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**ACCEPTING LAW ENFORCEMENT VIRTUAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PILOT GRANT
DCDHS – BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DIVISION**

Dane County Department of Human Services (DCDHS) has been awarded a grant from the Wisconsin Department of Health Services designed to increase the availability of law enforcement to receive behavioral health consultation on behalf of people experiencing a crisis. These Law Enforcement Virtual Behavioral Health Pilot grant funds will be used to purchase equipment, training, and dedicated staffing to conduct virtual assessments between the Dane County Sheriff's Office (DCSO) and Journey Mental Health Center.

The Dane County Sheriff's Deputies spend an average of 8-12 hours completing an Emergency Detention (ED). In 2023, they were the primary law enforcement partner on 50 EDs resulting in over 600 hours of time out of the field and facilitating an ED. This pilot grant will allow the crisis response system to better support individuals in crisis by offering a virtual assessment that could result in diverting an ED or trip to an Emergency Room, thereby reducing the amount of time spent by law enforcement and increasing the likelihood of stabilization in place for the person in crisis. The purchased equipment will be configured and deployed in all DCSO squad cars, which will allow access to assessments in the field for individuals experiencing a behavioral health crisis without the individual needing to be transported to another location. As Dane County's contracted provider of DHS telephone, mobile crisis, walk-in, and crisis follow up services, Journey will have dedicated and trained staff available to provide virtual assessment as requested.

The Law Enforcement Virtual Behavioral Health Pilot Grant expires June 30, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following new revenue and new expenditure accounts be added to the Behavioral Health section in the Department of Human Services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following revenue account be adjusted and that the revenue increase be credited to the County General Fund and transferred from the General Fund to the following expenditure account in the Department of Human Services:

Revenue Account Number	Account Title	Amount
96000 85745 (NEW)	LE Virtual BH Grant	\$230,794
Expenditure Account Number	Account Title	Amount
96476 35501	Crisis Intervention	\$230,794