

RESOLUTION 2024-001
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS
SUPPORTING A GRANT APPLICATION FOR CO-RESPONDER/
COMMUNITY BASED ALTERNATIVE RESPONSE SUPPORT
FUNDING FOR FORT COLLINS POLICE SERVICES

A. Fort Collins Police Services (“FCPS”), in partnership with UC Health, is applying for a grant from the State of Colorado Department of Local Affairs (“DOLA”) Peace Officers Behavioral Health Support and Community Partnerships Grant Program (the “Program”) to provide additional funding to support the Fort Collins Police Services Mental Health Response Team (“MHRT”).

B. The MHRT was formed to provide community members with increased on-scene safety, to route them to the most appropriate level of care, avoid unnecessary referrals to hospital emergency rooms, reduce incarceration related to crimes that are secondary to mental illness, provide follow up care coordination, and create a culture of collaboration between police and UC Health mental health professionals that focuses on community needs.

C. The state law that created the Program encourages law enforcement agencies to apply for grants in collaboration with behavioral health providers. The City is an eligible applicant and is therefore pursuing funding opportunities that will support both Police Services and UC Health in furthering the goals of the MHRT.

D. As part of the Program grant application process, DOLA requires that the governing body of any entity applying for grant funds takes official action to approve and authorize the application.

E. The grant will provide funds to cover personnel and equipment costs of UC Health professionals who support MHRT, training, and community outreach to provide professional assessment and follow-up for community members suffering from behavioral health issues.

F. The grant money would allow FCPS to continue to provide professional, compassionate, and comprehensive services to community members through the collaboration of police and mental health professionals.

In light of the foregoing recitals, which the Council hereby makes and adopts as determinations and findings, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS that the City Council hereby supports, approves of, and authorizes submission of, the City’s application for a grant from DOLA to fund MHRT.

Passed and adopted on January 16, 2024.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Effective Date: January 16, 2024
Approving Attorney: Dawn Downs