Budget & Finance Division 749 W. State Street Milwaukee. WI 53233

MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Grant Award Summary

COUNCIL FILE NO: XXXXXX

2022 Collaborative Crisis Response and Intervention Training Program Grant

Grant Type: New Grant

Grantor: US Department of Justice Office of Justice Programs Bureau of Justice Assistance

Grant Period: October 1, 2022 - September 30, 2025

Award Amount: \$250,000 (\$250,000 from Grantor, \$0 from City)

Match Required: None

Allocation Purpose: The grant will fund development of an advanced crisis intervention team (ACIT) program to train and implement teams of police offices located within each police district to better identify and respond to behavioral health calls for service.

Program Goal: The goal of the 2022 Collaborative Crisis Response and Intervention Training Program grant is to train and equip 100 police officers to respond to the unique demands of behavioral health calls for service. As a result of the grant, each police district will have a team of ACIT trained officers to respond to behavioral health calls. This team will supplement MPD's Crisis Assessment Response Team (CART) to connect individuals in crisis with appropriate behavioral health services and community resources to achieve more meaningful and empowered individual outcomes and a safer community for all.

Data: Over the past 5 years, MPD has experienced a 52% increase in behavioral health calls from 482 in 2017 to 928 in 2021. This represents calls dispatched directly to CART, which on average responds to 9.4% of the total behavioral health calls annually. CART does not have the capacity to respond to all behavioral health calls. The remaining calls are dispatched for police district response and responded to by non-CART police officers. Additionally, total calls undercount the full extent of behavioral health calls based on how calls for service are categorized. An accurate measure of behavioral health calls is unknown, but it is estimated between 14,000-30,000 calls annually. This demonstrates a gap in service. Even with CART dedicated to behavioral health calls, MPD does not have enough trained officers to respond to the unique demands of behavioral health calls. This grant will address the gap by expanding the team of ready and ably trained officers to respond to behavioral health calls for service and work collaboratively with CART.