



CITY COUNCIL MEETING

AGENDA SECTION	CONSENT
MEETING DATE	JANUARY 12, 2026

ITEM:	Renewal of Canvas Health Social Worker Contract.		
<i>Presenting Item: Aaron Chirpich – City Manager</i>			
DEPARTMENT: Police		BY/DATE: Deputy Chief Johnston / January 6, 2026	
CORE CITY STRATEGIES: <i>(please indicate areas that apply by adding an “X” in front of the selected text below)</i>			
_ Community that Grows with Purpose and Equity		x _ Engaged, Effective and Forward-Thinking	
_ High Quality Public Spaces		_ Resilient and Prosperous Economy	
x _ Safe, Accessible and Built for Everyone		x _ Inclusive and Connected Community	

BACKGROUND

The police department has been in partnership with Canvas Health since 2021 to embed two full-time mental health professionals in the police department that co-respond with officers to individuals in crisis and provide other support and resources to the community on an as-needed basis. This partnership has worked well for Columbia Heights police department and community.

SUMMARY OF CURRENT STATUS

In 2025, Canvas Health notified the police department of increased costs of the program in 20206 due to increased wage rates and other factors. This increase was in-line with market conditions and was budgeted for 2026. The new rate is \$137,000 per year and the contract will auto-renew unless terminated.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommend approving the new agreement terms and authorizing the City Manager and/or Police Chief to enter into agreement with Canvas Health.

RECOMMENDED MOTION(S):
MOTION: Move to authorize the City Manager and/or Police Chief to enter into an updated agreement with Canvas Health to provide two full-time mental health professionals to co-respond with police officers to individual in crisis calls for a cost of \$137,000 annually.

ATTACHMENT(S)

2026 Canvas Health Agreement