

RESOLUTION NO. 65-26

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE APPLICATION FOR THE FY 2026-2027 PEACE OFFICERS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SUPPORT AND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP GRANT (POMH) FROM THE COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL AFFAIRS (DOLA)

Recitals:

The Colorado General Assembly created the Peace Officers Behavioral Health Support and Community Partnerships grant program within the Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) to provide grants to law enforcement agencies and other eligible entities for purposes including counseling services for peace officers and their immediate family members, training and education programs concerning job-related mental trauma, and peer support programs for peace officers. C.R.S. § 24-32-3501.

City Council has considered and for the reasons stated, authorizes an application for the FY 2026-2027 Peace Officers Behavioral Health Support and Community Partnership Grant, also referred to as the Peace Officers Mental Health Support (POMH) Grant, which will provide financial assistance to the Grand Junction Police Department (GJPD) to provide mental health support to officers and training to the Peer Support Team (the "Project").

GJPD has previously received funding under this program and seeks to apply for the FY 2026-2027 cycle. Applications cannot be submitted unless approved by the City Council.

GJPD is requesting \$48,005 in grant funding to support the mental health and well-being of officers by providing access to three local licensed professional counselors with experience working with first responders. The counselors will offer monthly office hours, conduct annual wellness checks, and respond to critical incidents, offering structured debriefings for officers exposed to traumatic situations. Funding will also support an annual subscription to an on-demand behavioral health resource for first responders, six behavioral health training sessions per year conducted by local clinicians for the GJPD Peer Support Team, and attendance at the IACP Officer Safety and Wellness Symposium.

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

- 1: The City Council of the City of Grand Junction strongly supports the application to DOLA to obtain funds needed to complete the Project. The City Manager is authorized and directed to work to finalize and timely submit such FY 2026-2027 DOLA POMH grant application.
- 2: If the grant is awarded, the City Council of the City of Grand Junction strongly supports the completion of the Project and authorizes the City Manager to

sign an appropriate grant agreement on behalf of the City as grantee of the
FY 2026-2027 DOLA POMH grant.

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

Passed and adopted this 5th day of August, 2026.



Laurel Lutz
President of the City Council

ATTEST:



Selestina Sandoval
City Clerk

