

## CITY OF SHEBOYGAN

### REQUEST FOR FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION

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**ITEM DESCRIPTION:** Resolution 77-22-23, authorizing the creation of a Crisis Co-Responder Pilot Program with Sheboygan County and authorizing the expenditure of funds to support the program.

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**REPORT PREPARED BY:** Christopher Domagalski, Chief of Police

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**REPORT DATE:** October 5, 2022

**MEETING DATE:** October 10, 2022

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**FISCAL SUMMARY:**

Budget Line Item:	N/A	Wisconsin	N/A
Budget Summary:	N/A	Statutes:	
Budgeted Expenditure:	202000-580100	Municipal Code:	N/A
Budgeted Revenue:	N/A		

**STATUTORY REFERENCE:**

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**BACKGROUND / ANALYSIS:**

Over the past 5 years the Sheboygan Police Department has experienced a consistent increase in calls for service related to mental health problems and substance abuse. The pandemic has added to this problem with the numbers of youth and adults reporting symptoms of anxiety or depressive disorder, suicidal ideation, substance use and drug overdose deaths continuing to rise. Additionally, barriers to accessing care continue to add to the problem.

The Sheboygan Police Department has advocated for a partnership with Sheboygan County to develop a Co-Responder program that would embed a crisis worker within the dispatch center to screen calls and Social Workers within the Police Department to respond together to calls to provide a higher level of trauma informed and Behavioral Health expertise to our emergency services.

**STAFF COMMENTS:**

The Sheboygan Police Department strongly supports the creation of a Crisis Co-Responder Pilot Program and believe that it will have a positive impact on the community.

**ACTION REQUESTED:**

Motion to recommend to Council to Approve the Resolution No. 77-22-23.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- I. Res. No. 77-22-23