

RESOLUTION NO. 2730

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, MARYLAND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) WITH CERTAIN PARTIES TO APPLY FOR THE DOJ'S FY17 ADULT DRUG COURT GRANT PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the City of Salisbury (the city) desires to reduce the level of substance use in its community and reduce recidivism rates; and

WHEREAS, the Wicomico County Adult Drug Treatment Court (the court) accomplishes both of these objectives; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Justice's Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) has solicited application for the FY17 Adult Drug Court Discretionary Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the city is interested in increasing the amount overtime pay available to police officers to conduct home visits for participants in the court; and

WHEREAS, the court is interested in enhancing its capabilities to support participants through their term with the court; and

WHEREAS, these enhancements shall include transitional housing stipends, workforce development training, risk-assessment software; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned grant program offers up to \$400,000 to expend over three years for these purposes; and

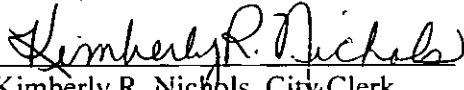
WHEREAS, the grant application requires the lead applicant and other specific entities to enter into a MoU before submitting the application; and

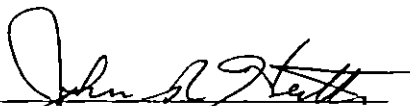
WHEREAS, § SC7-29 forbids any office or department from entering into a contract that involves the expenditure of funds not appropriated by council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Salisbury, Maryland authorizes the Mayor to sign the attached MOU, approves the expenditure as laid out in the MoU, and supports the City of Salisbury's application to the BJA.

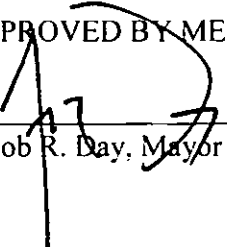
THE ABOVE RESOLUTION was introduced and duly passed at a meeting of the Council of the City of Salisbury, Maryland held on the 27 day of February, 2017 and is to be effectively immediately upon adoption.

ATTEST:


Kimberly R. Nichols, City Clerk


John R. Heath, President
Salisbury City Council

APPROVED BY ME THIS 28th day of February, 2017


Jacob R. Day, Mayor

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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

To: Julia Glanz
From: Theo Williams
Subject: Mayor Enter into MoU for Drug Court Grant
Date: January 31st, 2017

The City, in conjunction with the Wicomico County Circuit Court, is planning on reapplying for the DOJ's FY17 Adult Drug Court Discretionary Grant Program. We received very positive comments (attached) from the DOJ reviewers and it looks as though we did not receive the grant because of one holdout reviewer. By making the recommended corrections, we project to receive the funding this year. Additionally, the amount of funding available has increased from \$300k to \$400k. Therefore, we are adding funding to enroll drug court participants who are homeless persons with co-occurring disorders in our Permanent Supportive Housing Program ("Housing First").

In order to apply for these funds, the applicant (the City of Salisbury) and "key drug court team members" must enter into a MoU specific to the proposed grant. The members of the MoU are:

The City of Salisbury, MD;
The Circuit Court of Wicomico County;
The Wicomico County State's Attorney's Office;
The Maryland Office of the Public Defender;
The Division of Parole and Probation of the Maryland
Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services;
The Wicomico County Health Department;
AND
Telamon Corporation.

As described last year, the proposed grant application will support a number of new enhancements

to the Wicomico Circuit Court Drug Court, including transitional housing stipends for recover residences, workforce development training, eligible participant risk assessment software, electronic monitoring stipends, a random call-in system, graduation incentives, and SPD OT for home visits. In total, this grant will amount to \$400,000 to be spent over three years. The Maryland Office of Problem Solving Courts had previously received funding to support enhancements to local drug courts, including Wicomico's. Part of these funds were to support SPD OT for home visits. During the grant period (FY12-FY14), SPD had between 18k and 20k for OT. Currently, those funds have dropped off to 6k. This grant will increase the amount available to the FY12-FY14 levels of funding. As a federal grant, we will also receive administrative cost reimbursements to cover the grants specialists' salary. I would be happy to answer any questions that council may have, via e-mail or otherwise. I will be available to ask any questions that the council may have.