

Memorandum

REPORT TO: City Commission

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SUBJECT: Ratify the City Manager's Approval for the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) Public Safety and Mental Health Initiative Grant Application

MEETING DATE: May 5, 2026

AGENDA ITEM TYPE: Grant

RECOMMENDATION: Ratify the City Manager's Approval for the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) Public Safety and Mental Health Initiative Grant Application

STRATEGIC PLAN: 1.3 Public Agencies Collaboration: Foster successful collaboration with other public agencies and build on these successes.

BACKGROUND: The three major facets of a mental health crisis response system are someone to call, someone to respond, and somewhere to go. Our community has made significant progress toward the first two components through the 988 crisis line, the Help Center, and mobile crisis response services. A major goal remaining is to implement somewhere to go. Behavioral Health System for Future Generations funding was received to pay off the debt on the former Warming Center to be available for crisis receiving and/or stabilization services. The BJA grant would provide the financial resources necessary to operate the unit for 3 years while the State continues to work towards a sustainable funding model. This would provide a much sought-after drop-off location for law enforcement who encounter people in a mental health crisis as well as access to follow-up treatment and housing resources to help maintain stability. The grant requires an escalating match (20% years 1 and 2, 40% year 3). For years 1 and 2, the City's investments in transitional housing with the Human Resource Development Council IX (HRDC) and Family Promise are adequate. For year 3, additional match will be provided with in-kind services by HRDC.

UNRESOLVED ISSUES: None.

ALTERNATIVES: As suggested by Commission.

FISCAL EFFECTS: Total project cost is expected to be \$4,166,666 in the General Fund. Total grant expenditures are expected to be \$3,000,000 and total match

expenditures are expected to be \$1,166,666.

Attachments:

[Public Safety and Mental Health App combined.pdf](#)

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