

**OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF**



**MILWAUKEE COUNTY**

**SHERIFF EARNELL R. LUCAS**

File No: 22-488

**DATE:** April 4, 2022

**TO:** Supervisor Marcelia Nicholson, Chairwoman, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Denita Ball, Chief Deputy, Office of the Sheriff, Milwaukee County

**SUBJECT:** From the Chief Deputy, Office of the Sheriff seeking authorization to apply for and accept Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act (LEMHWA) program Grant funding.

**REQUEST**

Milwaukee County Office of the Sheriff requests permission to apply and accept, if awarded, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS), FY 2022 Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act (LEMHWA) program funding in an estimated amount of \$175,000 for a period of twenty-four months beginning September 1, 2022.

**BACKGROUND**

This program is authorized under the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, as amended, and the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994, Title I, Part Q, Public law 103-322, 34 U.S.C § 10381 et. seq.

All awards are subject to the availability of appropriated funds and any modifications or additional requirements that may be imposed by the law.

**PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act (LEMHWA) program funds are used to improve the delivery of and access to mental health and wellness services for law

enforcement officers through the implementation of peer support, training, family resources, suicide prevention, and other promising practices for wellness program.

The primary goal is to support new or enhanced programs that will that offer training and services on officer emotional and mental health, peer mentoring, suicide prevention, stress reduction, and police officer family services in state, local tribal, or territorial law enforcement agencies.

The COPS office is committed to advancing work that promotes civil rights and racial equity, increases access to justice, supports crime victims and individuals impacted by the justice system, strengthens community safety, and protects the public from crime and evolving threats, and build trust between law enforcement and the community.

### **FISCAL NOTE**

The Chief Deputy of the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office respectfully submits this action item to apply and accept, if awarded the LEMHWA program grant funding in the estimated amount of \$175,000 for a period of 24 months. If the grant is awarded an appropriation transfer will be submitted in 2022 for \$29,167. \$87,500 and \$58,333 will be included in the 2023 and 2024 budget requests respectively.

*Denita Ball*

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Denita R. Ball, Chief Deputy

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