
Sponsored by: Mayor Bill Hennessy

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI, TO PARTICIPATE IN A CRISIS INTERVENTION TEAM (CIT) GRANT PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the City operates a municipal police department, known as the City of O’Fallon Police Department (the “Department”), under the direction of the Chief of Police (the “Chief”); and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County has accepted funding from the United States Department of Justice (“Department of Justice”), through the Missouri Department of Public Safety (“Department of Public Safety”) acting as the pass-through entity under the 2024 State Crisis Intervention Program, to administer the 2024 State Crisis Intervention Grant Program (“SCIP”), 15PBJA-24-GG-02925-BSCI-09 (the “Grant”); and

WHEREAS, the City of O’Fallon recognizes the importance of effective response to individuals experiencing mental health crises; and

WHEREAS, providing a compassionate, appropriate, and coordinated response to individuals experiencing mental health challenges is an important public safety function and furthers the City’s commitment to the health, safety, and welfare of individuals within the City and the broader community; and

WHEREAS, many individuals experiencing homelessness also face mental health challenges, making coordinated response and follow-up critical; and

WHEREAS, law enforcement officers are frequently called upon to respond to incidents involving individuals experiencing mental health crises and homelessness; and

WHEREAS, participation in a Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Grant Program will provide funding and resources to enhance law enforcement response and coordination with mental health and social service providers; and

WHEREAS, the grant will fund a full-time officer position, including salary, benefits, and related expenses for one CIT officer; and

WHEREAS, participation in this program will enhance regional coordination among law enforcement agencies and other stakeholders, including mental health providers, service organizations, and community partners; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it beneficial and appropriate for the City to enter into said agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF O’FALLON, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: The City Council approves on behalf of the City an agreement with St. Louis County for participation in the Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Grant Program in substantial conformity with the terms shown on Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference as if set out here in full, together with such changes therein as shall be approved by the officers of the City executing same which are consistent with the provisions and intent of this legislation and necessary, desirable, convenient or proper in order to carry out the matters herein authorized. The City Administrator and other appropriate City officials are hereby authorized to execute the Agreement and such additional documents and take any and all actions necessary, desirable, convenient or prudent, in order to carry out the intent of this legislation.

SECTION 2: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage by the City Council and approval by the Mayor.

First Reading: _____

Second Reading: _____

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF O’FALLON, MISSOURI, THIS DATE DAY OF MONTH, YEAR.

Presiding Officer

Attest:

Bess Bacher, City Clerk

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR FOR THE CITY OF O’FALLON, MISSOURI, THIS DATE DAY OF MONTH, YEAR.

Bill Hennessy, Mayor

Attest:

Bess Bacher, City Clerk

Approved as to Form:

Kevin M. O’Keefe, City Attorney