

IMPACT STATEMENT

Legislation title: Extend contract with Cascadia Behavioral Healthcare, Inc. to June 30, 2022 and increase the not to exceed amount to \$3,223,577 for mental health clinician services (Ordinance; amend Contract No. 30003831)

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Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:

The mission of the Behavioral Health Unit is to coordinate the response of law enforcement and the behavioral health system to aid people in behavioral crisis resulting from known or suspected mental illness, drug and alcohol addiction, or both.

Cascadia Behavioral Healthcare, Inc. currently provides five Qualified Mental Health Professionals to partner with uniformed police officers in patrol cars to provide mental health assessment, evaluation, and follow-up. The clinician and officer teams, known as co-responder teams, comprise the Behavioral Health Response Team (BHRTs) portion of the Behavioral Health Unit (BHU). This ordinance will allow the continuance of the BHRT program.

The co-responder teams coordinate the response of law enforcement and the wider behavioral health system to aid persons referred to the BHU who are experiencing behavioral health crises. Primarily, the teams work closely with, and provide linkage to, social service resources.

This ordinance represents the fifth time this contract has been amended. Amendment 4 was authorized by Ordinance 188992 in 2018.

Financial and budgetary impacts:

The City and Cascadia Behavioral Healthcare desire to renew their existing contract, with the above listed services to begin on July 1, 2019. If not renewed, the contract expires on June 30, 2019; the current not to exceed amount is \$1,613,742.

This amendment extends the contract for an additional three years. The additional amount required for the upcoming three years is \$1,609,853 which will increase the not to exceed amount of the contract to \$3,223,577.

Ongoing General Fund appropriation for this purpose is included in the Police Bureau budget. The funding was increased in the Police budget in Fiscal Year 2018-19 to support an increase in service approved within the same year.

Community impacts and community involvement:

The work done within this partnership is a critical component of the Police Bureau's crisis response model. The expertise contained within the co-responder teams is invaluable to the overall success of the work within BHU and the Bureau as a whole. The BHRTs serve as a crucial and critical link to the larger behavioral health system. The follow-up efforts employed by the teams lead to a reduction in the frequency and severity of behavioral crisis, and to fewer police calls and interactions with this vulnerable population.

The existence of these teams are a requirement of the Police Bureau's agreement with U.S. Department of Justice.

While no community members were involved in the development of this amendment, the contract in and of itself establishes great partnership between the Bureau and an outside service provider in order to best serve one of Portland's most vulnerable populations.

Budgetary Impact Worksheet

Does this action change appropriations?

- YES: Please complete the information below.
- NO: Skip this section

Fund	Fund Center	Commitment Item	Functional Area	Funded Program	Grant	Sponsored Program	Amount