

To: **Madison Heights Mayor and City Council**

From: **Melissa R. Marsh, City Manager**

Subject: **2027 Mental Health Co-Response Team Interlocal Agreement**

Date: **October 13, 2026**

The City of Madison Heights has participated in the Mental Health Co-Response Team program for the past two years in partnership with the Oakland Community Health Network and the cities of Ferndale, Royal Oak, and Hazel Park. The proposed interlocal agreement continues this partnership for a third year, from October 1, 2026, through September 30, 2027.

The program provides mental health clinicians who work collaboratively with law enforcement to respond to behavioral health crises, conduct assessments, provide referrals, and connect individuals with appropriate community resources. This approach helps address mental health and substance use concerns while supporting more effective responses to individuals in crisis.

For the upcoming year, Oakland County Commissioners are providing \$60,000 in grant funding toward the program. The grant and participating communities' costs are prorated based on utilization. Madison Heights accounts for approximately 26% of program utilization, resulting in a proposed City share of \$52,601.19 after the County grant is applied. The City budgeted approximately \$65,600 for this service, so the proposed agreement is within the budgeted amount.

I recommend approval of the 2027 Mental Health Co-Response Team Interlocal Agreement. The Police Chief and I believe continued participation provides a valuable resource for our Police Department and the residents we serve by improving access to mental health support and helping officers respond appropriately to behavioral health crises. Funding is budgeted and available.