



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: November 13, 2012

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Chief's Staff, Police Department

SUBJECT: Agreement Between The City And The County Of Santa Barbara For Mobile Crisis And Recovery Emergency Services (CARES)

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council authorize the City Administrator to execute a three-year agreement with the County of Santa Barbara for mobile Crisis and Recovery Emergency Services (CARES) to the City of Santa Barbara spanning Fiscal Year 2013 through Fiscal Year 2015. The amount shall not exceed \$56,503 in the first year and is subject to a 3.9% annual increase in the second and third years.

DISCUSSION:

This three year agreement provides for the continuation of mobile Crisis and Recovery Services within the City of Santa Barbara on a 24-hour/seven-day-week basis. These mobile services provide emergency mental health evaluations and assessments to individuals suffering from psychiatric distress. If these services were not provided by the County, City police officers would be required to make psychiatric assessments in the field as required under the State Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) §5150. This would consume valuable time since City police officers would be obligated to resolve these mental health emergencies.

The total cost in Fiscal Year 2013 will be \$56,503, which will be funded from existing appropriations in the Police Department's General Fund budget. The cost will increase 3.9% in Fiscal Year 2014 and an additional 3.9% in Fiscal Year 2015. The City may elect to terminate this agreement with the County upon 30 days written notice.

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SUBMITTED BY: Cam Sanchez, Chief of Police

APPROVED BY: City Administrator's Office