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MEMO

TO: Boulder County Board of County Commissioners
FROM: Robin Bohannon, Community Services Director
Jim Adams-Berger, Manager of Strategic Initiatives
RE: Submissions to the Behavioral Health Administration Criminal Justice Early Intervention Grant Program and Community Investment Grant Programs
DATE: January 10, 2023

The Community Services Department is requesting approval to submit grant proposals to two different state opportunities that are funded through ARPA dollars.

The first proposal is being submitted to the Criminal Justice Early Intervention Grant Program (RFP IBEH 2023000168). This grant program, funded out of SB 22-196, has \$49,000,000 to distribute in support of various early intervention criminal justice programs with a maximum award for any single project of \$5,000,000. All dollars need to be expended by grantees by December 30, 2024.

This Community Services proposal builds upon existing efforts that help divert people from the criminal justice system under the Boulder County Co-Responder program and, separately, assists those on pretrial release to ensure compliance, maintain safety in the community, and provide opportunities to receive mental health and/or substance use disorder treatment.

The Co-responder portion of the proposal seeks funding for a Lead Supervisor position and a vehicle for co-response calls. This program has grown dramatically with investments from local police jurisdictions and requires additional clinical supervisory support for staff. A portion of the pretrial release component will be sub awarded to Tribe Recovery Homes, Inc. (Tribe). The County is currently working successfully with Tribe to provide various behavioral health and recovery home services and grant dollars will help to expand these to a broader justice population. This program will coordinate closely with the Community Justice Services Pretrial Release program and include clinical and peer recovery support services under this subaward. Additionally, increased inpatient and intensive outpatient services, in short supply in the County, are also requested under this proposal. Finally, Community Justice Services is providing enhanced navigation services for its clients, so a vehicle is requested under this application to help ensure clients – both at the pretrial stage and as a part of reentry efforts - can successfully navigate to behavioral health and other services they need. The total request for under this RFP is \$2,533,251.

There is a 5% required match which totals \$126,662. This amount will be covered through County staff time, other funded services that compliment these efforts, Tribe donated services, and donated County space for behavioral health treatment. The Co-responder Supervisor position will be sustained through grant writing efforts for federal opportunities in the Spring of 2023 and 2024. While there is no long-term county funding exposure on the pretrial service component, efforts will be sustained through Medicaid billing which Tribe is currently able to do.

The second proposal is being submitted to the Community Investment Grant program (RFP IBEH 2023000173) which was developed from HB 22-1281 and is also funded from state ARPA dollars. Like the opportunity above, all disbursed funds must be spent by December 30, 2024. This request builds upon current recovery home efforts with services provided through Tribe Recovery Home, Inc. This proposal requests \$500,000 for a capital expenditure to help cover the purchase of a residential Recovery Home. In addition, a total of \$486,000 is requested for the expansion of inpatient and intensive outpatient services. The total request under this RFP is \$986,000.

This project also requires a 5% match, which will be fully covered through resources Housing and Human Services set-aside to Homeless Solutions for Boulder County toward the purchase of a Recovery Home and County-donated staff time.