of Tarrant County. This Team focuses on de-escalating persons in a mental health crisis to allow for psychiatric service, rather than incarceration. Funds will train approximately 1,207 eligible officers through the 40-hour State Certification Program called the Mental Health Officer Training and cover the cost of certification at \$35.00.

Matching funds are not required under the Program. Indirect Costs are not included in this grant. The funding type is a one-time paid in full check.

This Program will serve ALL COUNCIL DISTRICTS.

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, of the Grants Operating Other Fund. The Police Department will be responsible for the collection and deposit of funds due to the City. Prior to expenditures being incurred, the Police Department has the responsibility to validate the availability of funds. This is an advance funded grant.

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