

ST. TAMMANY PARISH COUNCIL

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION COUNCIL SERIES NO: C-4739

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RESOLUTION TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE AUTHORITY, PURSUANT TO HOME RULE CHARTER SECTIONS 1-04, 1-06, 3-01 AND 3-09 FOR ST. TAMMANY PARISH GOVERNMENT, THROUGH THE OFFICE OF THE PARISH PRESIDENT, TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT WITH THE ST. TAMMANY PARISH SHERIFF’S OFFICE FOR FUNDING OF CRISIS INTERVENTION TEAM TRAINING.

WHEREAS, because of the growing mental health care crisis in St. Tammany Parish, leaders, officials, non-profits and residents have consistently sought new, proactive approaches to the provision of behavioral health care within St. Tammany Parish; and

WHEREAS, one of the proactive approached is to divert offenders needing behavioral health treatment from jail; and

WHEREAS, the process of jail diversion begins at the ”point of diversion” where a law enforcement officer first encounters a behavioral health sufferer; and

WHEREAS, a Crisis Intervention Team of law enforcement officers are in need of diversion training for behavioral health issues to identify and respond appropriately to incidents involving sufferers of behavioral health; and

WHEREAS, Parish desires to provide funding to Sheriff for Crisis Intervention Team training, including associated training expenses, of law enforcement officers to identify and respond to incidents involving sufferers of behavioral health, leading to diversion of those sufferers to behavioral health treatment versus incarceration.

THE PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY HEREBY RESOLVES that St. Tammany Parish Government, through the Office of the Parish President, pursuant to Home Rule Charter sections 1-04, 1-06, 3-01 and 3-09 to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement, which meets or exceeds all requirements of Louisiana law and jurisprudence, with the St. Tammany Parish Sheriff’s Office for funding of Crisis Intervention Team training of law enforcement officers.

THIS RESOLUTION HAVING BEEN SUBMITTED TO A VOTE, THE VOTE THEREON WAS AS FOLLOWS:

MOVED FOR ADOPTION BY: _____ SECONDED BY: _____

YEAS: _____

NAYS: _____

ABSTAIN: _____

ABSENT: _____

THIS RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED ADOPTED ON THE 5 DAY OF JANUARY , 2017, AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL, A QUORUM OF THE MEMBERS BEING PRESENT AND VOTING.

STEVE STEFANCIK, COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

THERESA L. FORD, COUNCIL CLERK

Resolution Administrative Comment

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St. Tammany Parish Government seeks to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Office to provide funding for Crisis Intervention Team training of law enforcement officers. Amount to be provided is \$10,000.00.