

RESOLUTION NO. 06-24

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE APPLICATION FOR THE FY 2023-2024 PEACE OFFICERS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SUPPORT AND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP GRANT (POMH) FROM THE COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL AFFAIRS (DOLA)

Recitals:

On April 4, 2017, Governor Hickenlooper signed HB 17-1215 into law. That bill which concerned mental health support for peace officers was amended by HB 21-1030, which is codified a C.R.S. 24-32-3501. That statute authorizes *The Peace Officers Behavioral Health Support and Community Partnerships* grant program within the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) for law enforcement agencies, peace officer organizations, public safety agencies for certain purposes such co-responder community responses; community-based alternative responses; counseling services for peace officers and their immediate family members; assistance for development and implementation of policies to support peace officers who are involved in shootings or fatal use of force; training and education programs that teach peace officers and their immediate family members the symptoms of job-related mental trauma and how to prevent and treat such trauma; and, peer support programs for peace officers.

Behavioral health or community-based social services providers are eligible to apply in partnerships with law enforcement or public safety agencies for co-responder community responses, and community-based alternative responses. The Grand Junction Police Department (GJPD) would like to be able to offer every authorized peace officer the opportunity to meet with a mental health professional, to receive trauma counseling when necessary, and for Peer Support members to receive additional training.

For the 2023-2024 cycle, the Colorado Department of Local Affairs has total funding of \$1.8 million available. The GJPD plans to apply for grant funds which will allow for mental health support and counseling services for our peace officers. GJPD will be requesting \$45,650 in grant funding to cover the costs for three local licensed professional counselors who have backgrounds working with first responders. The grant will cover the costs for clinicians to spend 90 minutes per week in the Police Department building for drop-in's, six trainings per year with the Peer Support Team which provides additional mental health support to officers, attending briefings and ride-alongs, and other functions as needed to establish connections with GJPD employees. Funding will also support annual wellness checks with mental health professionals and additional training opportunities for Peer Support members.

The City Council has considered, and for the reasons stated herein, authorizes an application by the City for the 2024 Peace Officers Behavioral Health Support and Community Partnership Grant. The grant will provide financial assistance to the GJPD to provide mental health support to officers and training to the Department's Peer Support Team collectively the Project.

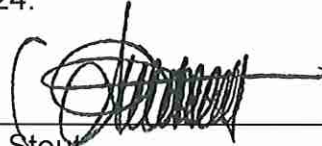
With approval of this Resolution the City will apply for the 2023-2024 cycle to help fund the Project. A grant application cannot be submitted unless approved by the City Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION THAT:

1. The foregoing Recitals are incorporated and in consideration of the same the Grand Junction City Council by and with the adoption of the Resolution strongly expresses its support for an application to DOLA to obtain funds needed to complete the Project and authorizes and directs the City Manager to work to finalize and timely submit such grant application.
2. If the Grant is awarded, the City Council strongly supports the completion of the Project and authorizes the City Manager to sign a grant agreement in a form acceptable to the City, as grantee of the DOLA POMH Grant.

This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and adoption.

Passed and adopted this 17TH day of January 2024.



Anna M. Stout
Grand Junction City Council President

ATTEST:



Amy Phillips
City Clerk

