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Res. No. 77 - 22 - 23. By Alderpersons Mitchell and Filicky-Peneski.
October 3, 2022.

A RESOLUTION authorizing the creation of a Crisis Co-Response Pilot Program in conjunction with Sheboygan County and authorizing the expenditure of certain funds to support the Program.

WHEREAS, mental health, substance abuse, crisis response, and barriers to accessing care continue to be of significant concern in our community and nation; and

WHEREAS, the numbers of youth and adults reporting symptoms of anxiety or depressive disorder, suicidal ideation and rates, substance use, and drug overdose deaths have all been on the rise since the start of the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, communities of color, adults with job loss or lower incomes, essential workers, and women with children seem to be especially affected by these concerns; and

WHEREAS, twenty-three individuals representing sixteen Behavioral Health related organizations in Sheboygan County analyzed the major gaps identified by recent community assessments and recommended four services for ARPA funding to improve the behavioral health of our community; and

WHEREAS, the highest priority ranking among those four services was given to a Crisis Co-Response Pilot program involving the Sheboygan Police Department to be used to enhance trauma informed and Behavioral Health expertise of emergency services via embedding County Crisis staff within Dispatch and City of Sheboygan Police vehicles; and

WHEREAS, said program would involve expansion by the Sheboygan County Health and Human Services Department to expand an existing mobile crisis contract with Vista Care to include an additional 8.22 FTEs of crisis staff which would be used to provide 16 hours per day coverage of co-response in the community as well as 16 hours per day coverage of phone response within the dispatch center; and

WHEREAS, this new program would include the provision by the Sheboygan Police Department of office space and fingerprint-based background investigations and clearances so that crisis workers can have full access to the police facility; and

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WHEREAS, Behavioral Health Crisis Services are listed as an enumerated eligible use of funding that is responding to public health and negative economic impacts of the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Sheboygan County, via its Resolution 01 (2022/23) authorized the expenditure of a portion of Sheboygan County's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Program (SLFRF) funds on a Crisis Co-Response Pilot program with the Sheboygan Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Sheboygan County has committed a total of \$539,494 of SLFRF funds (\$140,268 in 2022, \$194,218 in 2023, and \$205,008 in 2024) to said program; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sheboygan has available to it certain ARPA funds that it is authorized and desires to employ to assist in the funding of the Crisis Co-Response Pilot program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That it is in the best interest of the City to fund the Crisis Co-Response Pilot program with ARPA funds it has at its disposal.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the officers and employees of the City of Sheboygan shall take all action necessary as reasonably required to carry out, give effect to, and consummate the creation and funding of the Crisis Co-Response Pilot program in conjunction with Sheboygan County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That nothing contained in this Resolution or any other instrument shall be construed with respect to the City as incurring a pecuniary liability or charge upon the general credit of the City or against its taxing power, nor shall the breach of any agreement related to the Crisis Co-Response Pilot program authorized by this Resolution or any other instrument or document executed in connection with the program impose any pecuniary liability upon the City or any charge upon its general credit or against its taxing power.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That, subject to the appropriation of funds, the appropriate City officials are authorized to draw funds in the total amount of \$539,494 (including \$144,640 in 2023, \$192,402 in 2024, and \$202,452 in 2025) from Account No. 202000-580100 (Federal Grants Fund - Contributions/Grants) for the purpose of funding the Crisis Co-Response Pilot Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Finance Director is directed to take all actions needed, including the drafting of any needed budget transfer resolutions and inclusion of necessary appropriations in future budget resolutions, so as to provide the opportunity for the Common Council to appropriate the necessary funds in each year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That this Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its approval and adoption.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution was duly passed by the Common Council of the City of Sheboygan, Wisconsin, on the _____ day of _____, 20____.

Dated _____ 20____. _____, City Clerk

Approved _____ 20____. _____, Mayor