

CRISIS RESPONSE:

Connect and Protect: Law Enforcement Behavioral Health Response Program

This program supports law enforcement and behavioral health cross-system collaboration programs intended to improve public health and safety responses and outcomes for individuals with mental health disorders or co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders who come into contact with the criminal justice system.

ELIGIBLE ENTITIES:

- City or township governments, County governments, Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized), State governments.
- Other:
 - Public and state-controlled institutions of higher education.
 - Organizations with a different legal status (e.g., nonprofit or for-profit mental health agencies) are eligible to apply only if they also have been designated as a state agency or unit of local government to provide mental health services. Documentation to support this designation must be attached to the application (34 USC § 10651(a)(5) "mental health agency" is defined as: "an agency of a state or local government or its contracted agency that is responsible for mental health services or co-occurring mental health and substance abuse services").

WHAT CAN BE FUNDED?

- Training, staff, and other costs associated with the design, development and implementation of a best practice program in crisis response to assist law enforcement officers during encounters with people who have mental health disorders (MHDs) or co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders (MHSUDs). These could include any of the following:
 - a. [Crisis Intervention Teams \(CIT\)](#)
 - b. [Co-Responder Teams](#)
 - c. [Law Enforcement-based Case Management Services](#)
 - d. [Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion \(LEAD\)](#)
 - e. [Mobile Crisis Teams](#)
 - f. [Crisis Resolution and Home Treatment Teams](#)

Total Available Funding:
\$15 million

Anticipated Number of Awards:
27

Anticipated Award Amount:
Up to \$550,000

Length of Project:
Up to 3 years

Cost Sharing/Match Required?
Yes: This solicitation requires a 20 percent cash and/or in-kind match in years 1 and 2, and a 40 percent cash and/or in-kind match in year 3.

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EXPANDING TREATMENT SERVICES:

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g. [EMS and Ambulance-based Responses](#)

- Officer outreach and other citizen engagement activities to create awareness of the program and build positive community relations and trust.
- Training to enhance officer and other partners knowledge and skills in responding to community members with MHDs or co-occurring MHSUDs.