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MEETING DATE: May 26, 2026

STAFF PERSON RESPONSIBLE: Laura Ciancone, Department of Human Services Mental Health Division Manager

DESCRIPTION: Co-Responder Services Program Grant Contract Amendment Between the Colorado Department of Human Services, Behavioral Health Administration and Douglas County to Fund Clinical Staff and Other Program Operating Costs for the Douglas County Community Response Team Program.

SUMMARY: Douglas County Community Response Team (CRT) Program: The CRT, created by the Douglas County Mental Health Collaborative (DCMHC), is a Co-Responder team of law enforcement, mental health professionals, case managers, and Fire/EMS as needed, who respond to active 911 calls for service and referrals from patrol officers and other community partners when mental/behavioral health is the primary issue. Each team member fulfills a distinct role to ensure safety, conduct medical clearance, assess mental/behavioral health and level of care needs, and facilitate connection to appropriate healthcare and social services during and following a crisis. History and Current Amendment: The County responded to a solicitation for the Co-Responder Services Program Grant through the former Colorado Department of Human Services, Office of Behavioral Health in the Fall of 2018, and since then has been awarded this grant annually to support staff and operational costs of the Douglas County CRT program. It is now distributed and managed by the BHA. The contract before the Board for consideration is an amendment to extend this grant for State Fiscal Year 2026-2027, with a total allocation of \$345,000.00 for the term July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027. The budget covers:

- Salary and benefits for three (3) CRT clinical staff
- Operational costs for the CRT program including office supplies, uniforms, educational materials, technology and other equipment, translation services, etc.
- Supplies to support CRT's K-9 therapy dog based at Douglas County Sheriff's Office
- Client flex funds for short-term support to meet basic needs and reduce barriers to care and stability.

- Training, continuing education stipends for clinical staff, and team development

RECOMMENDED

ACTION:

Approve the Contract Amendment with the Colorado Department of Human Services, Behavioral Health Administration for the SFY 2026-2027 Co-Responder Services Program Grant.

REVIEW:

Doug DeBord	Approve	5/18/2026
Jeff Garcia	Approve	5/18/2026
Christie Guthrie	Approve	5/18/2026

ATTACHMENTS:

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