

Date December 6, 2021

APPROVING AN EXCEPTION TO THE PROCUREMENT ORDINANCE COMPETITIVE
PROCUREMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR GOOD CAUSE AND APPROVING
AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF DES MOINES
AND BROADLAWNS MEDICAL CENTER FOR MOBILE CRISIS
MENTAL HEALTH RESPONSE TEAM SERVICES AND
THE CRISIS ADVOCACY RESPONSE EFFORT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Des Moines Police Department for many years has maintained an award-winning Mobile Crisis Mental Health Response Team (MCRT) comprised of Broadlawns Medical Center (BMC) mental health clinicians who accompany and assist public safety professionals in responding to calls for service involving individuals in mental crisis; and

WHEREAS, the Police Department and BMC have developed a natural extension of MCRT which will divert appropriate 911 calls that are not criminal in nature or medical emergencies to well-trained mental health clinicians under a newly developed Crisis Advocacy Response Effort (CARE) program; and

WHEREAS, the Police Department and BMC have reached an agreement with BMC in which BMC will provide clinical mental health mobile staff, having training and experience in crises intervention for youth and adults, to assist the DMPD in providing MCRT services and CARE services depending on the need identified; and

WHEREAS, under the proposed agreement the City will pay BMC an annual fee of \$328,464.80 with an initial one-time payment for start-up costs in the amount of \$73,000 to assist with the cost of additional personnel for an initial term until June 30, 2026, with the City having the right to extend the agreement for three successive one-year periods; and

WHEREAS, Municipal Code section 2-710 provides for the City Council on a case by case basis, upon the recommendation of the City Manager for good cause shown, to exempt contracts for the provision of goods and/or services from the competitive procurement requirements of the Procurement Ordinance, and authorizes use of direct procurement without a competitive process for the procurement of goods and/or services to cost in excess of \$50,000; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager recommends that the procurement of the above described services be exempted from the competitive procurement process for good cause shown, pursuant to Section 2-710 of the Municipal Code of the City of Des Moines.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, that good cause has been shown to exempt the procurement of the above

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described MCRT and CARE services from the Procurement Ordinance competitive procurement process requirements.


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the agreement with Broadlawns Medical Center for 911 Mobile Crisis Mental Health Response staff services for the Des Moines Police Department in the amount of \$328,464.80 annually with an additional onetime payment of \$73,000.00 for startup costs, a copy of which is on file with the City Clerk's Office, is hereby approved and the Mayor is authorized and directed to sign the agreement on behalf of the City and the City Clerk is directed to attest to his signature.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager shall take all necessary actions to implement the agreement and is authorized and directed to execute any renewals under the agreement as determined to be in the best interests of the City by the City Manager.

(Council Communication Number No. 21- 535)

Moved to adopt by:

Approved as to Form:



Ann DiDonato
Assistant City Attorney

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COWNIE				
BOESEN				
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GRAY				
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CERTIFICATE

I, P. Kay Cmelik, City Clerk of said City hereby certify that at a meeting of the City Council of said City of Des Moines, held on the above date, among other proceedings the above was adopted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED

Mayor

City Clerk