



City of New Haven
Office Of Management and Budget
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Alder Tyisha Walker
President, Board of Alders
23rd Ward
165 Church Street
New Haven, CT 06510

RE: Ordinance Amendment to Appropriating Ordinance # 1 of FY 2020-21
Budget Transfer # 308-21-1

Dear Honorable President Walker-Myers:

Attached, please find transfer 308-21-1, transferring funds from The Office of the Assessor, Department of Recreation and Youth, Department of Parks/Public Works, and Health Department to fund the planning study for the Mayors Crisis Intervention Response Team initiative.

The City of New Haven is seeking to implement a mobile crisis intervention program, which will be integrated into the 911 dispatch as a frontline response to emergency calls. The New Haven Community Crisis Response Team aims to provide a more holistic approach to first responses by deploying staff appropriately qualified to address non-criminal crises and will be integrated into the city's social service landscape by providing direct access to a continuum of care through referral networks with city programs and non-profits. Mobile crisis intervention programs, like Crisis Assistance Helping Out On The Streets (CAHOOTS) in Eugene, Oregon, have proven to be an effective and cost-efficient solution since 1989.

The transfer allows the City to conduct a detailed planning study to examine and adjust the protocols, procedures, and policies at PSAP, PD, and FD. Additionally, the study will allow the City, gather extensive community and stakeholder feedback, build in existing services, and to adapt the program. Once additional implementation funding is secured, the program will be rolled out in phases.

Dr. Dalal and I look forward to discussing this initiative during the appropriate committee meeting. Please do not hesitate to email us with any questions.

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