



Legislation Text

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Fiscal Note

The 2021 Adopted Operating Budget established a pilot Crisis Response Team program in the Fire Department-Fire Operations budget which will include some combination of Madison Fire Department (MFD) Community Paramedics and contracted mental health providers.

Dane County will provide two Crisis Workers and a Supervisor to work with MFD's Crisis Response Team through a contract with Journey Mental Health Center, Inc. (Journey). This resolution authorizes a five-year agreement with Dane County for the reimbursement of a portion of the salaries of these positions. The reimbursement will not to exceed \$191,500 per year. The 2021 Adopted Operating Budget includes \$600,000 for the Crisis Response Team pilot. Future payments to Dane County for the positions will be subject to appropriations in those years.

A resolution authorizing a memorandum of understanding (MOU) between MFD and Journey establishing the operational and staffing protocols for the Crisis Workers and Supervisor (Legistar #64579) is in process.

Title

Authorizing a five-year agreement with Dane County for the reimbursement of costs and placement of staff for the Crisis Response Team.

Body

WHEREAS, Chapter 51, Wisconsin Statutes, requires the County to provide services and staff for individuals who experience a mental health crisis; and,

WHEREAS, Chapter DHS 34, Wisconsin Administrative Code, sets the standard for operation of emergency mental health services programs by counties; and

WHEREAS, the City supports efforts to divert individuals with mental illness from the criminal justice system and recognizes the importance of a coordinated mental health response from experts in the field as essential to diverting individuals with mental illness from the criminal justice system and connecting them to needed mental health treatment resources; and,

WHEREAS, the County may subcontract with mental health providers to provide staffing; and,

WHEREAS, the costs of the positions including benefits and insurance shall be borne by the County; and,

WHEREAS, the City will reimburse the County for allowable costs not to exceed \$191,500 per year; and,

WHEREAS, the term of the agreement is five years and may be renewed for additional five-year periods upon written consent of the City and County; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Clerk are authorized to sign the agreement with Dane County for the placement of staff for the Crisis Response Team.