



REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

AGENDA DATE: February 24, 2025

AGENDA ITEM: Consider entering a Memorandum of Understanding with First Call for Help of Itasca County

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BACKGROUND:

Grand Rapids Police Department has always closely relied on First Call for Help (FCFH) of Itasca County. First Call for Help is a non-profit organization who provides Crisis Suicide Line Services, Mobile Crisis Response Services and Information and Referral Services to greater Itasca County.

Approximately two months ago FCFH approached Grand Rapids Police Department Leadership in search of an alternative, temporary site if their current site were to be compromised due to an unforeseen weather / environmental emergency. FCFH detailed specific needs and desires to ensure their public crisis services would not be interrupted during a temporary relocation.

A site visit of Yanmar Community Conference Room was scheduled and attended by FCFH, GRPD, Civic Center and Information Technology Leadership. The conference room was found to satisfy all the needs of FCFH in an emergency. Attending City leadership agreed that simple and quick accommodations could be made to ensure the space was appropriate.

The following MOU was created and reviewed by previously identified City Leaders, City Administrator and City Attorney.

REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION:

Make a motion to enter Memorandum of Understanding with First Call for Help of Itasca County.