



TOWN OF ERIE

645 Holbrook Street
Erie, CO 80516

Town Council

Board Meeting Date: 4/27/2021

File #: 21-165, **Version:** 1

Subject: Consent Agenda

A Resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Town of Erie Authorizing the Town of Erie to Enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with Boulder County Community Services for a Dedicated Co-Responder

Department: Police

Presenter/Preparer: Kimberly Stewart, Police Chief

FISCAL SUMMARY:

Cost as Recommended:	\$60,375
Balance Available:	N/A
Budget Line Item Number:	100-60-610-560100-000000 *New GL*
New Appropriation Required:	Yes

Staff Recommendation:

Approve resolution to sign IGA with Boulder County Community Services and authorize the Mayor to execute said IGA.

Summary and Background of Subject Matter:

The Town of Erie Board of Trustees approved the contracting with the Boulder County Co-Responders with agenda item 21-080 during the Board of Trustee meeting on 02/23/2021. Mental health clinicians serving as co-responders with police officers have been shown to be effective in dealing with individuals suffering a mental crisis and helping police officers safely deescalate potentially violent confrontations. The Town currently participates in the Boulder County Co-Responder program through which we have access to Co-Responders on an as-needed basis.

To increase the Co-Responders' understanding of Erie's community and to improve response time and days of coverage, staff recommends approving this IGA which provides additional funding to contract for dedicated resources with the Boulder County Co-Responder program. This would allow Boulder County to hire and designate one clinician specifically for the Town of Erie. This would not be a 24/7 operation 365 days per year. This employee would be a Boulder County employee supervised by the current supervisors of the BC Co-responder program. The Town's Co-Responder would train with this team and would also be trained to specifically deal with Town of Erie issues. In addition, this Co-Responder would be trained to follow-up with case management for Erie cases and

could provide more outreach to our community to include the schools. Chief Steward recommends this model as it maintains appropriate clinical (not law enforcement) supervision of the Co-Responder. It also would provide effective coverage; when the Erie clinician has days off, on holidays or during training, a current member of the Boulder County Co-Responder team is available to respond to Erie.

Board Priority(s) Addressed:

- ✓ Engaged and Diverse Community
- ✓ Small Town Feel
- ✓ Safe and Healthy Community
- ✓ Effective Governance
- ✓ Fiscally Responsible

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution 21-053
2. Intergovernmental Agreement