



PROPOSAL SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATION

Organization	Denver Police Department (DPD)
Project Title	Support Team Assisted Response (STAR)
Proposal Summary	Denver Police Department (with contractor Mental Health Center of Denver) propose adapting and piloting Eugene, Oregon’s community response program for Denver. This program is designed to provide mobile crisis response to mental health or substance misuse situations that do not require law enforcement response.
Grant Request Summary	<p>STAR is based on the successful model from Eugene, Oregon called the Crisis Assistance Helping Out On The Streets (CAHOOTS). DPD has engaged community partners, including those with lived experience, to adapt the CAHOOTS model to Denver. The grant will fund a full-time paramedic, a full-time mental health clinician and 16 hours of a peer and/or a substance abuse navigator.</p> <p>The pilot will be conducted along Broadway and the Downtown Area of Denver. While the pilot is in operation, low-risk behavioral calls to 911 will be routed to the STAR Co-Responder program. The expectation is that the co-responders will de-escalate the situation and connect the person in distress to services. During the pilot, DPD will evaluate the program and adapt the approaches as needed based on the data.</p> <p>Prior to launch, DPD will develop and deliver a comprehensive training to twenty-five 911 dispatchers, 6 paramedics, 2 clinicians and 4 navigators. The comprehensive training will include a cultural relevance component.</p>
Impact Statement	Based on the results of the pilot, DPD will determine the most appropriate structure for deployment. This will include development of standard operating procedure for routing calls appropriately, how the model will function operationally, and develop a plan for citywide deployment. DPD anticipates the STAR program will reduce calls for services, more quickly connect individuals with appropriate services, and reduced engagement of law enforcement with people in crisis.
Community Served	The neighborhoods along the Broadway corridor and Downtown Denver.
Recommended Award Amount	\$208,141 (in two payments with second payment contingent on learnings and continuation of pilot program)
Time Period	12 months