

RESOLUTION NO. M-2427

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON, RATIFYING AND CONFIRMING AUTHORIZATION AND SIGNATURE BY THE CITY MANAGER OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF OLYMPIA AND CATHOLIC COMMUNITY SERVICES OF WESTERN WASHINGTON RELATED TO THE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL GRANT FUNDING

WHEREAS, the opioid crisis was declared a public health emergency in October 2017 and remains a significant public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, the opioid crisis continues to take a devastating toll on the lives of individuals, families, and communities across the Nation; and

WHEREAS, the increase in synthetic opioids in the Nation's drug supply have only served to exacerbate and expand the reach of this devastation with over 100,000 drug overdose deaths in 2021, nearly a 15 percent increase from the prior year; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the impacts of substance use and misuse on individuals, families, and communities, this crisis also impacts first responders, the criminal justice system, child welfare and foster care, and behavioral health systems; and

WHEREAS, resources are needed that are designed to support efforts that respond to, treat, and support those impacted by this crisis, particularly those who have been historically underserved, marginalized, and adversely affected by persistent poverty and inequality; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) is seeking applicants for funding to develop, implement, or expand comprehensive programs in response to the overdose crisis and the impacts of use and misuse of opioids, stimulants, or other substances; and

WHEREAS, the BJA's FY 2023 Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant and Substance Use Program (COSSUP) funding provides necessary resources that allow communities to respond to substance use and misuse to reduce overdose deaths, promote public safety, and support access to substance use disorder treatment and recovery services in the criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS, COSSUP'S goals are to reduce the impact of the use and misuse of opioids, stimulants, and other substances on individuals and communities, including a reduction in the number of overdose fatalities, as well as to mitigate the impacts on crime victims by supporting comprehensive, collaborative initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the City of Olympia (City) and Catholic Community Services of Western Washington (CCSWW) (collectively "Parties") mutually seek to improve overdose response, deflect individuals with unmet behavioral health needs and law enforcement involvement to case management and peer support, decrease the strain that behavioral health challenges place on first responders, and expand the availability of mental health treatment other services to this population; and

WHEREAS, for COSSUP funding applications submitted by two or more parties, OJP encouraged the applicants to develop and submit a signed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) providing a detailed description of how the agencies will work together to meet project requirements; and

WHEREAS, the full application for COSSUP funding, including attachments such as an MOU, had to be filed by March 28, 2023; and

WHEREAS, on March 27, 2023, the City Manager authorized and signed a Memorandum of Understanding with CCSWW, which described how the agencies will work together to meet COSSUP project requirements; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to ratify and confirm the authorization and signature by the City Manager of the Memorandum of Understanding with CCSWW in support of efforts to respond to, treat, and support those impacted by this crisis, particularly those who have been historically underserved, marginalized, and adversely affected by persistent poverty and inequality;


NOW, THEREFORE, THE OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL DOES HEREBY RESOLVE as follows:

1. The Olympia City Council hereby ratifies and confirms the authorization and signature by the City Manager of the Memorandum of Understanding with Catholic Community Services of Western Washington dated March 27, 2023, and the terms and conditions therein.

PASSED BY THE OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL this 11th day of April 2023.


MAYOR

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Mark Barber
CITY ATTORNEY