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To Whom It May Concern,

The Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Division (BHDD) oversees the Crisis Diversion Grants program. The Crisis Diversion Grants program, formally known as the County and Tribal Matching Grant, is awarded to county and federally recognized tribal governments through a Request for Proposal (RFP) process every two years. This program funds community-based behavioral health crisis services to divert individuals in crisis from jail or state hospital admission. Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) program services are currently included in the funding possibilities under this program.

For FY22, the Crisis Diversion Grants program has awarded a total of \$401,166.00 to fund CIT programs across 10 counties. The following CIT services are contracted:

1. Crisis Intervention Team Academy:
 - Funding in the following counties: Anaconda, Butte, Cascade, Lincoln, Missoula, Park, Ravalli, Teton, and Yellowstone
2. Crisis Intervention Team Lead:
 - Funding in the following counties: Anaconda, Gallatin, and Ravalli
3. Crisis Intervention Team Data Analyst:
 - Funding in the following county: Missoula

The scope of these services as outlined in the RFP is included below:

The goal of Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) programs is to improve the outcome of law enforcement encounters with individuals experiencing mental health crises through a community-based approach. CIT programs foster connections between law enforcement, mental health providers, hospital emergency services and individuals with mental illness and their families and are established in communities nationwide. Each CIT program can enhance communication, recognize mental health resources for those experiencing crisis, and bolster officer and community safety through intensive trainings and collaborative community partnerships.

Requirements Prior to Funding Crisis Intervention Team Initiatives	
(1) Documentation of agreement from CIT Montana to host an academy; and (2) Recruitment and retention plan for the position (if applicable).	
Service 2.A	Crisis Intervention Team Academy
Definition	Crisis Intervention Team Academy facilitated by CIT Montana or CIT International.
Service 2.B	Crisis Intervention Team Lead

Definition	Responsible for establishing an effective Crisis Intervention Team (CIT). The Team Lead will focus on building across-department and community partnerships that utilize technologies, systems, and protocols that enable the organization to seamlessly operate during all stages of a crisis. (1) Serve as the primary contact for community's CIT program; (2) Foster multilevel interactions among the CIT community: stakeholders, committee, police, leadership, and City/County officials; (3) Advance working relationships with community partners and state organizations to promote and sustain the CIT program; (4) Provide continual leadership, training, and support to agencies with dedicated CIT coordinators; (5) Develop, implement, and review CIT policy and procedures; (6) Provide leadership for CIT Patrol officers; and (7) Teach the CIT 40 Hour Basic Training Academy and on-going CIT In-Service.
Service	Data Infrastructure
Definition	Data infrastructure is the mechanism with which to capture, report, analyze and/or share data, including software, hardware, and utilization fees.
Service	Data Analysis
Definition	Data analysis utilizes existing data sources to create reports for internal and/or external stakeholders that demonstrate the usage of a community's crisis system.

Please route any further questions concerning the Crisis Diversion Grants program, or the services it funds, to the Treatment Bureau of BHDD. Violet Bolstridge is the program officer that oversees the Crisis Diversion Grants program.

Thank you,

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