



City of Cleveland Memorandum

Justin M. Bibb, Mayor

TO: Michael D. Polensek, Chair
Safety Committee

FROM: Karrie D. Howard, Director
Department of Public Safety

DATE: January 19, 2022

SUBJECT: Ordinance No. 1141-2021 Authorizing the Director of Public Safety to apply for and accept a grant from the United States Department of Justice, COPS Office, for the FY 21 COPS Community Policing Development Crisis Intervention Teams Grant; and authorizing the Director to enter into one or more contracts with the Cuyahoga County Alcohol Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board

If passed by Council, Ordinance No. 1141-2021 would authorize the Director of Public Safety to apply for and accept a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice COPS Office for the FY21 COPS Community Policing Development Crisis Intervention Teams Grant. This legislation will provide funding for Cleveland's Police and Mental Health Co-Responder Team, and authorizes one or more contracts with the Cuyahoga County Alcohol Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board needed to implement the grant.

Purpose of Grant:

The purpose of this project is to expand Cleveland's Police and Mental Health Co-Responder Team to embed mental and behavioral health services with law enforcement to better respond to individuals in crisis in the community.

Our current Co-Responder teams pair a crisis worker with two police officers to respond to incidents where someone may be having a mental health crisis. After the scene is determined to be secure by first responders, the Co-Responder Team arrives to assess the person who may need attention, or talk to their family members if they have left the scene. They can have the person transported directly to a mental health facility or provide them with resources that may help them. They also do follow-up calls when the incidents occur while they are not on duty.

We will use this funding to add two Co-Responder Teams to our program. The funding will pay for two additional crisis workers. Cleveland Police will assign four additional officers to the program.

The new teams will be rovers that will ensure city-wide coverage and provide special attention to locations that need additional resources. We currently have one team assigned to each of the city's five Neighborhood Police Districts. Although this provides coverage for the entire city, there are breaks in coverage when teams have regular days off, when their shift ends, or when the needs are more than the current teams can handle.

The rover teams will support the districts when their assigned team is not on duty. Additionally, when hot spots arise, the rover teams can provide additional coverage. They can also be assigned to concentrate on particular locations that regularly require assistance, such as the airport.

Expenses to be reimbursed:

Contracts:	\$244,050 (Contract with ADAMHS for Crisis Workers)
Equipment:	\$ 5,000 (Computers)
Supplies:	<u>\$ 950</u> (Office Supplies)
Total:	<u>\$250,000</u>

Grant Information:

- Grant Period is 10/01/21 thru 9/30/23
- There is no local match
- This a new grant