



# City of Austin

## Recommendation for Action

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**File #:** 26-1426, **Agenda Item #:** 24.

4/9/2026

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### **Posting Language**

Approve a resolution authorizing the submission of an application to, and the acceptance of grant funding from, the Office of the Governor's Criminal Justice Division to implement the Austin Police Department's Peace Officer Mental Health Project. Funding: \$114,755 is available from the Office of the Governor's Criminal Justice Division. A City funding match is not required.

### **Lead Department**

Austin Police Department.

### **Fiscal Note**

Funding in the amount of \$114,755 is available from the Office of the Governor's Criminal Justice Division for the project period of October 1, 2026 - September 30, 2027. A City funding match is not required.

### **For More Information:**

Kachina Clark, APD Victim Services and Employee Wellness Division Manager, Austin Police Department, (512) 974-8548.

### **Additional Backup Information:**

The Office of the City Manager reviewed this grant for alignment as directed by Resolution No. 20200611-096 and recommends approval.

This action will provide the resolution required by the State's Criminal Justice Division to apply for \$114,755 in grant funding. The project period is October 1, 2026 - September 30, 2027. A City match is not required.

The grant will fund the continuation of work previously conducted. Funding for this mental health project will allow the City to continue to employ temporary clinicians and dog handlers to provide direct service hours focused on trauma-informed care. These services include crisis intervention, counseling, personal advocacy, and information and referrals to help victims and survivors recover more quickly and completely from the effects of direct and indirect trauma.

The grantor requires a resolution approved by the governing body that addresses items 1-5 below:

1. Authorization by the governing body for the submission of the application to the Office of the Governor that clearly identifies the name of the project for which funding is requested;
2. A designation of the name and/or title of an authorized official who is given the authority to apply for, accept, reject, alter, or terminate a grant. (Note: If a name is provided, the applicant must update the resolution should the official change during the grant period.);
3. A designation of the name and/or title of the financial officer who is given the power to submit financial and/or programmatic reports or alter a grant on behalf of the applicant;
4. A written assurance that, in the event of loss or misuse of grant funds, the governing body will return all

funds to Office of the Governor.

5. Listing the grant number: 4734804