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## **REPORT TO MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL**

**FROM:** John Thomas – Deputy Chief of Police

**DATE:** June 18, 2024

**SUBJECT:** Adverse Childhood Experience Response Team (ACERT)

### **Recommendation**

Accept and appropriate the amount of up to \$23,505.00 in funding provided through Granite United Way. Funds from this program will be used by the Department to fund the Department's Adverse Childhood Response Team (ACERT) for 2024 and 2025.

### **Background**

The Adverse Childhood Experiences Response Team (ACERT) is made up of members from the Concord Police Department, Mental Health Providers from Riverbend, and a coordinator from the Merrimack County Human Resources. This team will visit families who have experienced incidents, when police are requested for service, where children may have been exposed to violence, or other adverse childhood experiences. The team will assess the situation and determine next steps and referrals that can be made for the child and family. It is our intention to continue this valuable relationship with Granite United Way. ACERT allows us to have early intervention with families and children experiencing violence or traumatic events.

### **Discussion**

This grant will allow for the Concord Police Department to fund the Department's Adverse Childhood Response Team's (ACERT) overtime costs associated with implementing this program designed to address and assist those families and children exposed to violence or other adverse experiences.

There is no match involved in the acceptance of these funds.

It is recommended that the City Council accept and appropriate this funding.