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REPORT TO MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: John Thomas – Deputy Chief of Police

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SUBJECT: Adverse Childhood Experience Trauma Training

Recommendation

Accept and appropriate the amount of up to \$11,000.00 in funding provided through Granite United Way. Funds from this program will be used by the Department to train officers in Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES) and how those traumatic events affect children.

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. This funding will be used to train those officers that have not had the ACES training. This funding will continue from March 4, 2024 through September 29, 2024.

Discussion

This grant will allow for the Concord Police Department to train its officers in Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES). This training will assist officers in identifying those children that have experienced traumatic events. This funding will cover the training and any overtime costs associated with this training.

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

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