



AGENDA SUMMARY EUREKA CITY COUNCIL

TITLE: Mental Health Services Act: Prevention and Early Intervention Program – Local Implementation Agreement Grant

DEPARTMENT: City Manager

PREPARED BY: Jacob Rosen, LMFT

PRESENTED FOR: Action Information only Discussion

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize staff to apply for MHSA funding through the Prevention and Early Intervention Program – Local Implementation Agreement Grant.

FISCAL IMPACT

No Fiscal Impact Included in Budget Additional Appropriation

COUNCIL GOALS/STRATEGIC VISION

Enhance and Enrich a Healthy Community.

DISCUSSION

The 2020-2023 Mental Health Services Act Three-Year Program and Expenditure Plan that was approved by the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors on October 27, 2020, includes funding that can be expended for the purpose of collaborating with local community organizations and agencies to develop and support local Prevention and Early Intervention programs that are designed to reduce the impact of mental illness through the provision of education, mitigation and prevention services. Such funding is now available for the period of July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024. Local Implementation Agreements are opportunities for short term funding to be used as seed money to create long-term impacts.

Crisis Alternative Response of Eureka continues to seek funding to expand its program capacity and attain its goal of providing 7-day per week crisis intervention and prevention services. The City of Eureka is submitting a funding request for MHSA funding via this Local Implementation Agreement grant with the intent of expanding the CARE program. Funds will be used to cover costs related to paying for the electronic health records system, RXNT, which has been implemented for record keeping, as well

as to cover the next year of supplemental malpractice insurance costs. RXNT is a HIPAA compliant browser based medical records system which allows CARE's staff to complete their charting in the field without the need to spend time returning to their desk throughout the day. The supplemental insurance plan, which had to be tailored to the specific needs of the City, provides additional coverage to cover the gap in limits of liability provided under the City's existing contract with CIRA. This plan extends to CARE staff performing professional services within the scope of the CARE program.

REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY:

- City Attorney
City Clerk/Information Technology
- Community Services
- Development Services
- Finance
- Fire
- Human Resources
- Police
- Public Works