

City of Cleveland Memorandum Frank G. Jackson, Mayor

TO: Matthew Zone, Chair

Safety Committee

FROM: Michael McGrath, Director

Department of Public Safety

DATE: October 23, 2019

SUBJECT: Ordinance No. 1240-2019 Authorizing the Director of Public Safety to Apply

for and Accept a grant from U.S. Department of Justice for the FY19 Law Enforcement Mental Health Awareness program and to enter into one or

more contracts to implement the grant

Ordinance No. 1240-2019 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 FY19 Law Enforcement Mental Health Awareness (LEMHA) Grant. If approved by Council, the legislation will provide funding for a county-wide police peer mentoring program for the Division of Police. The legislation authorizes one or more contracts with Dr. Konstantinos Papazoglou and various subject matter experts for the implementation of the grant.

Purpose of Grant:

The goal of the LEMHA Grant is to provide funding to improve the awareness of mental health issues related to law enforcement. This program will allow for the creation of a county-wide peer mentoring program for police officers. Officers from participating law enforcement agencies in the county can volunteer to be trained as a peer mentor and provide support and referrals to other officers throughout the county. This will allow police officers to discuss sensitive issues with an officer who is not a member of their own police agency, thus providing more anonymity. Funds will support a researcher who will help evaluate the program and The Cleveland Police Employee Assistance Unit and Cuyahoga County Alcohol Drug Addiction Mental Health Services (ADAMHS) Board will be running the program.

Expenses to be reimbursed:

Personnel: \$12,626 (overtime to backfill officers who are in training) **Equipment:** \$8,000 (Laptop computers for program coordinators) **Supplies:** \$10,186 (Office supplies and items for internal promotion)

Travel: \$ 4,812 (Conferences for program coordinators) **Contracts:** \$14,400 (Subject Matter Experts for training)

Contracts: \$14,437 (Reimbursement for other agencies' overtime training expenses)

Contracts: \$25,939 (Researcher to evaluate program)

Contracts: \$9,600 (Cell phone monthly fees)

Total: \$100,000



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Grant Information:

- Grant Period is 10/01/19 thru 9/30/21
- There is no local match
- This a new grant