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TO: Mayor and Commissioners
FROM: Javaro Sims, Police Department
THROUGH: George Gretsas, City Manager
DATE: May 5, 2020

APPROVAL TO SUBMIT APPLICATION UNDER THE FY 2020 LAW ENFORCEMENT MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS ACT (LEMHWA) PROGRAM

Recommended Action:

Motion to approve application under the FY 2020 Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act (LEMHWA) Program

Background:

The Fiscal Year 2020 Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act (LEMHWA) program funds are used to improve the delivery of and access to mental health and wellness services for law enforcement through training and technical assistance, demonstration projects, and implementation of promising practices related to peer mentoring mental health and wellness programs. The 2020 LEMHWA program will fund projects that develop knowledge, increase awareness of effective mental health and wellness strategies, increase the skills and abilities of law enforcement, and increase the number of law enforcement agencies and relevant stakeholders using peer mentoring programs.

The grant funding would provide for up to \$125,000 total over a two year period (24 months), for purpose of implementation of the peer support program. There is no match requirement. The Police Department's peer support program is in it's early stages and the funding would be primarily used to provide for training of the peer support team members as well as to provide overtime hours to coordinate and administer the program.

City Attorney Review:

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency.

Funding Source/Financial Impact:

There is no match requirement. The grant funding would provide up to \$125,000 over a two year period (24 months) for peer support program implementation.

Timing of Request:

The grant application deadline was April 14, 2020. This item was originally scheduled for April 7, 2020 City Commission meeting.