



CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

FROM: The Office of the City Manager **DATE:** June 13, 2022

SUBJECT: Consider Resolution No. 2022-025, authorizing submission of the grant application and acceptance of allocated funds if awarded for the FY2022 Implementing Crisis Intervention Teams - Community Policing Development grant for a Mental Health Coordinator position.

PRESENTER: Jimmy Perdue, Director of Public Safety

SUMMARY:

The Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) has announced the FY2022 Implementing Crisis Intervention Teams - Community Policing Development grant (CIT), which provides funding to law enforcement agencies to support the implementation of crisis intervention teams. The Police Department will use the grant funds for the addition of a civilian Mental Health Coordinator position.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Law enforcement has made significant improvements in its responses to people experiencing mental health crises through the development of various models of crisis intervention team (CIT) training, crisis triage centers, co-response teams, and embedded mental health and behavioral services. The evolution of these approaches has improved the safety of law enforcement and people in crisis. It has also resulted in the deflection of individuals with mental health needs away from the criminal justice system and toward the services and care they need.

The Police Department is seeking authorization to apply for and utilize grant funds offered through the FY2022 COPS-CIT application for the addition of a civilian Mental Health Coordinator position as part of a new Crisis Intervention Team. By approaching the mental health crisis from a team mindset, we should be able to both deliver better service to those that need it and bring together all of the services we provide to those in our community, including ourselves, who need assistance beyond traditional forms of guidance.

The FY2022 COPS-CIT award is two years (24 months) in duration for a maximum of \$350,000 per award. There is no local match. If approved, this position would be available October 1, 2022.

RECOMMENDATION:

Consider Resolution No. 2022-025.