

**CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION**

Resolution to authorize an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Medina for the Medina Police Department to make referrals for Bellevue Fire CARES.

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**DIRECTION NEEDED FROM COUNCIL****ACTION**

Staff is seeking Council action to adopt the Resolution implementing an Interlocal Agreement (ILA) with the City of Medina for CARES (Citizen Advocates for Referral and Education Services) community outreach and assistance services when requested by the Medina Police Department.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Move to adopt Resolution No. 10092

**BACKGROUND & ANALYSIS**

Medina is one of six contract cities already served by Bellevue Fire under contract for traditional fire and EMS services, including CARES. However, there is now a need for the Medina Police Department to access the CARES capability. CARES includes needs assessments, case management and facilitating the connection of individuals to community resources that may meet their needs. The CARES101 response unit is staffed by mental health professionals seven days a week and can be requested by on scene units. This agreement makes CARES accessible to the Medina Police Department, where that access had not previously existed.

In the summer of 2021, Medina Police approached Bellevue Fire CARES with a request to expand services to the Medina Police Department. Medina Police estimated that they would have need to dispatch the CARES101 unit on a police response no more than three times per month. It was determined that this level of service could be provided by CARES at current staffing levels. An ILA for a fee for service model was developed and reviewed by legal departments in both cities.

**POLICY & FISCAL IMPACTS****Policy Impact**

There are no significant policy impacts; this ILA simply provides access to the CARES capability for the Medina Police Department.

**Fiscal Impact**

The Contracting City shall pay a fixed monthly subscription fee of \$500 to Bellevue for access to CARES. In addition, the Contracting City shall pay to Bellevue \$913 per dispatched request originating from the Contracting City's Police Department through NORCOM for up to three calls per month. Each

dispatched request after the third call each month shall be billed at a flat fee of \$1,163 per dispatched request.

After the first year of this agreement, the subscription fee and dispatch fees shall increase by the cost of inflation as calculated by the CPI-W for Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue. Bellevue shall invoice the contracting city quarterly for the monthly subscription fee and all dispatched responses. The fees for CARES were calculated to be revenue neutral to the City of Bellevue. Bellevue will recoup its expenses, based on the estimated usage provided by the City of Medina, for the use of the CARES program by the Medina Police Department. This amount is estimated at \$27,000 in year one. Mechanisms exist to re-evaluate over time based on frequency of usage, complexity of cases, etc.

## **OPTIONS**

1. Adopt the Resolution to authorize an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Medina for the Medina Police Department to make referrals for Bellevue Fire CARES.
2. Do not adopt the Resolution and provide alternative direction to staff.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

Proposed Resolution No. 10092

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Bellevue Fire CARES Medina ILA