RE: AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDING FOR YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) is continuing grant funding that La Crosse County has received annually since 2014 related to youth mental health crisis services, referred to by the State as the Crisis Intervention Services to Youth (CCISY) funding; and,

WHEREAS, these funds continue to be needed as recent years have only amplified the concern across Wisconsin for youth mental health due to factors such as pandemic-related social isolation, detrimental impacts of increased use of social media, rising rates of youth diagnosed with severe Emotional Disturbance (SED), including Wisconsin having a suicide rate among 15-19 year olds that is 15% higher than the national average; and,

WHEREAS, the CCISY grant will bring La Crosse County $116,000 annually over 5 years (beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2027), for a total grant award of $580,000 and will be used to support the following:

- Mental health specialist and therapy positions
- Contracted children’s psychiatric services
- Short term youth crisis stays to decrease barriers to respite
- Family peer supports
- Training staff and the community, including support Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) for Law Enforcement; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the La Crosse County Board hereby accepts the funding of $580,000 obtained from the DHS CCISY Grant; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that La Crosse County is authorized to contract for all services that are necessary to meet the terms of the grant as long as they can be supported with the related funding; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Board Chair is authorized to execute any contracts or documents necessary to effectuate the purposes of this resolution, after approval by Corporation Counsel; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Finance Department is authorized to make any necessary and appropriate account transfers relating to accepting this additional federal funding.

FISCAL NOTE: Award funds of a total $580,000 ($116,000 annually), with no County match required, and the award period ending June 30th, 2027. The operating costs will be tracked under the 210.445.4600 division within the County financial system under the Integrated Support and Recovery Services section.

Co. Admin.
Fin. Director
Corp. Counsel
Board Chair
Reviewed

Recommended

Not Recommended

Requested By: Jason Witt
Date Requested: July 5, 2022
Drafted By: Corporation Counsel

Adopted by the La Crosse County Board this 21 Day of July, 2022.

STATE OF WISCONSIN
COUNTY OF LA CROSSE

I, Ginny Dankmeyer, County Clerk of La Crosse County do hereby certify that this document is a true and correct copy of the original resolution required by law to be in my custody and which the County Board of Supervisors of La Crosse County adopted at a meeting held on the 21st day of July 2022.

Ginny Dankmeyer, La Crosse County Clerk