

CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION



MEETING DATE: January 23, 2024

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TYPE OF ITEM: Consent

PRESENTED BY:

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SUBJECT/AGENDA TITLE:

A Resolution Of The Longmont City Council Approving The Amendment To The Intergovernmental Agreement Between The City Of Longmont And The Boulder County Board Of Commissioners For A Harm Reduction Outreach Specialist For The LEAD Program

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The City of Longmont provides case management services through the Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) Program. A Harm Reduction Outreach Specialist has been added to our program to expand our capabilities in Public Safety Response to include more robust harm reduction intervention and comprehensive services to our unhoused community members. The use of these funds will continue allow the foundation of services we built within the last calendar year to evolve into 2024, becoming more refined and evidence-based, and continuing to support programmatic growth. The expanded Harm Reduction Outreach services and interventions include but are not limited to:

- Connecting community members (particularly unhoused community members) to community-based resources available.
- Assist current LDPS Case Management Services staff with facilitating referrals to community-based programming where appropriate.
- Provide basic survival and hygiene supplies to unhoused community members.
- Assist program participants with skill-building, informed decision making, distress tolerance skills necessary for accessing care, community building, and a sense of belonging.
- Share information about access points to care, assist in removing community members from stressful environments and grow our non-emergency response to other City departments.

COUNCIL OPTIONS:

1. Approve the Agreement as presented
2. Request additional information or clarification of the Agreement before approval
3. Deny the approval of the Agreement

RECOMMENDED OPTIONS:

Approve the Agreement as presented

**FISCAL IMPACT & FUND SOURCE FOR RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

The fiscal impact will be for Boulder County to provide a new cache of \$19,683 to combine with \$55,317 of rollover funds from 2023, to create a full allocation of \$75,000 from the Opioid Abatement Fund for the support of our Harm Reduction Outreach program. This will have no impact on the City's General Fund or Public Safety Fund.

BACKGROUND AND ISSUE ANALYSIS:**ATTACHMENTS:**

Att 1 - 2023 executed resolution
Att 2 - 2024 Use of Funds document