



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: April 12, 2016

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Chief's Staff, Police Department

SUBJECT: Agreement With The County Of Santa Barbara For Mobile Crisis And Recovery Emergency Services

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council approve, and 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 for Fiscal Year 2016 through Fiscal Year 2018, for an amount not to exceed \$62,521 in Fiscal Year 2016, \$64,084 in Fiscal Year 2017, and \$65,686 in Fiscal Year 2018.

DISCUSSION:

This three year agreement is 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 evaluation and assessment to individuals suffering psychiatric distress. The service provided by the County greatly assists City police officers in making the required psychiatric assessments in the field per State Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) §5150. This Code section has recently been amended requiring police officers and other authorities to consider a person's mental health history and not just current actions when deciding whether to take the person into custody on a forced 72-hour psychiatric hold, which causes a greater need for these services.

BUDGET/FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

The cost in Fiscal Year 2016 will be \$62,521, which will be funded from existing appropriations in the Police Department's General Fund budget. The City may terminate this agreement with the County upon 30 days written notice.

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A copy of the contract/agreement is available for public review in the City Clerk's Office.

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SUBMITTED BY: John Crombach, Chief of Police

APPROVED BY: City Administrator's Office