

ORDINANCE NO. 2846

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY TO ACCEPT GRANT FUNDS RECEIVED FOR THE MENTAL HEALTH CO-RESPONDER PROJECT FROM THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF CRIME PREVENTION, YOUTH AND VICTIM SERVICES THROUGH THE BYRNE- JUSTICE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth and Victim Services, through the Byrne- Justice Assistance Program, has awarded the Salisbury Police Department grant funds in the amount of \$84,500.00; and

WHEREAS, these grant funds will be used by the Salisbury Police Department for the contractual hiring of a clinically qualified mental health professional for its "Mental Health Co-Responder Project"; and

WHEREAS, the clinically qualified mental health professional will integrate with law enforcement officers in the field as part of a mental health crisis co-responder model to respond together to offer a mental health nexus on calls for service; and

WHEREAS, § 7-29 of the Salisbury City Charter prohibits the City from entering into an agreement that requires an expenditure not appropriated or authorized by the Council of the City of Salisbury; and

WHEREAS, appropriations necessary to execute the purpose of this grant funding must be made upon the recommendation of the Mayor and the approval of four-fifths of the Council of the City of Salisbury.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, MARYLAND, as follows:

Section 1. Mayor Randolph J. Taylor is hereby authorized to enter into a grant agreement with the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth and Victim Services on behalf of the City of Salisbury for the City's acceptance of grant funds in the amount of \$84,500.00, so that those funds may be utilized by the Salisbury Police Department to fund its "Mental Health Co-Responder Project."

Section 2. The City of Salisbury's Grant Fund Budget shall be and hereby is amended as follows:

- (a) Increase Byrne Memorial JAG Revenue Account 10500-423101-XXXXX by \$84,500.00
- (b) Increase Salary Account 10500-501001-XXXXX by \$57,000.00
- (c) Increase Fringe Benefits Accounts 10500-5020XX-XXXXX by \$27,500.00

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED AND ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, MARYLAND, as follows:

Section 3. It is the intention of the Mayor and Council of the City of Salisbury that each provision of this Ordinance shall be deemed independent of all other provisions herein.

Section 4. It is further the intention of the Mayor and Council of the City of Salisbury that if any section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, unconstitutional or otherwise unenforceable under applicable Maryland or federal law, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision so adjudged and all other provisions of this Ordinance shall remain and shall be deemed valid and enforceable.


Section 5. The recitals set forth hereinabove are incorporated into this section of the Ordinance as if such recitals were specifically set forth at length in this Section 5.

Section 6. This Ordinance shall take effect from and after the date of its final passage.

THIS ORDINANCE was introduced and read at a Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Salisbury held on the 11th day of December, 2023 and thereafter, a statement of the substance of the Ordinance having been published as required by law, in the meantime, was finally passed by the Council of the City of Salisbury on the 18th day of December, 2023.

ATTEST:


Kimberly R. Nichols, City Clerk


D'Shawn M. Doughty, City Council President

Approved by me, this 21st day of January, ~~2023~~²⁰²⁴.


Randolph J. Taylor, Mayor



November 29, 2023

TO: Andy Kitzrow
FROM: Chief David Meienschein
SUBJECT: Ordinance – Mental Health Co-Responder Grant

Attached, please find an ordinance to authorize the Salisbury Police Department to accept funds from the Office of Crime Prevention, Youth and Victim Services in the amount of \$84,500 to be used to hire a clinically qualified mental health professional for the Mental Health Co-Responder Project.

Unless you or the Mayor has further questions, please forward this Ordinance to the City Council.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "David Meienschein".

David Meienschein
Chief of Police



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