



City of Kansas City, Missouri

Docket Memo

Ordinance/Resolution #: 240940

Submitted Department/Preparer: Municipal Court

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Docket memos are required on all ordinances initiated by a Department Director. More information can be found in [Administrative Regulation \(AR\) 4-1](#).

Executive Summary

Authorizing the acceptance of a \$395,000 grant from the United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) and Mental Health Collaboration Program to enhance in the Kansas City Mental Health Court, designating requisitioning authority, and recognizing an accelerated effective date.

Discussion

The purpose of Mental Health Court is to refer and monitor appropriate therapeutic interventions for defendants who have severe and persistent mental health illnesses. Participants receive six to 12 months of mental health treatment. They must be realistically treatable within the mental health system and currently engaged in or willing to become engaged in outpatient mental health services. By providing stable housing and robust mental health support, the project aims to disrupt the cycle of homelessness and incarceration, thus fostering a safer and more supportive community environment.

Fiscal Impact

1. Is this legislation included in the adopted budget? Yes No
2. What is the funding source?
25-2580-275700-619080-G27DOJMHCP Department of Justice Mental Health Collaboration Program; General Grants Fund
3. How does the legislation affect the current fiscal year?
Provides grant funds for the Kansas City Municipal problem-solving courts in FY 25.
4. Does the legislation have a fiscal impact in future fiscal years? Please notate the difference between one-time and recurring costs.

Yes it will have impact in the future fiscal year. City matching funds are required in the amount of \$25,650 for FY 26, \$39,350 for FY27 and \$90,000 in FY28.

5. Does the legislation generate revenue, leverage outside funding, or deliver a return on investment?

No

Office of Management and Budget Review

(OMB Staff will complete this section.)

1. This legislation is supported by the general fund. Yes No
2. This fund has a structural imbalance. Yes No
3. Account string has been verified/confirmed. Yes No

Additional Discussion (if needed)

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Citywide Business Plan (CWBP) Impact

1. View the [Adopted 2025-2029 Citywide Business Plan](#)
2. Which CWBP goal is most impacted by this legislation?
Public Safety (Press tab after selecting.)
3. Which objectives are impacted by this legislation (select all that apply):
- Engage the community and community partners to reimagine the system of public safety with a focus on evidence-based approaches for crime prevention, treatment of mental health, emergency response time, and the criminal justice system.
 - Focus on violence prevention among all age groups, placing an emphasis on youth.
 - Increase fairness, justice, and responsiveness of our municipal criminal justice system to support the best possible outcome for offenders and victims of crime.
 - Reduce recidivism through prevention, deterrence, including detention, and re-entry services.
 - Enhance employee recruitment, succession planning, and retention in the police and fire departments with a continued emphasis on diversity.
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Prior Legislation

Click or tap here to list prior, related ordinances/resolutions.

Service Level Impacts

This initiative aims to address the intertwined issues of homelessness, mental illness, and incarceration, particularly in the context of heightened community vulnerability due to recent crime rates, including violent crimes.

Other Impacts

1. What will be the potential health impacts to any affected groups?
The project will serve the Kansas City area, focusing on adults diagnosed with mental health disorders or co-occurring conditions, who are frequently involved in the criminal justice system. The intensive case management is aimed at helping engage the most vulnerable citizens who need additional support to follow through with services.
2. How have those groups been engaged and involved in the development of this ordinance?
Yes the project funded by this grant is a partnership with University Health which provides mental health services for the vulnerable population often seen in Mental Health Court. The project addresses a dirth of housing needs for court-involved persons with mental health issues recognized and expressed by many Mental Health Court treatment and service partners for several years.
3. How does this legislation contribute to a sustainable Kansas City?
By leveraging the expertise and infrastructure of these organizations, along with Kansas City's extensive experience in managing similar programs, this project seeks to establish a sustainable model for addressing mental health and housing challenges among vulnerable populations within the justice system.
4. Does this legislation create or preserve new housing units?
No (Press tab after selecting)

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5. Department staff certifies the submission of any application Affirmative Action Plans or Certificates of Compliance, Contractor Utilization Plans (CUPs), and Letters of Intent to Subcontract (LOIs) to CREO prior to, or simultaneously with, the legislation entry request in Legistar.

No - CREO's review is not applicable (Press tab after selecting)

Please provide reasoning why not:

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6. Does this legislation seek to approve a contract resulting from an Invitation for Bid?

No(Press tab after selecting)

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7. Does this legislation seek to approve a contract resulting from a Request for Proposal/Qualification (RFP/Q)?

No(Press tab after selecting)