



CITY OF HOUSTON - CITY COUNCIL

Meeting Date: 3/24/2020

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Item Creation Date:

HFD - First Responder Mental Health Resilience Program Grant

Agenda Item#: 85.

Background:

The Fire Chief recommends that City Council approve an ordinance authorizing the application and acceptance of award for the U.S. Department of Justice: Criminal Justice Division FY 2019 First Responder Mental Health Resiliency Program Grant in the amount of \$76,960 with an in-kind match of \$19,240 for a total program cost of \$96,200.

SPECIFIC EXPLANATION:

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The intent of this program is to reduce the rate of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) among firefighters employed by the City of Houston. Recent research found that firefighters have a greater risk of dying by suicide than in the line of duty. The specially trained Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) team will deliver a video, PowerPoint presentation, and facilitate a discussion on PTSD, developed by our Staff Psychologists. Presentations will be delivered to all 93 stations, which includes 4 shifts, over a six-month period, approximately reaching 4,000 firefighters. The goal is to provide Suicide Prevention programs to HFD Firefighters.

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Fiscal Note:

Funding for the in-kind match is included in FY20 Adopted Budget.

Fiscal Note:

No fiscal note is required on grant items.

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Samuel Peña, Fire Chief
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Amount of Funding:

\$19,240 General Fund In-kind Match (Fund 1000)
\$76,960 Fed/Local/State Pass Grant (Fund 5030)
Overall Total: \$96,200

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ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Type
First Responder Mental Health Grant Agreement	Backup Material
Ordinance	Financial Information
Funding information	Financial Information