

Analysis

Item 22: Department of Public Safety Standards and Training

Crisis Intervention Training

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Request: Increase the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training's Other Funds expenditure limitation by \$400,000 for crisis intervention training for first responders.

Recommendation: The Legislative Fiscal Office recommends that the Interim Joint Committee on Ways and Means recommend the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training's Other Funds expenditure limitation be increased by \$400,000 in a budget reconciliation bill during the 2018 legislative session, for crisis intervention training for first responders.

Analysis: In May 2016, the Emergency Board approved a transfer of \$337,000 from the Oregon Health Authority to the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST) to develop and provide mental health crisis intervention training to law enforcement officers. Such training has shown promise in improving law enforcement officers' abilities to effectively, respectfully, and safely interact with persons with mental illness. More skillful interactions with mentally ill persons helps to direct them toward treatment and away from the criminal justice system. Working with partners including Greater Oregon Behavioral Health, Inc., the National Association of Social Workers, and local jurisdictions in Oregon, DPSST used this funding to provide training classes and workshops, to revise curricula for its Basic Police training courses, and to develop Crisis Intervention Teams throughout the state. Between April 2016 and April 2017, more than 1,400 law enforcement officers and first responders attended trainings on topics including:

- Tactical verbal de-escalation of people experiencing a mental health crisis
- Suicide awareness and prevention
- Dementia identification and intervention for law enforcement
- Psychopathology of active shooters and verbal de-escalation in extreme states

The Oregon Health Authority has made an additional \$400,000 available to DPSST to continue and expand its provision of crisis intervention training statewide, and the agency requires additional Other Funds expenditure limitation to receive and spend the award. These funds will pay for trainers, travel, specialized training classes, crisis intervention team development, and training support. Trainings may include one-day seminars on specific mental health situations and crisis responses; working with communities to develop Crisis Intervention Teams that involve both law enforcement agencies and local mental health providers; and crisis intervention team trainings at the county level.

The Legislative Fiscal Office recommends that the Interim Joint Committee on Ways and Means recommend the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training's Other Funds expenditure limitation be increased by \$400,000 in a budget reconciliation bill during the 2018 legislative session.

Department of Public Safety Standards and Training McDonald

Request: Increase Other Funds expenditure limitation by \$400,000 for first responder Crisis Intervention Training (CIT).

Recommendation: Approve the request during the 2018 Legislative Session.

Discussion: The Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST) has partnered with the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to provide mental health response training and Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) to first responders. DPSST is requesting additional limitation, supported by funding from OHA, in order to continue and expand the program statewide.

Background: During the 2015 Legislative Session, a policy package was approved for DPSST, which provided the agency with \$379,003 Other Funds expenditure limitation and two positions (1.63 FTE) for Mental Health Crisis Intervention Training. The purpose of this package was to deliver training classes to law enforcement, corrections, parole and probation, fire-rescue and 9-1-1 personnel at the Oregon Public Safety Academy and through DPSST's regional delivery system. The revenue supporting this package came from the Criminal Fines Assessment Program (CFA). In May 2016, the Emergency Board approved an additional \$379,000 Other Funds expenditure limitation to continue the department's efforts in partnership with and with funding from OHA. This provided one-time funding to expand this work statewide through an interagency agreement.

Service Delivered: With the funding provided by OHA, DPSST has provided, hosted and sponsored training around the state for 1,411 participants from April 2016 to April 2017. Class topics included:

- Tactical Verbal De-escalation of People Experiencing a Mental Health Crisis
- Resiliency for First Responders
- Psychopathology of Active Shooters & Verbal De-Escalation in Extreme States
- Understanding and Working with Autism Spectrum Disorder
- PTSD in the Veteran Population
- Suicide Awareness and Prevention
- Dementia Identification and Intervention for Law Enforcement

These classes have been offered around the state free of charge and DPSST has worked with the National Association of Social Work (NASW) to obtain continuing education units, provided at no extra cost to the attendees. The goal is to facilitate development of community-based CIT programs and provide CIT to front-line responders. The agency reports the program has shown promise in improving law enforcement officers' abilities to effectively, respectfully and safely interact with persons with mental illness and seeks to expand the CIT programs statewide.

Legal Reference: Increase Other Funds expenditure limitation established by chapter 583, section 2(1), Oregon Laws 2017, for the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training, Operations, by \$400,000 for the 2017-19 biennium.



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The Honorable Senator Richard Devlin, Co-Chair
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Dear Co-Chairpersons:

NATURE OF REQUEST

The Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST) is requesting an increase in Other Funds Limitation in the amount of \$400,000.

BACKGROUND

The Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST) has partnered with the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to provide Crisis Intervention Training to first responders. Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) programs have shown promise in improving law enforcement officers' abilities to effectively, respectfully and safely interact with persons with mental illness and subsequently divert a larger number of these persons away from the criminal justice system and into mental health services. The goal of the project is to facilitate the development of community-based CIT programs and to provide CIT to front-line law enforcement officers and other agencies that respond to crisis events. In order to continue to support the goal of the CIT project and to ensure that OHA is assisting in meeting the needs of the communities, OHA is partnering with DPSST to expand CIT programs statewide.

ACTION REQUESTED

The Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST) requests that the Interim Joint Committee on Ways and Means increase DPSST's Other Fund limitation by \$400,000.

LEGISLATION AFFECTED

Increase Other Fund appropriation established by chapter 583, section 2(1), Oregon Laws 2017, for the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training, by \$400,000 for the 2017-19 biennium.

Sincerely,

Eriks Gabliks
Director

