

TO: James V. Capparelli, City Manager

FROM: Robert Brown, Interim Chief of Police

DEPARTMENT: Police Department

SUBJECT:

Bureau of Justice FY 2021 Connect and Protect Program

PURPOSE:

Describe the grant application by the Joliet Police Department to the Bureau of Justice Assistance under the FY2021 Connect and Protect Program.

FACTS:

- a. The Joliet Police Department submitted a grant application on 07/22/2021 for funding to improve our responses to mental health calls for service.
- b. The project integrates several evidence-based approaches by providing increasing mental health case management capacity, training volunteer officers in Critical Incident Training (CIT), and offering a comprehensive mental health program to all officers and dispatchers.
- c. The total working budget is \$765,824.20, distributed between Federal funds (\$476,705.80), JPD in-kind match (\$250,301.40) and Cornerstone in-kind match (\$38,817).
- d. These funds combined provide a full-time Licensed Clinical Social Working at Cornerstone Services, funds to the Will County Department of Public Health, Behavioral Health Unit to design and implement a comprehensive mental health training curriculum, overtime funds for our officers and dispatcher to attend training, additional funds to certify voluntary officer in CIT as well as a research team at the University of St. Francis to conduct process and outcome evaluations.
- e. Funding decisions are typically made in September, with an award start date of October 1 for a duration of 36 months. A total of 36 awards nationally are expected to be made.
- f. The Joliet Police Department was awarded the grant, and we are currently in the planning phase, which is expected to take 12 months.

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