



**MEMO TO: Committee of the Whole, Public Safety**

**FROM: Darrell Lowe, Chief of Police**

**DATE: February 18, 2020**

**SUBJECT:** Approve the contract for the Mental Health Field Response Teams Program Grant awarded by Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission (CJTC) and the Washington Association of Sheriffs & Police Chiefs (WASPC)

**I. PURPOSE** ☐ For Info Only ☐ Potential Agenda Item ☒ Scheduled for Council Action

**II. RECOMMENDATION**

Authorize the Mayor to sign an agreement between the City of Redmond and the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs (WASPC) for the renewal of the Mental Health Field Response Teams (MHFRT) Program Grant

**III. DEPARTMENT CONTACTS**

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**IV. DESCRIPTION/BACKGROUND**

In 2018 the Redmond Police Department (RPD) was one of seven law enforcement agencies in the State of Washington to be awarded the Mental Health Field Response Team grant from the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs (WASPC). This award allowed RPD to contract with IKRON of greater Seattle to hire a licensed Mental Health Professional (MHP) to co-respond with police officers in the field to provide services to those suffering from mental health and behavioral issues. This co-responder model serves to augment the work of the City's Outreach Specialist (Kent Hay), the Community Resource Center and Community Court. All together, these programs form a comprehensive, innovative, service-based approach to address community needs.

Funding for the first grant expired at the end of June 2019 and the funding process for a second year was not immediately made available but was promised. RPD determined the value of the co-responder model was such that we wanted to continue the program at our own expense (via salary savings) until the grant process was opened again.

The process for grant renewal was opened in August of 2019 and RPD applied for and was awarded approval for a second round of funding by October of 2019. By January 2020 WASPC presented RPD with the new contract which is now the subject of this request for approval.

**A. Analysis**

This grant was awarded by Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission (CJTC) and Washington Association of Sheriffs & Police Chiefs (WASPC) for one (1) year, July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 in the amount of \$46,513.00. The City of Redmond will contribute \$54,819.00 towards the total request of \$101,332.00. The original contract was reviewed by City Attorney Jim Haney on September 11, 2018. This is a renewal of the original contract with a new amount granted.

**V. TIME CONSTRAINTS**  
None

**VI. LIST OF ATTACHMENTS**

- A. WASPC Contract Specific Terms and Conditions for the Mental Health Field Response Teams Program
- B. Mental Health Field Response Project Description
- C. Mental Health Field Response Team Program Face Sheet