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Dear Honorable Committee Chairs and Secretary Heffernan:

I respectfully submit this report on Section 2A of Chapter 102 of the Acts of 2021, that includes within account 1599-2026, the requirement that not less than \$15,000,000 shall be expended to establish and expand pre-arrest, co-response programs.

1599-2026: "...provided further, that not less than \$15,000,000 shall be expended to establish and expand pre-arrest, co-response programs; provided further, that such programs shall require collaboration between municipal police departments and mental health clinicians; provided further, that funds shall be expended in the form of matching grants to municipalities; provided further, that the executive office shall prioritize municipalities that submit a strategy to utilize evidence-based and evidence-informed approaches to divert individuals from jail where mental health or substance use crisis responses are more appropriate; provided further, that annually,

not later than April 1, the executive office shall submit a report to the executive office for administration and finance, the house and senate committees on ways and means, the joint committee on mental health, substance use and recovery and the joint committee on health care financing detailing the grant criteria used, grant applicants, grant recipients and all program expenditures;...”

1. Establishing And Expanding Pre-Arrest Co-Response Programs:

This appropriation has been allocated to provide additional budget resources for the Massachusetts Jail/Arrest Diversion Grant Program. Under the Program, grants are issued through an open procurement to qualifying Commonwealth municipalities and behavioral health providers. This Grant Program includes the jail diversion models known as “Co-Response” and “Component JDP” which entail embedding behavioral health clinicians within communities’ emergency response efforts. These clinicians are available to respond to certain 911 calls for service, in conjunction with, or ancillary to police officers and provide follow-up interventions in their communities. Project models that provide funding specifically for clinicians represent 4 of the 10 project types available for communities to choose from under this grant program.

2. Strategy To Utilize Evidenced Based and Evidenced Informed Approaches:

All grant-funded co-response projects participating in the Massachusetts Jail/Arrest Diversion program are required to collect and report to DMH their project’s service delivery and outcome data. This information provides DMH and partner communities the opportunity to develop and utilize evidence-informed approaches to divert individuals from jail where mental health or substance use crisis responses are more appropriate. DMH will continue to promote data-driven program operations among its growing list of Co-Response grantees.

3. Grant Criteria Used To Select Awardees:

Municipalities and behavioral health providers applying for grant funding under this program must meet the following criteria:

- Any city or town may apply separately or jointly with other municipalities in their region.
- Joint applicants must submit a single application from the “Lead Organization.”
- Private sector organizations and individual providers may apply for a grant
- An applicant must demonstrate in its application that:
 - The applicant is in sound fiscal condition.
 - The applicant is authorized to engage in the execution of contracts, subcontracts and/or memoranda of understanding with appropriate parties/agencies.
 - The applicant is authorized to change policy if its proposed project includes that activity.
 - The proposed project will serve one or more local police departments, sheriff’s offices or other justice and public safety entity.
 - The proposed project is intended for promoting successful “diversions” from arrest (when safe and appropriate) and for promoting other interventions alternative to use of force and detention (i.e., alternative pathways to treatment in lieu of justice involvement.)
- All applications to DMH’s Massachusetts Jail/Arrest Diversion Grant Program must be submitted online and are only accepted using The Commonwealth’s web-based system,

COMMBUYS. Interested parties may follow this link to the COMMBUYS bid page for new Jail Diversion Grant applications:

<https://www.commbuys.com/bso/external/bidDetail.sdo?docId=BD-18-1022-DMH08-8210B-21306&external=true&parentUrl=bid>

4. Status on Current Grant Applicants:

DMH has been expanding participation in the Massachusetts Jail/Arrest Diversion grant program since 2007. In June 2021, DMH announced new funding opportunities to an audience of 436 participants at the annual Mental Health and Law Enforcement Conference (held virtually). During this fiscal year promotional and outreach efforts by DMH have increased and have thus far, resulted in a net amount of 25 additional grants.

The status on current grant recipients and applicants requesting new or expanded clinician resources can be found in Charts 1 and 2 below.

5. Communication and Outreach

DMH continues to partner with law enforcement to expand awareness and access. In October 2021, DMH spoke at the Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association's Annual Conference (Norwood, MA) to present the grant program, notify the over 300 participants of available funds and invite new communities to apply for funding. In addition to this Conference, DMH continuously informs current grant contacts about the availability of funding at over 60 regularly scheduled stakeholder meetings throughout this year. In addition, DMH continues to respond to daily inquiries from the public and invite and assist communities to apply for a grant from DMH when they are seeking new support for a behavioral health jail/arrest diversion project.

Additionally, the Training & Technical Assistance Center (TTAC), operated by Advocates, Inc. and funded by DMH, provides daily telephone support and outreach to communities interested in starting up a co-responder program and seeking a grant from DMH or other sources. In the past six months, TTAC personnel have provided technical assistance and support to over thirty communities at various stages of developing a clinical co-responder project for their communities. These communities include: Walpole, Clinton, Pepperell, Mendon, Lunenburg, Chelsea, Dover/Millis, Wayland, Taunton, Plymouth, Shrewsbury, Marshfield/Duxbury/Norwell, Grafton/Millbury/Sutton, Uxbridge/Blackstone/Millville, Northbridge/Douglas, Sharon/Westwood, and Norfolk/Wrentham/Plainville.

6. All Program Expenditures:

To date, DMH has obligated a total of \$8.3M for Fiscal 2022 to community grant projects under the Massachusetts Jail/Arrest Diversion Program. Of that total, \$4.6M of that funding is currently directed toward projects that specifically entail support for providing clinicians to emergency response teams. The remaining \$3.7M will be directed toward other Jail/Arrest Diversion Programs including: Crisis Intervention Teams (CIT), CIT-Training Centers, Training Reimbursement grants, Police Drop-centers, and Community Planning grants.

Chart 1: Status on Current Grant Recipients for Co-Response Support: The following chart exhibits current Co-Response grant recipients and their FY22 funding amounts.


Massachusetts Jail/Arrest Diversion Grant Program Co-Response Project List- (updated 03/14/2022)			
Grantee Name/Org	FY22 Amount	Project Type	Partner Communities
Acton, Town of	\$ 84,500.00	Co-response	
ADVOCATES (Framingham, City of)	\$ 40,000.00	Co-Response	
Advocates, Inc.	\$ 250,000.00	Co-Response TTAC	
Arlington, Town of	\$ 45,000.00	Co-Response	
Bedford, Town of	\$ 180,000.00	Co-Response, Regional	Acton, Carlisle, Concord, Hanscom AFB, Lexington, Lincoln, Maynard, Stowe
Belchertown, Town of	\$ 7,811.00	Component JDP	
Beverly, City of	\$ 180,000.00	Co-Response, Regional	Gloucester, Manchester-By-The-Sea, Essex, Ipswich, Rockport
Boston, City of	\$ 106,575.00	Co-Response	
Braintree, Town of	\$ 99,851.00	Co-Response, Regional	Milton
Bridgewater, Town of	\$ 126,000.00	Co-Response, Regional	East Bridgewater, West Bridgewater, Bridgewater State University, Whitman, Middleborough
Brockton, City of	\$ 50,000.00	Component JDP	
Chelsea, City of	\$ 100,000.00	Co-Response	
Danvers, Town of	\$ 64,238.40	Co-Response & CIT	
Dennis, Town of	\$ 62,692.00	Component JDP	
Easthampton, City of	\$ 45,000.00	Co-response-Regional (Hadley)	Hadley
Everett, City of	\$ 90,000.00	Component JDP	
Fitchburg, City of	\$ 57,972.00	Component JDP	
Framingham, City of	\$ 80,000.00	Co-response	
Franklin, Town of	\$ 98,557.00	Co-Response- Regional	Medway
Greenfield, City of	\$ 90,000.00	Co-response	
Holliston, Town of	\$ 100,000.00	Co-response-Regional	Sherborn, Hopkington
Holyoke, City of	\$ 100,000.00	Component JDP	
Hudson, Town of	\$ 94,962.00	Co-Response- Regional	Sudbury
Lowell, City of	\$ 57,183.00	Co-Response	
Lynn City of	\$ 88,188.80	Co-Response	
Malden, City of	\$ 110,000.00	Component JDP	
Mansfield, Town of	\$ 92,808.00	Co-response	
Marblehead, Town of	\$ 30,000.00	Component JDP	
Marlborough, City of	\$ 45,000.00	Co-Response	
Mass State Police	\$ 50,985.00	Co-response	
Medford, City of	\$ 173,133.00	Component JDP	
Natick, Town of	\$ 96,600.00	Co-Response	
NORFOLK DA (Quincy, City of)	\$ 80,000.00	Co-Response	
Northampton, City of	\$ 166,301.00	Co-Response	
Northbridge, Town of	\$ 74,133.00	Component, Regional	Uxbridge, Millville, Blackston, Sutton
Pepperell, Town of	\$ 74,585.00	Component, Regional	Ashby, Ayer, Boxborough, Dunstable, Groton, Littleton, Shirley, Townsend, Westford
Randolph, Town of	\$ 101,500.00	Co-Response	
Salem, City of	\$ 105,132.00	Co-Response & CIT	
South Hadley, Town of	\$ 12,620.00	Component JDP	
South Hadley, Town of	\$ 30,540.00	Co-response-Regional	Granby
Stoneham, Town of	\$ 90,000.00	Co-Response- Regional	Melrose
Stow, Town of	\$ 100,000.00	Co-response-Regional	Harvard
Taunton, City of	\$ 108,750.00	Component JDP	
Tewksbury, Town of	\$ 228,454.00	Co-Response, Regional	Billerica, Chelmsford, Dracut
Wakefield, Town of	\$ 100,000.00	Co-Response & CIT	
Waltham, City of	\$ 43,000.00	Co-Response	
Watertown, City of	\$ 45,000.00	Co-Response	
Westborough, Town of	\$ 94,956.00	Co-Response- Regional	Southborough, Northborough
Weymouth, Town of	\$ 100,000.00	Co-Response- Regional	Hingham
Winthrop, Town of	\$ 89,581.00	Component JDP	
Yarmouth, Town of	\$ 100,000.00	Component JDP	
Total FY22 Co-Response Obligations	\$4,641,608.20		

Chart 2: Applicants Requesting New or Expanded Clinician Resources: The following chart exhibits the details on the current applicants now in process for requests for new or expanded clinician resources.

Massachusetts Department of Mental Health		
JDP- Clinicians- New Applications and/or Funding Requests Pending- Updated 3/14/22		
Requestor	Project Type	Partner Communities
Arlington	Co-response	
Belmont	Co-response	
Bourne	Co-Response	
Braintree	Regional Co-response	Milton
Bridgewater	Regional Co-response	East Bridgewater, West, Bridgewater, Bridgewater State University, Middleborough, Whitman
Brockton	Component	
Brookline	Co-Response	
Clinton	Co-Response	
Fall River	Co-Response	
Grafton	Regional Co-response	Millbury, Sutton
Irving	Regional Co-Response	Wendell, Leverett, Gill, Northfield, Bernardston
Lee	Regional Co-Response	Lenox, Stockbridge
Leominster	Co-Response	
Lunenburg	Regional Co-Response	(TBA)
Lynn	Co-Response	
Mass State Police	Co-response	Logan Int'l. Airport
Mendon	Regional Co-response	Upton
Millis	Regional Co-response	Dover
New Bedford	Component	
Norfolk	Regional Co-response	Wrentham, Plainville
Norwood	Co-response	
Pepperell (COIN)	Regional Component	
Randolph	Co-response	
Raynham	Regional Co-Response	Norton
Rowley	Regional Component	Newbury, Groveland, Georgetown, Boxford
Salem	Co-Response	
Shrewsbury	Co-response	
Southbridge	Co-response	
Sturbridge	Component	
Swampscott	Component	
Taunton	Component	
Wakefield	BHIP	Stoneham
Walpole	Co-Response	
Waltham	Co-response	
Westwood	Regional Co-response	Sharon

Should you need additional information or have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me directly at any time.

Sincerely,



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Cc: Senate President Karen Spilka
Speaker of the House Ronald Mariano