

**OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF****MILWAUKEE COUNTY****SHERIFF DENITA R. BALL****File # 24-258****DATE:** February 8, 2024**TO:** Marcia Nicholson, Milwaukee County Board Chairwoman**FROM:** Daniel R. Hughes, Chief Deputy, Office of the Sheriff

**SUBJECT:** From the Chief Deputy, Milwaukee County Office of the Sheriff (MCSO), seeking authorization to retroactively accept FY 2023 Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act (LEMHWA) Implementation Projects award 5JCOPS-23-GG-01804-LEMH funding in the amount of \$200,000 for a period of twenty-four (24) months starting October 1, 2023 .

**FILE TYPE:** Action Report**REQUEST**

Authorization to retroactively accept FY 2023 Law enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act (LEMHWA) Implementation Projects 5JCOPS-23-GG-01804-LEMH award in the amount of \$200,000 for the period beginning from October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023, to September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

**POLICY**

Wisconsin statute 56.06 (2) requires County Board approval for Departmental requests to apply [for] or accept federal or state grants and/or federal or state funds shall contain an explanation as to the grant or funding requirements that the county must comply with, including post-completion responsibilities, any deed restrictions regarding the sale or purchase of land, or project grant policies and restrictions contained in the agreement to be entered into by the county as a condition of acceptance.

**BACKGROUND**

The Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS OFFICE) has awarded Milwaukee County Office of the Sheriff (MCSO) funding in the amount of \$200,000 towards Law enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act program (LEMHWA). The grant period is for two years. The Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office proposes a two-fold approach to assist first responders in receiving supportive services. First, the Sheriff's Office plans to purchase Cordico's customized wellness application and to contract with a mental health clinician to work directly with police, corrections officers, and dispatchers. MCSO will purchase CordicoSheild Law Enforcement Wellness App (CSLEWA), \$76,500 (2 years @ \$38,250/year) and to

contract with a Mental Health Clinician (First Responder Specific) \$123,500 (2 years @ \$61,750/year).

MCSO will contract with Lexipol for their Cordico law enforcement wellness solution which enables agencies to provide customized, confidential, mobile wellness resources.

The contract with a mental health clinician who could offer more immediate and specialized mental health services to supplement the County's EAP program.

Failure to comply with one or more award requirements may result in remedial action including, but not limited to, withholding award funds, disallowing costs, suspending, or terminating the award, or other legal action as appropriate.

**ALIGNMENT TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

The request is to use grants funds towards law enforcement mental health and wellness projects which aligns with the county's strategic plan to ensure that we can continue in determining what, where, and how we deliver services to advance health equity.

**FISCAL EFFECT**

The requested actions will have the net effect of increasing revenue and expenditure. \$100,000 is not included in the 2024 adopted budget and an appropriate fund transfer will be requested, and \$100,000 will be included in the 2025 requested budget. No additional local funding will be required.

**VIRTUAL/HYBRID MEETING INVITES**

Daniel R. Hughes, Chief Deputy  
Patricia A. Carravetta, Fiscal Administrator  
Michael Krznarich, Captain

**PREPARED BY:**

Renny More, Public Safety Fiscal Analyst

**APPROVED BY:**

Brian Barkow, Acting Chief Deputy

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Resolution, Fiscal note

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Brian Barkow, Acting Chief Deputy

cc: Kelly Bablitch, Chief of Staff, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

Janelle M. Jensen, Legislative Services Division Manager, Office of the County Clerk