

2025-2026 Alternative Response Budget

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Alternative Response 2025-2026 Proposed Budget



- Homelessness Outreach (HEAL Team): \$3.0M Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Sales Tax and General Fund
- Behavioral Health Crisis Response Team (HOPE Team): \$3.8M Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Sales Tax and General Fund
- Community Service Officers: \$3.3M General Fund
- Designated Co-Responder: \$780k in Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Sales Tax
- Library Social Work Support and Security Coordination: \$560k

Changes in 2025-2026

- Hold vacant two positions for the HOPE team and five Community Service Officers

Approach in 2025-2026

- Focus on consistent staffing and building and refining patient care documentation and personnel time tracking programs
- Review the efficacy and service delivery model of the CSO program

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