



Staff Report

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TO: Mayor and City Council
THROUGH: Keith Stahley, City Manager
FROM: Trevor Womack, Chief of Police
SUBJECT:

City of Salem Intergovernmental Agreement with Marion County for Mobile Crisis Response Team Service

Ward(s): All Wards

Councilor(s): All Councilors

Neighborhood(s): All Neighborhoods

Result Area(s): Safe and Healthy Community; Welcoming and Livable Community.

SUMMARY:

The City has contracted with Marion County for nearly a decade to bring mobile crisis response services within the City of Salem and Marion County. An Intergovernmental Agreement to continue the services is presented for consideration.

ISSUE:

Shall City Council authorize the City Manager to execute the attached Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Marion County, and any amendments to the IGA, in order to provide Mobile Crisis Response Team services during FY24 and FY25.

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager to execute the attached IGA (Attachment 1) with Marion County, and any amendments to the IGA, in order to provide Mobile Crisis Response Team services during FY24 and FY25.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The IGA requires the Salem Police Department to assign a minimum of two sworn police officers to the Marion County Mobile Crisis Response Team.

2. The IGA requires Marion County to pay the City of Salem up to \$299,491.00 for FY24, for salary, benefits, equipment, training, and operational costs.
3. The IGA requires Marion County to pay the City of Salem up to \$299,491.00 for FY25, for salary, benefits, equipment, training, and operational costs.
4. The City is required to comply with applicable HIPAA requirements.
5. The term of the IGA runs through June 30, 2025 and may be extended for an additional year upon mutual agreement of the parties.
6. The IGA may be terminated upon mutual consent of the parties or by the County if funding from federal, state or other sources is not obtained or insufficient.
7. The IGA allows for amendments by mutual consent of the parties. The City Manager may execute amendments to the IGA if the following requirements are met: 1) The amendments do not substantially expand the City's obligations; 2) The amendments do not broaden the scope of the agreement to the subjects other than Mobile Crisis Response Team services; 3) The amendments do not increase the City's financial obligations; and 4) The amendments may extend the term or renew the IGA so long as any other changes to the IGA do not substantially expand the City's obligations.

BACKGROUND:

The Mobile Crisis Response Teams (a team comprises a law enforcement officer partnered with a qualified mental health professional) primarily respond to calls that have a mental health or behavioral health crisis component in order to de-escalate and introduce clinical services at the time of the crisis. In addition to responses for Salem Police, the teams aid other agencies throughout Marion County in similar calls for service.

These teams provide after-hours support and sometimes follow-up to individuals who have had recent interactions with law enforcement. The teams also make referrals to community partners based on the needs of the person. Currently, two Salem Police officers are assigned to the unit. The City has contracted with Marion County for more than eight years to bring mobile crisis response services to the City of Salem and Marion County. This is a proven program that statically has improved efficiencies in patrol response to these types of events. This program is also supported by the Marion County Board of Commissioners and is recognized as a best practice by the Oregon Health Authority.

Performance of the City's obligations under this IGA are not anticipated to have a budget impact as the revenue and the cost of the officer are included in the adopted budget. Due to Oregon Health Authority regulations, funding for these positions may cease prior to the completion of the contract. The cessation of funding would not be due to actions of either party.

Trevor Womack
Chief of Police

Attachments:

1. Mobile Crisis Response Service IGA between Marion County and the City of Salem_HE-5485-23.pdf