

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-020

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH RICHLAND HILLS, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF THE APPLICATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF ALLOCATED FUNDS IF AWARDED FOR THE FY24 COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING SERVICES LAW ENFORCEMENT MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS ACT.

WHEREAS, The City of North Richland Hills, Texas possesses legal authority to apply for and to make appointments for the conduct of business relative to the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Law Enforcement Mental Health Wellness Act (LEMHWA) which provides funding to governmental agencies to improve the delivery of and access to mental health and wellness services for law enforcement through the implementation of peer support, training, family resources, suicide prevention, and other promising practices for wellness programs; and

WHEREAS, The City Council of North Richland Hills finds it is in the best interest of the citizens of North Richland Hills to request the funds available under this program to enhance the existing peer support program led by the Mental Health Sergeant and Mental Health Coordinator that focuses on the mental health and wellness of police employees. Prioritizing the mental health and wellbeing of law enforcement professionals equips them with the resiliency necessary to face daily traumas and stressors, while continuing to provide quality service to our citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH RICHLAND HILLS, TEXAS, THAT:

SECTION 1. The City Council of the City of North Richland Hills hereby finds that the recitals set forth above are true and correct and are incorporated into this Resolution as if written herein.

SECTION 2. The City Council of the City of North Richland Hills hereby authorizes and approves the submission of the Application for Federal Assistance (SF-424) and acceptance if awarded for the FY24 COPS-LEMHWA Peer Support Implementation Program.

SECTION 3. The City Council of the City of North Richland Hills designates Chief of Police Mike Young as the grantee's authorized official. The authorized official is given the power to apply for, accept, reject, alter or terminate the funding request on behalf of the applicant agency.

SECTION 4. The City Council of the City of North Richland Hills agrees that the loss or misuse of COPS funds or failure to comply with all COPS award requirements may result in suspension or termination of award funds, the repayment of award funds, and/or other remedies available by law.

SECTION 5. This Resolution shall take effect and be in full force and effect from and after the date of its adoption, and it is so resolved; and all Resolutions of the City Council of the City in conflict herewith are hereby amended or repealed to the extent of such conflict.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this 22nd day of April, 2024.

CITY OF NORTH RICHLAND HILLS

By: _____
Oscar Trevino, Mayor

ATTEST:

Alicia Richardson
City Secretary/Chief Governance Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

Cara Leahy White, Interim City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

Mike Young, Chief of Police