



Agenda Report

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, May 9, 2023

TO: City Council

FROM: POLICE CHIEF ZAMORA

THROUGH: CITY MANAGER MENDEZ

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AN ADDITIONAL \$75,000 IN BHJIS GRANT FUNDS AND APPROVING FIRST AMENDMENTS TO CONTRACTS WITH PVPSA AND CAB FOR THE MULTI-DISCIPLINARY CRITICAL INCIDENT RESPONSE TEAM

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

- 1) Adopt a Resolution accepting and appropriating an additional \$75,000 from the Behavioral Health Justice Intervention Services Grant to support collaborative planning, capacity building, strategic program development and implementation of the Trauma Informed Multi-Disciplinary Critical Incident Response Team (MDT) and extending the term of the grant to December 31, 2023.
- 2) Adopt a Resolution approving a First Amendment to Contract with Pajaro Valley Prevention and Student Assistance Program (PVPSA) to support collaborative planning, capacity building, strategic program development and implementation of the Trauma Informed Multi-Disciplinary Critical Incident Response Team (MDT) to extend the term of the contract through December 31, 2023; increase the contract amount to \$223,327; and appropriating \$63,000 from the Behavioral Health Justice Intervention Services Grant.
- 3) Adopt a Resolution approving a First Amendment to Contract with Community Action Board of Santa Cruz County, Inc. (CAB) to support collaborative planning, capacity building, strategic program development and implementation of the Trauma Informed Multi-Disciplinary Critical Incident Response Team (MDT) to extend the term of the contract through December 31, 2023; increase the contract amount to \$162,000; and appropriating \$12,000 from the Behavioral Health Justice Intervention Services Grant.

BACKGROUND:

On April 12, 2022, the City Council adopted the following:

- Resolution No. 69-22 accepting the \$481,327 Behavioral Health Justice Intervention Services (BHJIS) Project Grant from the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) for the period of February 15, 2022 through February 14, 2023 to support the implementation of the MDT.

- Resolution No. 71-22, approving a contract between the City of Watsonville and Pajaro Valley Prevention and Student Assistance Program, Inc., a corporation, in the amount of \$160,327 to support the implementation of the MDT.
- Resolution No. 70-22, approving a contract between the City of Watsonville and Community Action Board of Santa Cruz County, Inc. a corporation, in the amount of \$150,000 for the implementation of the MDT.

DISCUSSION:

Since the implementation of the Trauma Informed Multi-Disciplinary Critical Incident Response Team (MDT), the MDT has been able to address critical intervention points through which individuals with mental and substance use disorders can be diverted from criminal justice involvement. The City and the community partners recognize that the response to these traumatic incidents requires a holistic approach that can be only be accomplished through collaboration. The purpose of the MDT is to assess and address trauma and provide linkages to services as needed to those individuals impacted.

PVPSA and CAB continue to provide direct services to individuals who have been impacted by substance abuse and/or a mental health crisis, the co-response team aims to improve community safety and wellness. The proposed amendments include the following contract changes:

- Extends the existing contracts through December 31, 2023.
- Increases the contract amount for PVPSA by \$63,000.
- Increases the contract amount for CAB by \$12,000.

Some of the MDT goals include the following: access to care, with services at the right time, in the right environment, diverted away from the criminal justice system; engagement in whole systems capacity building; and, implementation of the Trauma Informed Multi-Disciplinary Critical Team (MDT).

STRATEGIC PLAN:

The recommended actions support the Council's priorities and objectives of:

5-Community Engagement & Well-Being

6-Public Safety

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The BHJIS Grant does not require local match funds and has no financial impact to the general fund. The increase in the first amendment to both contracts in the amount of \$75,000 will be appropriated from the increase in BHJIS grant funds: 260-336-7361-10069.

ALTERNATIVE ACTION:

No reasonable alternatives are known at this time.

ATTACHMENTS AND/OR REFERENCES (If any):

None.