

Resolution authorizing the Police Department to accept an Office of Justice Programs “2022 Connect and Protect: Law Enforcement Behavioral Health Response Program” grant to fund one (1) Police Officer position.

## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the La Crosse Police Department created a Community Resource Unit wherein police staff co-respond with a member of the La Crosse County Human Services Crisis Unit and assist in mental health calls for service; and

WHEREAS, the Community Resource Unit has proven to be a successful asset in mental health response and assistance to consumers in our community; and

WHEREAS, the La Crosse Police Department has a desire to expand our Community Resource Unit Co-Responder program in partnership with the La Crosse County Human Services Crisis Program; and

WHEREAS, the La Crosse Police Department has applied for an Office of Justice Programs “2022 Connect and Protect: Law Enforcement Behavioral Health Response Program” grant in the amount of \$369,008.00, a portion of which will fund one (1) FTE sworn police officer position for thirty-six (36) months, and the other portion would be used to fund a Crisis Response employee in the La Crosse County Human Services Crisis Unit; and

WHEREAS, approval of the grant requires a local match of \$134,185.00 which would also be shared with La Crosse County and spread out over the next three years; and

WHEREAS, the City of La Crosse is not obligated to maintain the position without the grant funding assistance.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of La Crosse that it hereby authorizes the Police Department to accept the Connect and Protect Grant to fund one (1) FTE sworn police officer position.

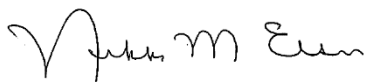
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Police Department is authorized to add one (1) FTE sworn Police Officer position to the Police Department’s table of organization, bringing the total sworn positions to one-hundred (100) as a result of said grant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City’s portion of the local match in the amount of \$77,335.00 will be allocated from the Police Department operating budget salary/benefits.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Finance Director, Police Chief and Mayor are hereby authorized to take any and steps necessary to effectuate this resolution.

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*I, Nikki M. Elsen, certify that this resolution was duly and officially adopted by the Common Council of the City of La Crosse November 10, 2022.*




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*Nikki M. Elsen, WCMC, City Clerk  
City of La Crosse, Wisconsin*