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To: Seguin City Council
Steve Parker, City Manager

From: Kathy I. Wood, Grants Administrator

Subject: Submittal of FY20 Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Grant Application

The U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance is soliciting applications for the FY2020 Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program. The Department applied for a similar grant last year which was not funded.

The Police Department will be submitting a grant application in response to this solicitation. The grant application is for a Mental Health Peace Officer (MHPO), that will work in conjunction with Bluebonnet Trails (BBT) Community Services, to provide the Police Department with a mental health resource. The MHPO from the Police Department will join an existing team made up of BBT staff and Guadalupe County Sheriff's Deputies who currently work together addressing mental health crisis calls in the City and County. The grant will cover a term of three years to include salary, benefits, and training for one MHPO. There are matching cost requirements of 20% in Years 1 & 2, and 40% in Year 3. The total amount of the grant request is under \$300,000, with a potential match of \$80,000, with a possibility that the match amount could be reduced, once awarded.

The grant application requires an approved resolution from the City Council that contains the following:

1. A designation of the name and/or title of the Official Representative who is given the authority to apply for, accept, reject, alter or terminate a grant;

Staff requests approval of the resolution to submit with the grant application.